

- Enhance campus image & update Landscape Master Plan
- Upgrade campus signage
- Enhance campus accessibility and safety
- Develop Climate Neutrality Plan
- Improve communication & customer service

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Facilities Update

Welcome, and Welcome Back!

On behalf of all of the staff in Facilities Management at Rowan University, I would like to welcome you to campus (if you are a newcomer) and welcome back all returning students, staff, and faculty.

There have been many exciting changes on the Rowan campus since graduation last May... some of the changes are readily apparent, others are hidden underground, on top of buildings, or inside walls.

This newsletter will be a place to learn about many of those changes, as well as how the Facilities Management units work with the campus community to make the best learning and living environments possible.

The broad area of Facilities at Rowan is divided into five functional departments:

- Operations & Maintenance
- Planning & Construction
- Landscape Management
- Resource Management
- Administration & Business Services

Articles in this inaugural newsletter highlight the roles and responsibilities of the main service departments.

In future issues, we will highlight areas within each department, ongoing and upcoming campus projects, and provide updates on long-term efforts such as the South Jersey Technology Park and the Rowan Boulevard redevelopment project.

If you have ideas or suggestions for future newsletters, please drop me a line.

I wish everyone a wonderful Fall Semester, and look forward to seeing you around campus!

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New walkways and lighting are among summer projects.

Campus Changes Over Summer

Summer is one of the busiest times on campus for the area of Facilities. The three-month window between Commencement and the start of Fall Semester is the only time when large-scale infrastructure projects can be tackled with the minimum impact on the campus community.

This year, three steam lines are being replaced, and chilled water lines are being run to Science and Westby Halls.

In addition to infrastructure work, summer is the time for renovations and upgrades to dorms and on-campus apart-

ments. This summer, bathrooms in Willow Hall have been renovated, and new fire alarm systems have been installed in Chestnut and Magnolia Halls.

Bozorth Hall now has two larger classrooms, and new accessible restrooms, as well.

Route 322: Adding “Curb Appeal”



New curbing and signage improve the look of campus

Rowan University is one of several college campuses that is bisected by US Highway 322 (West Chester University and Penn State share this dubious distinction with Rowan).

This summer, several projects have been undertaken that have affected the campus, and have resulted in a safer, more inviting campus with “curb appeal.”

The roadway through campus was shut down on July 7, so the Borough of Glassboro

could replace a quarter-mile stretch of sewer pipeline.

After the Borough’s sewer replacement was completed, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) started work on roadway improvements including curbing, repaving, and the addition of new crosswalks.

The NJDOT teams worked six days a week to add new curbing to the south side of Route 322, mill the entire roadway, reconfigure the entrance and

exit to Parking Lot A, add a bus pullout near Memorial Hall, repave the roadway to improve drainage, and install three new highly visible crosswalks (and rebuild a fourth).

All of NJDOT’s improvements are consistent with Rowan’s Route 322 Corridor Master Plan (<http://www.rowan.edumasterplan>)

Future improvements will include installation of in-pavement lighting at the new crosswalks and sidewalks on the south side of the highway.

New Signage Program

The first prototypes of the new campus signage program were installed on the main campus in late spring and at the South Jersey Technology Park (SJTP) over the summer.

The signage program, developed as part of the Campus Master Plan, includes a hierarchy of signage and “wayfinding” strategies. Each sign type serves a specific

purpose. The most prominent signs are the “Entrance Monument” at the SJTP and the “Vehicular Directional” signs at the SJTP and near the welcome booth at Memorial Hall.

In addition, new styles of “Building Identification” sign and “Street Name” signs have been installed at the SJTP, and a new campus map sign will soon be installed near the

visitor parking area in Lot H near Memorial Hall.

Prior to fabrication and installation of new signs across the entire campus, we would like to hear from you about the prototypes installed so far.

Visit us on the web at <http://www.rowan.edu/facilities> to see pictures of the prototypes and provide feedback!



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Artist’s rendering of completed plaza and ramps



Bosshart Site Restoration

Bosshart Hall was constructed in 1961, and for over 40 years was the home of the physical sciences departments of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

When Science Hall opened in 2004, Physics and Astronomy, Biological Sciences, and Chemistry and Biochemistry all

moved to the new state-of-the-art building.

Because of the age and type of construction, it was not cost effective for the University to renovate the 54,000 square-foot Bosshart Hall for other uses.

During the summer of 2008,

Bosshart was demolished, and fully recycled. The site is in the process of being restored to an attractive, landscaped area with new plazas and ramps connecting Route 322 and Meditation walk.

