In 1967, according to A Pictorial History of Physical Facilities, “a large spacious site north of East University Parkway and west of 900 East Street was selected for the construction of three Auxiliary Services Buildings. Plans were prepared by the architectural firm Holland, McGill, and Pasker of Salt Lake City. The construction contract was awarded to Iverson Construction Company, also of Salt Lake City. Since their completion, these facilities have served the various departments using them well, greatly improving their efficiency.”

So began the 48-year life of the Auxiliary Maintenance Building (AXMB) and the Auxiliary Laundry building (AXLB). Through additions, upgrades, and improvements, administrators, employees, and countless student staffers, these buildings have truly filled the measure of their creation.

In the Church’s efforts to better train the ever-increasing number of missionaries who visit the Provo Missionary Training Center, an expansion of its facilities was needed to receive this multitude of new elders and sisters. This expansion required the dispositioning of these two long-standing BYU sentinels of service.

With the short design and construction schedule of 18 months for the replacement of these buildings, the effort began. It was decided that two buildings would replace and occupy Quad #7 of the Wymount Terrace Married Student Housing complex. The new buildings are approximately 100,000 square feet with 13,000,000 pounds of concrete, brick, cinder block, and roofing materials as described in nearly 3,000 pages of drawings and specifications. This information was created, reviewed, revised, and approved by representatives from all impacted departments, the final result being a very functional and aesthetic set of buildings.
Solitu T. Purell was born in Fa’aala Village on the island of Savaii, Western Samoa (officially known as ‘Independent State of Samoa’), and was raised in Laie, Hawaii (Island of Oahu). He has worked for BYU for 26 years, first in Dining Services and now in Physical Facilities Custodial. One of his favorite things about his job is working with the students. He is a great example of being positive and friendly. Solitu and his wife, Suvinia, live in Provo, and have seven children: Tiafau, Salaevalu, Benson, Glorianna, Abish, Clarinis, and Solitu. He adores his wife, children and grandchildren and loves to travel to Hawaii to bond with his sisters and baby brother. Solitu loves music, especially singing, playing guitar and playing drums. His favorite music is Polynesian. He loves outdoor activities, including traveling, fishing, football and basketball. Solitu loves his job and enjoys meeting the students. He is a great example of being positive and friendly. Solitu and his wife, Suvinia, live in Provo, and have seven children: Tiafau, Salaevalu, Benson, Glorianna, Abish, Clarinis, and Solitu.

Will Terris was born in Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada and grew up in Orem, Utah. He has worked for BYU for 37 years both in the Press office and also in the Grounds department as the Gardening Maintenance Manager. Will and his wife, Gayline, live in Pleasant Grove and have three children: Brandon, Heather and Andy; they also have four grandchildren. Although one of Will’s greatest joys in working in Grounds is snow removal (just kidding), his favorite thing is working with students. Will thrives on meeting the challenges that come with maintaining a beautiful campus, and is a member of the band “Fire At Will”. He is outgoing, friendly, very conscientious, and is a team player, and incredibly hard working and is preparing to participate in a local half-marathon in October.

Debbie Tehrani was born in Calgary, Canada, and has since lived in California, Mexico, Texas, Michigan, Nebraska and Utah. She has worked for BYU for almost four years in the Planning department, loves interacting with the people there, and really enjoys seeing a project progress from inception through completion. She has recently taken the position of Project Administrator/Campus Liaison and looks forward to working with all of the departments and shops in Physical Facilities and across campus. Debbie and her husband, David, live in Midway, Utah, and have three children: Kate, Jacob, and Matthew. She loves hiking, kayaking, reading, traveling, and is interested in almost everything, especially anything having to do with fitness and nutrition or financial planning. Debbie has a wicked sense of humor and yet is quite laid-back. She loves to work hard and feels that if she is not tired at the end of the day, she’s not happy. We applaud all her efforts and feel that she has contributed greatly to the Physical Facilities team.

Kirsten Ashton was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. She is a student and is currently majoring in Finance. She has worked for BYU for three years in the Physical Facilities Custodial office and loves the people that she works with every day. Kirsten loves to work on crossword puzzles, is interested in the stock market and enjoys playing the piano. She also loves basketball and running and is preparing to participate in a local half-marathon in October.

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**Physical Facilities Student Appreciation Luncheon**

The Physical Facilities Division held its annual Student Appreciation Luncheon this year at LaVell Edwards Stadium on April 16, 2015. The luncheon is an opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all the 1,564 student employees who work tirelessly during the year in various shops and departments to create and maintain a beautiful campus. Thanks to JDawgs and to everyone who helped out so that the students could enjoy a delicious meal.
BYU recently needed to replace its Laundry Building and Auxiliary Maintenance buildings as part of the MTC expansion project. This unexpected change caught many by surprise. While it is not a big secret that changes are a part of life, we have learned that we need to adapt to those changes or be left behind. At BYU, especially in Physical Facilities, we deal with change by successfully working as a team or, as we call it, “Wolfpacking” (working together). It is a concept that lends to an even greater purpose of work - a feeling of family. Just as in a family, where each person has different talents and passions, our BYU Physical Facilities family has a tremendous variety of endowed abilities. That is what makes us successful and allows us to be so diversified in our areas of expertise. And, just as in a family, the challenges that come along are worked out because we understand that brothers or sisters do not go away but rather we need each other in order to be more successful, despite any differences that might exist. Within the areas of Physical Facilities we feel the same - together we make a whole. We know that although difficulties across campus may arise, we can be confident that as we work together (Wolfpack), we can make things come together and it will be to the highest of standards.

