

## Possible FY 2011-2012 Budget Cuts Hit Facility Services Hard

### *Department Faces Loss of \$2.1M and 88 Positions*

As LSU prepares for the loss of an additional \$46 million in state funding in FY 2011-2012, Facility Services staff members are worried by what may lie ahead for the organization if the proposed plan that was presented to the Board of Supervisors is carried out next year. In meetings held on July 13 by Facility Services management, Building Services and Landscape Services staff members were told that 88 positions could be eliminated from the two groups if the budget exercise becomes reality.

From November 2005 to July 2010, LSU has faced several budget cuts from the state, and Facility Services has seen its funding slashed by \$3,877,281 and the loss of 70 positions. This new cut would reduce funding by an additional \$2.1 million, decrease the custodial day shift by 60 percent and eliminate all support for weekend and evening classes or events. Classroom cleaning would be reduced from daily to three times per week and office trash removal would be occasional under the plan.

The elimination of positions in the Landscape Services department would result in the loss of services for all ornamental planted beds, irrigation systems, flower beds and field care. This cut would be particularly devastating for a campus whose landscaping was called a “botanical joy” in its listing among the 20 best campuses in America in Thomas Gaines’s *The Campus as a Work of Art*. The loss of the entire arborist crew would end the care of trees campus wide, including more than 1,200 live oaks valued at approximately \$50 million. The efforts of Landscape Services would be restricted to mowing and trimming the core of the campus only.

Although these massive budget cuts from the state would certainly affect the appearance and maintenance of the campus and its buildings, Facility Services is committed to maintaining the physical infrastructure of LSU and protecting the core mission of the organization, even though there would be a reduction in the level of service. “I understand and am sympathetic to the impact this situation is having on all staff members and their families, because the true extent of any cuts for FY 2011-2012 remains to be seen and nothing is final at this time,” said Tony Lombardo, interim assistant vice chancellor of Facility Services. Lombardo recently hosted multiple informational forums on the budget crisis to give all Facility Services employees an opportunity to ask questions about the budget situation and its effect on the organization.

For additional information on how budget cuts may impact operations in your building, please send questions to Tammy Millican at [tmillic@lsu.edu](mailto:tmillic@lsu.edu) and they will be addressed in next month’s newsletter.

## LANDSCAPE SERVICES-PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



*The Steele Burden live oak tree, located on the Natatorium field between the Maddox Field House and Nicholson Drive, was struck by lightning at the end of June.*

*Landscape Services removed the damaged limbs and installed lightning protection to prevent another such occurrence. Lightning damage is a serious problem for the large live oak trees and it is costly to place protection on them.*

*An effort is underway to install protection on all the major oaks in the Quad and the Parade Ground within the next 12 months.*



*Beds planted at the corner of Tower and Dalrymple Drive by student volunteers during Spring Greening Day are growing in nicely and beautifying the campus.*



*A southern red oak, *Quercus falcata*, met its demise after a steady decline in health due to construction damage several years ago.*

*The effects of construction on large trees are not seen until many years after the damage occurs.*

*In this particular case, the tree was protected from physical impact damage, but extensive root zone damage occurred from equipment access necessary during the project.*

*This tree will be replaced with a live oak, *Q. virginiana*, which is a hardier and longer living oak tree.*



*Summer color plantings at Thomas Boyd are in full bloom and make the campus even more inviting to students, faculty, staff and visitors to the University.*

## LANDSCAPE SERVICES-PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



*New ground cover planting at Howe-Russell Geoscience Complex protect the roots of the trees and help prevent erosion.*



*Sod installed at Memorial Tower during Spring Greening Day gives students a perfect spot to study or relax between classes.*



*Cattle Separation Facility at Ben Hur  
**Entrance point***



*Cattle Separation Facility at Ben Hur  
**Exit point***

*The LSU concrete crew recently completed work on a new cattle separation facility at the Ben Hur Research Station off of Nicholson Drive. This complex project involved the installation of specially scored concrete, as shown in the photos above.*

*The concrete crew consists of six master concrete finishers and master repairers. The crew completes more than 80 projects, large and small, per year at various campus locations. The crew is in high demand for quality finishing work, such as exposed aggregate, sitting walls, curb work, etc. The crew also builds and/or repairs brick veneer walls, concrete blocks, brick pavers in streets and sidewalks, ADA access sites, etc.*

## BUILDING COORDINATOR INFORMATION

### ***Fire Marshal Inspection Reports***

*The Building Coordinator is an appointed position that is responsible for coordinating all of the maintenance requests and activities within an assigned building or building group.*

*In an emergency situation, such as fire, gas leak, utility outage, weather emergency, etc., the Building Coordinator will be the single point of contact between Facility Services and building occupants.*

*Each month, we will answer questions from our Building Coordinators.*

### **What happens when the Fire Marshal inspects my building?**

- Inspector from the Office of the State Fire Marshal notifies the LSU Office of Environmental Health & Safety that they will be inspecting a specified building;
- Inspector visits the building and documents deficiencies;
- Inspector submits a Fire Marshal Inspection Report to the LSU Office of Environmental Health & Safety. The report specifies deficiencies and outlines required corrective actions;
- LSU Office of Environmental Health & Safety distributes copies of the Fire Marshal Inspection report to the Building Coordinator and LSU Facility Services;
- LSU Facility Development is responsible for all items requiring a University Work Order (ex. loose handrails, malfunctioning door closers, burnt out exit lights, etc.) and will set up the appropriate work orders;
- Building Coordinator is responsible for correcting building management items (ex. propped open doors to fire exit stairs, storage of items in non-permitted areas, items located too close to sprinkler heads, items covering strobe lights/horns, etc.);
- **Per PS 49, Building Coordinators are asked to conduct periodic inspections of their buildings and to submit Work Orders for deficiencies observed prior to citation on a Fire Marshal Inspection report.**

***Next Month– We have a departmental move or event scheduled. Can the moving crew help?***

### **Space Inventory Updates Due August 13**

With the August 13 deadline for space inventory updates fast approaching, only 25 percent of the campus has submitted their reports. Space inventory reports are used for many purposes, such as capital outlay requests, space utilization, facilities and administrative cost rate and formula funding which directly affects the University's state appropriation.

