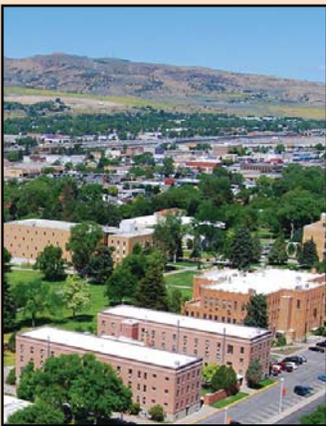


### Idaho State UNIVERSITY Facilities Services

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#### Mark Your Calendar

Fall Semester  
Classes begin August 26th

Labor Day  
September 2nd

## Deferred Maintenance Funding for FY 2014

Written by Ed Cash

Deferring maintenance is the practice of postponing maintenance efforts, such as repairs on both real property (i.e. infrastructure), and personal property (i.e. machinery) in order to save costs, meet budget funding levels, or realign available budget monies. Deferring maintenance almost always results in a mountainous backlog of deferred maintenance (DM). Generally, a policy of continually deferring maintenance results in higher daily operating costs, poor service, asset failure, and in some



Replace the Fine Arts roof

cases, health and safety implications. Increasingly deteriorated conditions of facilities become the new norm, and the cycle of deferring maintenance begins again. There is a critical point at which this cycle becomes a death spiral, and facilities have to be demolished.

As you all know, our campus has just a bit of a DM issue. Every team in Facilities Services has made efforts to collect data and information to document the maintenance needs. The information collected illustrated the damages caused by not having funding, or a prioritized plan, to address DM. The Facilities Condition Audit (FCA) we created gave credible evidence of our needs, and the State responded



Add stairs to reduce erosion on Red Hill

by providing special funding for FY2014 specifically for addressing DM. Idaho State University received \$3,750,000, which will be put to immediate use through twenty one identified projects.

The \$3.75M for DM projects is money in addition to normal project funding which ISU receives from the



Replace concrete around campus

Permanent Building Fund (PBFAC). Overall, ISU is being funded at nearly \$9 million for FY2014. I believe that the efforts of all the teams within Facilities to create the FCA were the reason we received the DM monies from

the State. I want to thank each and everyone who spent time collecting this information. Every one of the Facilities teams has great pride and ownership in the university, and that pride shows in the concerns for the effects that DM has on the facilities and the campus community.

The Facilities teams are the best teams I have had the privilege to work with, and I am impressed with the overall pride each individual shows every day.

Facilities has a well-coordinated plan to achieve the completion of all the upcoming projects. I see great communication, coordination, and teamwork working to our advantage in accomplishing these important goals.



Install new elevator in Fine Arts to provide ADA access

## “Spot” Award



**Darlene Durrant**

Darlene has worked at ISU for two years, and is looking forward to a great future here. She has a BA in Business Administration. She enjoys reading, gardening, and spending time with her family and friends. She was recognized for going above and beyond her custodial duties on the 3rd floor of the Administration Building during construction. Thank you Darlene!

## Gardening Tips

*Written by Sarah Hook*

Well it's that time of year again – bees buzzing, birds singing, flowers blooming – and with the beginning of the season comes a barrage of questions to the Grounds team in regards to gardening. In response to some of those FAQs here are some gardening tips for those of you that are looking to do a bit of honing on your green thumbs.

If you are having problems with your house or garden plants, first check the moisture level in the soil. In my experience, with countless vegetational casualties (in the name of science of course), over and/or under watering is one of the greatest causes of a plant giving up the ghost. To over water brings almost certain death in the form of root rot. To avoid this, do not let

plants sit in standing water. The water should be absorbed fully in the dirt, and the excess be allowed to drain off. Make sure to keep an eye on the drip trays of your potted plants and get rid of any extra water.

Under watering is another cause of our little oxygen-making machines going out like a snuffed candle. It is easy to underwater without realizing it, especially in the hot summer months. Soil can sometimes be deceptive – looking wet on the surface, but being bone-dry an inch or two beneath. The best test to assure that there is sufficient water reaching the roots of your plants is to push your fingers into the dirt to a depth of about two to four inches. If the dirt is moist at that depth, then you will have happy plants!

## Welcome Doug Simpson

Let me introduce myself as a new member of Facilities Services, serving as a project manager with the Planning, Design, and Construction team. I come to Idaho State University from Boise, where I worked for eight years with an architectural firm. I am a graduate of the University of Idaho, and I am currently working on becoming a licensed architect. I am a native Idahoan who loves the outdoors. In my spare time I like to fish, golf, and camp with my family. I am known to be quite fanatical about college football. I am excited to be here at ISU, and for the chance to continue my professional and personal growth.



## 2013 Employee Recognition Event

Plans are underway for Facilities Services' annual employee recognition event. We are targeting Friday, August 9th for this year's thank you to all our staff. Join us for free food, great company, and exciting prizes. Further details will be coming soon.

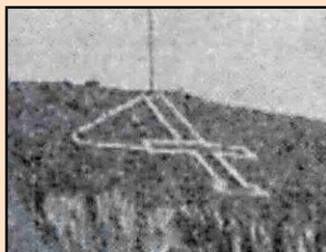


If you would like to participate, or have an idea you would like to share, please send an email to Steve at [fugestev@isu.edu](mailto:fugestev@isu.edu).

