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FACILITIES – TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY – JUNE 2017



A LETTER FROM THE AVP

By Thomas Shewan

Texas State's eight commencements for the Spring 2017 semester took place in May, and it's an exciting time for 5600 plus students who are finishing various segments of their education and embarking upon the next phase of their lives. Spring commencement marks the end of another academic year and the beginning of summer for our campus. Thank you to all who helped make the

commencement ceremonies a success.

Campus was much calmer as we enjoyed the break between spring and summer sessions. The campus is less crowded with students; however, significantly more crowded with contractor personnel with numerous special projects being executed this summer. The custodians are doing their heavy classroom work. The shops are making repairs and

conducting preventive maintenance on equipment that cannot be turned off during the academic year. All is complicated somewhat by closures to portions of Woods Street and Comanche Street, as well as the City's work on Sessom Drive.

Fortuitously, we will blunder our way through, finding new travel routes and parking places. Try to keep your patience. I think it will be an interesting but very productive summer. I hope it's not too hot!



FACILITIES CORE VALUES – “STARS”

In pursuing our mission, we, the staff of the Texas State University Facilities organization, are guided by a shared collection of values. Specifically, we value:

Service: We are committed to excellence in the provision of our services and professional interactions with our customers.

Teamwork: We strive for continuous improvement through innovation, collaboration and dialogue with the Campus Community in support of the university’s goals and mission.

Accountability: We are responsible for our actions and will conduct business in an ethical and honest manner in compliance with all university policies, and federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Respect: We treat each other with respect and dignity and place equal value on every individual.

Stewardship: We are conscientious stewards of the resources entrusted to us:

- **Personnel:** We take care of our people, ensuring that they are given the opportunity for professional growth and to work in a safe and welcoming environment.
- **Assets (Physical and Fiscal):** We will do our utmost to maintain the University’s physical assets and do so in a fiscally responsible manner.
- **Environment:** We will protect our sensitive environment.

QUARTERLY TEAM SAFETY AWARD



Three Grounds crew members were presented with the Team Safety Award on May 2nd for their recognition of and quick reaction to a fire that occurred on Comanche Street. Pictured above are (left to right): Nathan Lawrence, Rolando Bolanos, Bentura Vargas, Greg Sanchez, and Tom Shewan.

Hurricane Preparedness Guidelines



PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON: JUN 1 - NOV 30

Evacuation Planning: When a hurricane threatens, listen for instructions from local officials. When they call for an evacuation in your area, get going without delay.

- Discuss evacuation plans with your family **BEFORE** hurricane season, June 1 - Nov. 30. Make a checklist of what you need to do before you leave town and review it.
- Monitor NOAA weather radio and local TV and radio broadcasts during storm season.
- Prepare an emergency supply kit including: radio, flashlight, extra batteries, extra eye glasses, bottled water, non-perishable food, dry clothes, bedding, insurance information, important documents, cash, photo IDs, medications, copies of prescriptions and special products for babies, seniors, medically fragile family members and pets.
- Learn evacuation routes before storm season. When there's a hurricane in the Gulf, keep your gas tank as full as possible. Expect traffic delays in an evacuation.
- **Register in the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) online at <https://STEAR.dps.texas.gov> or dial 2-1-1 to register if you have a disability or medical needs or if you simply do not have transportation:** Gulf coast residents in evacuation zones with a disability or medical needs—who do not have friends or family to help—or do not have transportation should register in STEAR in advance.

Source: Texas Division of Emergency Management

Source: GVEC.

For more storm safety tips, please visit GVEC's Storm Safety page on www.gvec.org.

HIDDEN QUESTION: Who knows the name of the building in the picture on Page 1 and where it is located?
Be the first to email Ann Huebner (ch30) with the correct answer, and she might surprise you!

Tech Corner

● Lost Device

If you have a university issued mobile device, please remember to contact Facilities Management Systems Group *immediately* if you believe you have lost the device. The earlier we are contacted, the better chance we have to help you find the missing device. We are here to support you and this includes helping you to recover your university issued iPhone or iPad. Our contact information:

Email: FMSystems@txstate.edu

Name	Office Phone	Cell Phone
Andrea	245-1914	512-757-2001
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● Windows 10

Microsoft plans to end support for Windows 7 on January 14, 2020. You might be asking yourself "what does this mean?" Microsoft will no longer provide updates to Windows 7 Operating Systems. Most importantly, no more security updates. Any computer running Windows 7 will be vulnerable to attacks. Due to this, we want to get all computers upgraded well in advance of January 2020. To accomplish this, we are asking starting a second round of upgrading those who volunteer.