Site restoration should be complete early in the fall semester.

Operations & Maintenance



The responsibilities of Facilities Operations and Maintenance encompass the broad area of building services (maintenance & repair), mechanical services (central heating & cooling plant and co-generation

Bunce Hall, built in 1923, is the signature campus building facility), and custodial services in academic and administrative buildings. During the 2007-2008 academic year, two major changes occurred in this department: all custodial services across the university were provided by University personnel (instead of a mix of our own staff and outside contractors), and management of housekeeping staff in on-campus housing areas was transferred to

the office of Residential Living in the Division of Student Affairs. Under the leadership of Director **Glenn Brewer** and Assistant Directors **Mark Showers** (Building Services) and **John Davis** (Custodial Services), the staff in Facilities Operations and Maintenance are here to provide the campus with excellent service. Requests for service can be placed via telephone (x4650) or via the FAMIS work order system online on the Facilities website.

Rowan University has over 2.4 million square feet of buildings to heat, cool, and maintain.

Planning & Construction

Facilities Planning and Construction is responsible for capital planning, engineering and construction, and capital renewal projects. The work of this department consists of projects ranging from minor alterations of existing facilities to accommodate department requests to the planning, design and construction of major new buildings.

Under the leadership of Director **Mary Acciani**, during the past year the FP&C department:

- Continued renovation of general-purpose and department-specific classrooms and labs
- Completed Bunce Hall Accessibility Phase I (west entrance)
- Completed renovations in the Student Center to create the "Prof's Place"

Projects for the current year include:

- New campus signage program
- Bunce Hall Accessibility, Phase II (NE plaza)
- Renovation of the Team House
- Design of new student housing
- Continued reduction in deferred maintenance backlog



Brand new steam and sewer lines are underneath new paver sidewalks at the Campbell Library.

Landscape Management

The responsibilities of Facilities Landscape Management include landscape and grounds design, implementation, maintenance, as well as storm water management and seasonal storm abatement. The department is structured with three main teams, addressing horticultural operations, environmental services, and management of ath-

letic fields and turf grass. Led by Director **Ed Thompson**, the Landscape Management department and student volunteers improved the appearance at three residence halls through "Clean and Green Day" activities in the 2007-8 academic year. These regularly held events engage students, faculty, and staff in cleaning up the

campus and planting shrubs and flowers for beautification. These efforts led to Rowan being selected for the "Excellence in Education" award by the NJ Clean Communities Council in 2008.



Enhancing the appearance of the 200-acre Rowan campus is a top priority for 2008-2009.



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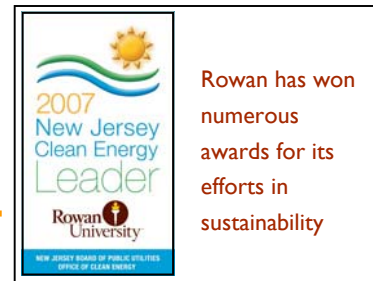
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The mission of Facilities Management at Rowan University is to create and sustain the physical environment where the University's mission can be fulfilled.

Facilities Management has developed over the years into an organization that addresses all aspects of the built environment. Included in this are planning and construction of new facilities, operations and maintenance of existing facilities and grounds, and management of the University's resources to achieve the institution's mission.



Resource Management

Facilities Resource Management is the department responsible for the broad areas of energy management, information systems, and sustainability.

Led by Director **John Imperatore**, Resource Management is actively involved in recycling, solid waste management, and engagement with students, faculty, and staff across campus.

In 2008, Resource Management and the **Student Recycling Team** initiated single-stream recycling to the campus, and provided blue recycling bins for classrooms and offices. In the single stream system, all recyclable materials (paper, cans and bottles, clean cardboard) can be mixed together. They are then separated at a state-of-the-art sorting facility in Pitman, about 3 miles from the campus.

Rowan receives a rebate from the recycling center for each ton of material delivered. The benefits to Rowan are threefold: less solid waste goes to incineration or landfills, (resulting in lower disposal costs), revenue is generated by the rebates, and we demonstrate our commitment to a sustainable society.

In addition, the Resource Management office coordinates the activities of the campus Sustainability Council.

The council is charged with implementing the **President's Climate Commitment** (an initiative addressing global warming both in our practices as well as our curriculum). Initial activities of the group included developing a comprehensive inventory of existing greenhouse gas emissions. The Council will work on a campus climate neutrality plan during the current academic year.

More information about Rowan's sustainability efforts (and the Student Recycling Team) can be found online at the RU Green website:

<http://www.rowan.edu/rugreen/>



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