## The Ever-Changing “I”

*Written by Steve Fuger*

Idaho State University began as the Academy of Idaho in 1901. The state of Idaho passed legislation to change the name of the institution to the Idaho Technical Institute in 1916. It was at this time that the students first created what was intended as an “imperishable token” on Red Hill, “so that the next generation may know that the Tech... still stands here and is still dedicated to that noble calling [practical education]” (Diane Olson, 2000. Idaho State University A Centennial Chronicle). The original icon was the letter “T”. In 1926, vocal students and others striving to obtain 4-year status for the Tech altered the “imperishable token” into a huge number “4” in an attempt to garner State Board of Education support. University status came with the designation of the Tech as the University of Idaho, Southern Branch, in 1927.



The upper arms of the “imperishable token” were removed, new concrete was placed, and the “I” visible today was established.

What does the future hold for the “I”? We are not sure. It is apparent from close study that extensive restoration will be required if the icon is to stay on the hill. In its current state, the “I” is detracting from the image of the university. Perhaps a new “imperishable” symbol can be established – consistent with the continually improving status of ISU and with full community support for the decision.

# Mugs of the Quarter



**Steve McMichael**  
Custodial - 4 years

Favorite Color: Purple  
Favorite Vacation: Northern Idaho  
Favorite Superhero: Nightcrawler



**Terry French**  
Transportation - 27 years

Favorite Food: Wild Game  
Favorite Superhero: Iron Man  
Favorite Color: Candy-apple red



**Cindy Bou**  
Idaho Falls Custodial - 1 year

Favorite TV Show: Big Bang Theory  
Favorite Vacation: San Francisco  
Favorite Food - Shrimp scampi



**Curtis Magee**  
Grounds - 2 years

Favorite Food: BBQ  
Favorite Superhero: Superman  
Favorite Vacation: Hawaii



**Kody Hensley**  
Custodial - 1 year

Favorite TV Show: Fresh Prince  
Favorite Vacation: New York  
Hobbies: Sports



**Bruce Dorr**  
M&O - Plumber - 19 years

Hobbies: Anything outdoors  
Favorite Color: Blue  
Favorite Food: Shrimp



**Rod Chlarson**  
M&O - HVAC - 26 years

Favorite Super Hero: John Wayne  
Favorite Movie: Any western  
Favorite Color: Gray



**John Cameron**  
Custodial - 25 years

Favorite Color: Lime-green  
Hobbies: Rock hunting  
Favorite TV Show: American Dad

## Summer Reading List

*Recommendations from the SLT*

- "Alone" by Robert Reed
- "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd" by Agatha Christie
- The "Valdemar Universe" Series by Mercedes Lackey
- "The Penwyth curse" by Catherine Coulter
- "The Eye of the World" by Robert Jordan
- "A Future We'd like to See" by Stefan Twoflower Gagne

## Activity Zone

How well do you know the interior and exterior of our campus buildings? Where are the following structures/ sculptures 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 Friday, August 2nd, 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

The Heat Plant team is performing summer maintenance in preparation for the 2013/2014 heating season. We are actively waiting for the new State pressure vessel insurance carrier to inspect our boilers for the next operating season – winter is coming! We have two DPW projects in our area – boiler control upgrades, and installation of an emergency generator.

### Transportation Services

Motor Pool rentals were slow this summer; we've concentrated on fleet repairs. We've added two 12-passenger vans and two Chevrolet Malibus this year. Commuter Express has one bus route running from Idaho Falls five days a week. We have several activity trips scheduled this summer with TRIO, academics, and athletic groups.

### Public Safety

Colter Cannon received recognition as Officer of the Year at the 2013 Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet. 2013-2014 parking permit sales are underway; permit sales for faculty and staff started in July. We're equipping a mobile Emergency Operation Center for use in campus emergencies and special events. We're painting curbs and parking lines. We're also repairing and replacing signage.

### Grounds

With summer here, we are furiously mowing, watering, and planting! Flower beds are being planted now to meet the students' return with color and life. The Quad seating area near Fine Arts is nearing completion, and the larger one near Administration is under construction. Look for twelve new trees growing in the Frazier parking lot.

### Custodial

With summer here, the Custodial department is hustling along stripping, scrubbing, and waxing the floors in classrooms, offices, and hallways. We are currently arranging for our state contractor to install new restroom supply dispensers with an ISU logo on them. Our department reorganization is nearly complete with the securing of qualified personnel to staff our four core support positions.

### Environmental & Safety

The Department of Environmental Quality has asked what we hope are a final round of questions for our air quality permit. With the wind at our backs, we will have our Permit To Construct within the next few weeks. Forklift and lock-out tag-out training are in progress.

### Meridian Campus

The Meridian team has been very busy with preventive maintenance projects including: adding irrigation isolation valves, repairing and replacing sprinkler heads, and replacing 92 water-source heat pumps. We've completed our annual backflow and fire extinguisher testing. The Custodial staff is waxing floors, shampooing carpets, and performing special projects throughout campus.

### Planning, Design, & Construction

ISU received \$8,716,733 in FY2014 project funding. The top two projects are the Anatomy & Physiology lab expansion and remodel for our Meridian Health Sciences Center, and an addition to the Biology building in Pocatello. There are 29 other projects planned, including new elevators for Business Administration, Fine Arts, and Garrison Hall.

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### Team Unity

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### Ownership Mindset

We know, protect, and improve our facilities.

### Communication

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

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