Our shop highlight this quarter is the Utilities, Maintenance, and Engineering Department. This department is part of the Planning Department and provides engineering support for the architects and interior designers. In addition, they are responsible for all utilities for new construction, renovation, and replacement projects. The Utilities Director, Paul Greenwood, is a licensed mechanical engineer. The rest of the department consists of two additional mechanical engineers, two electrical engineers, two civil engineers, the Air Conditioning Shop, and the Central Heating and Chilled Water Plants. The civil engineers are responsible for mapping and maintenance of all exterior utility piping and campus infrastructure. The mechanical engineers are responsible for all building HVAC systems, exterior chilled water, high temperature water, and gas piping in addition to interior piping systems. The electrical engineers are responsible for all of the campus electrical infrastructure and lighting. The Air Conditioning Shop maintains all of the campus chilled water systems and building temperature controls. The Central Heating Plant maintains all of the high temperature hot water system in addition to building heating and domestic hot water generation.

Congratulations to Jim Dain on receiving the President’s Appreciation Award, which recognizes staff and administrative personnel for exceptional service, creativity and competence. As the Managing Director for Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Services, Jim works directly or indirectly with 2,300 employees to take care of nearly nine million square feet of University buildings, 670 acres of grounds, and over 1,000 vehicles. His exemplary leadership has helped make BYU a positive example to the world in the areas of planning, maintenance and Physical Facilities Management. Jim is likeable, honest and fair in his business dealings. Those who work with Jim feel of his regard and appreciation for their accomplishments, and this contributes to the culture of operational excellence and outstanding employee morale. Jim also served as a Mayor of Lindon City for six years, and this illustrates his strong sense of civic duty and desire to serve others. When serving others, Jim feels most gratified when he has “made a difference”. Those who have seen BYU’s well-maintained facilities know that Jim has made an incredible difference here as well.
CONGRATULATIONS to Glenn Lawson on receiving the Fred A. Schwendiman Award, which honors BYU’s top staff employee. He has been an exceptional data communication systems IT integrator for the past 32+ years. Glenn’s ongoing responsibilities include conducting systematic review of all heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, HVAC construction design, and sequence of operations for 130+ buildings. This includes BYU campus, multiple church facilities, Missionary Training Center and the Motion Picture Studios. His efforts to integrate seven different electronic control systems and three computer protocols have increased shop productivity and the effectiveness of maintenance personnel. He has also established a system-wide data communication and control center which has reduced overall energy costs and stretches valuable critical resources. BYU and Physical Facilities have been blessed to have Glenn as such a valuable team member and employee.

NEW EMPLOYEES
We extend a warm welcome to the following new full-time employees who recently joined our Physical Facilities Team.

Mark Drennen  Custodial
Desiree Bergmann  Custodial
Jeremy John  Moving
Douglas Salisbury  Central Heating Plant

INTERNAL TRANSFERS AND PROMOTIONS
Deborah Tehrani  AAVP Office
Benjamin Nielsen  Air Conditioning Shop
Gary Jensen  Site Development
Donald Williams  Carpenter Shop
Kenneth Stillwell  Custodial
Brock Olsen  Site Development

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT RETIREES
Curt Jolley  AAVP Office
Steven Marshall  CNA - AAVP Office
Oran Crow  Carpenter Shop
Shauna Robbins  Custodial
Shirley Christensen  Auxiliary Services Custodial

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SAERA RECIPIENTS
Cory Dean Muhlestein  Respect for All Individuals
Dennis Ray Miller  Competency
Dale L. Mangelson  Integrity

What a Time to be at BYU!

Ole M. Smith - AAVP Physical Facilities

Over the course of my work experience I have learned that it is better to be overly busy than to not have enough to do. When I started with the Church in early 1983 many countries were just opening up to the preaching of the gospel so my international assignments guaranteed that I would always be busy with the unprecedented construction of meetinghouses. As it turned out, I was involved in the construction of over 300 chapels in 27 countries. Later, I was privileged to work in temple construction at the time of President Hinckley’s announcement of having 100 operating temples by the end of the year 2000. Our team had the challenge to design and build 26 temples, in 12 countries, in less than four years. Later, as a mission president in Chile, I found the pressures and responsibility of coordinating missionary work to be no less demanding. Then in early 2005 I was offered my current position at BYU shortly after our return from Chile. I initially wondered if life could possibly be as busy as it had been for the first 22 years of my career. So much for wondering! BYU has been a hub of activity for the last decade and, as I look across campus this summer, it is clear that the challenge has continued because nearly every corner of the university has something going on. It reminds me, once again, just how blessed we are to be involved in such a great work, at such an incredible place as BYU.