If you are ready, please contact us to schedule you upgrade from Windows 7 to Windows 10. This upgrade typically takes between 4-6 hours. So the best time would be when you will be away from your desk for this amount of time (i.e. vacation, extended meetings, etc.) No worries, we will save your documents and email. Once the upgrade has completed and you login, we will place these files back into their proper location on your computer.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CAPPA TECH

This year our very own Kim Graves served as Co-Chair of the Professional Development Committee of CAPPA, which is charged with putting on the CAPPA TECH conference. This year, Tom Shewan and Rodolfo Zelaya each won a prize. Kim and Fermin Torrez made a presentation, and Brian McKay, Mario Molina, and John Shen also attended the conference. Below are a few glimpses from the conference.



WELLNESS CORNER

WellCats is offering a Mix-It-Up challenge through August 25th. This is an extra challenge for anyone who aspires to start, work toward, reach or surpass your wellness goal. This challenge rewards those who attend a variety of classes in a variety of locations. What are the rewards besides bragging rights on the most points earned??? They include a wrist pedometer (75 points), a cooling towel (125 points) and an exercise mat with shoulder strap (150 points). To view more information about how to accumulate points, visit this website: <http://www.hhp.txstate.edu/Total-Wellness/mix-it-up.html> Or feel free to stop by and talk to the Facilities WellCat Champion, Andrea Tutoki (located in the Physical Plant Admin building room 137 or 5-1914 or amp131@txstate.edu). If you are interested in attending a wellness activity but looking for someone to go with, let Andrea know and she will attend with you.

In case you did not know, WellCats has a new program called Walk with Ease. This session is Monday and Wednesday from 7:00am to 8:00am meeting at Jowers. This program will teach you how to stretch and includes walkers of all speeds. After the session, Jowers has a full bathroom with showers and lockers for changing.

Remember, SRC is currently free on Fridays! Another amazing opportunity to exercise or walk in the A/C with the option of showers and lockers for changing afterwards.

1849 Burleson Mill Dam – by Mark Cowan



1880s photograph of the Burleson Dam spillway.

San Marcos, and by extension our University, owes its existence to the springs. From the earliest days of human occupation in the region, native peoples and European explorers alike have been attracted to the natural bounty that is the headwaters of the San Marcos River. The settlement that eventually became the City of San Marcos which we know today, traces its roots to November of 1846 when permanent residences were first established. Among these earliest residents was Edward Burleson, former Commander-in-Chief of the Army (1835) and Vice President (1841-44) of the Republic of Texas.

Gen. Burleson recognized the potential of the constantly flowing San Marcos Springs as a power source to drive a mill and secured the property encompassing what would become Spring Lake and the Mill Tract from the prominent Veramendi family and General Thomas Jefferson Chambers (namesake of Chambers County, TX). The dam's construction was described by C. W. Wimberley: "This old relic of the past is worth your study – to see big cedar log piling angled across the river basin, boarded with smaller heart cedar logs fronted by a rock-filled barrier above their height at the width of a country lane, then sloped to ground level, covered with heavy and light gravels to fill the holes between these rocks, topped with clay hauled from the clay bluff beside Spring Lake to seal the top and slope of the structure. And then cottonwood trees were planted along its crest with a growing root system to reinforce the old structure so that it could withstand the torrents of the floodwaters to come." The dam was constructed in an "L" shape when viewed from above spanning from the western bank to an upstream-pointed apex on an island, then back to the east bank. The western end incorporated a head race leading to the mill while the eastern segment featured a spillway which maintained the level of Spring Lake.



An effective mill requires both fall, the vertical drop made by the water through the mill's wheel, as well as impoundment, the volume of water stored above the wheel. While the site Burleson selected for his dam provides adequate fall, it is blessed with an abundance of impoundment, utilizing the channel of Sink Creek to approximately double the volume of water that can be stored over that of the river channel itself. Spring Lake is typically filled by the San Marcos Springs at an average rate of 152 cubic feet per second. Sink Creek's contribution is a mixed blessing however as it brings occasional flash floods down from the adjoining hills.

Remarkably, while the mill and headrace of the dam have been repeatedly altered over the years to suit changing uses, much of Burleson's dam has stood the test of time and remains in place, significant portions of which were revealed during 2001 work to stabilize the millrace. A visit today to the east bank of the river near the Sewell North Parking Lot reveals an excellent view of the old spillway where the dam's visible log and rock construction is a reminder of the enduring nature of General Burleson's vision for Texas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday, July 4**
Independence Day
- **Friday, August 11**
Summer 2017 Commencement
- **Monday, August 28**
Fall 2017-First Day of Classes
- **Monday, September 4**
Labor Day
- **Sunday, September 10**
Grandparents Day
- **Friday, September 22**
Autumn begins
- **Monday, October 9**
Columbus Day
- **Monday, October 16**
Bosses Day
- **Tuesday, October 31**
Halloween
- **Sunday, November 5**
Daylight Savings Ends
- **Tuesday, November 7**
Election Day
- **Saturday, November 11**
Veteran's Day
- **Thursday, November 23**
Thanksgiving

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Facilities would like to thank all who contributed to this newsletter.