If you have any questions about updating your space inventory, please contact Sarah Hutchinson at 578-4360 or [shutch2@lsu.edu](mailto:shutch2@lsu.edu).

## SUSTAINABILITY



### “GUIDE TO 286 GREEN COLLEGES”

The *Guide to 286 Green Colleges* has selected LSU as a university that demonstrates an above average commitment to sustainability in terms of campus infrastructure, activities and initiatives. Princeton Review partnered with The United States Green Building Council, a national non-profit organization that promotes sustainability in the design and construction of buildings, to publish profiles of the country’s most environmentally-responsible campuses.

“LSU has made a commitment to practice, teach and support environmentally-responsible choices. These choices involve complex connections among natural resources, climate action, sustainability curriculum and green jobs,” said Denise Scribner-Newell, LSU campus sustainability manager.

LSU was also included in Princeton Review’s “Best 371 Colleges” with a green rating of 87 on a scale from 60-99.

### Donate Your Paper to the LSU Child Care Center

Mailing Services, in partnership with the LSU Child Care Center, is inviting students, faculty and staff to participate in a new recycling program.

1. Collect outdated letterhead and copy paper that is printed on one side
2. Remove staples and paper clips
3. Label as “Donated Paper” and send to Mailing Services via campus mail

Mailing Services will deliver the paper to the Child Care Center, where children and teachers can reuse the materials for projects. The Child Care Center also accepts envelopes and manila folders for reuse. This program allows teachers to introduce young children at the center to recycling and other environmental issues.

For more information, please contact Sharla Neyland at 578-8673 or [sneyland@lsu.edu](mailto:sneyland@lsu.edu)

### Facility Services Employees Acknowledged in Scholarly Article

Matthew Moerschbaecher, grad student in the department of oceanography and coastal sciences and member of the CCS Energy Management subcommittee, and Professor John W. Day, Jr. wrote an article that appeared in the international journal *Sustainability*. Moerschbaecher and Day prepared an estimate of the annual greenhouse gas emissions primarily from energy usage at LSU. In the Acknowledgements section, Peter Davidson, Jim Mayne, Denise Scribner and Jason Soileau from Facility Services were thanked for their assistance with the case study.

## EMPLOYEE NEWS

### FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM GRADUATION-JULY 19, 2010



A total of 24 participants, including 18 Facility Services employees, were recognized during a graduation ceremony for completing the Campus Federal Workplace Financial Education program. Chancellor Mike Martin presented the certificates at the event held in the ECE Building.

Five years ago, Facility Services employees were selected as the first group to participate in the 18 week program that covers topics such as budgeting, checking accounts, credit, home ownership and savings. To date, more than 100 participants have completed the course, which is held during work hours, and the program is expanding to other departments and LSU System campuses.

Speakers included Blaine Grimes, CFCU staff member and course instructor; John Milazzo, CFCU CEO/President; Irma J. Plummer, Office of the Mayor-President; Marian Castille, LSU HRM; Chancellor Mike Martin; class members Ronald Harton, Robert Hurlbert and Rhonda Shores and crowd favorite, Ken Uffman, Louisiana JumpStart Coalition.

Mr. Uffman drew loud laughter from the crowd when he urged couples who were contemplating marriage to "get a credit report on each other before you say I do!"

#### FINANCIAL LITERACY GRADUATES 2010

*Gordon Adams*

*Linda Allen*

*Dianne Brand*

*Jacqueline Butler*

*Patricia Collins*

*Doris Cotton*

*Ronald Dorton*

*Lamar Harold*

*Lorenzo Harold*

*Karen Harris*

*Ophelia Hawkins*

*Linda Hillard*

*Robert Hurlbert*

*Linda Jackson*

*John C. Lee*

*Davis Marks*

*Dan Phipps*

*Dauda Sesay*

*Rhonda Shores*

*Anastasiya Todorova*

*Gloria Tony*

*Alice S. Williams*

*Henry Williams*

*Karen Woods*

## CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

**July 6, 2010**

Jason Soileau-Well done. Thanks.

**We are excited about these projects. Enhancements such as these will add much to this beautiful old building.**

**Jason, some of my best memories out here involve my relationship with Facility Services. When I started, the organization was named Operation and Maintenance. It is good to see you “carrying on the show.”**

*Art Goulas*

*Assistant Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administrative Services*

*Director*

*Student Health Center*

**July 13, 2010**

**Thanks very much to Neal Pendleton for all of his hard work in getting the Life Sciences fish rooms on emergency power. We really appreciate it. Having the fish rooms on emergency power is a very important part of our animal program accreditation, and not having them on backup has been a weak spot in our program. So, thanks again.**

*David G. Baker, DVM, PhD, MPA, DACLAM*

*Director and Professor*

*Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine, School of Veterinary Medicine*

**July 15, 2010**

**I wanted to thank you and your staff for responding to our facility needs in Francioni Hall and the Dairy Science building during the past couple of months. Mr. Charles Wilson did a marvelous job repainting the lobby and administrative offices in Francioni Hall. He is a very meticulous and thorough employee.**

**I also want to thank you for repairing the compressor for our ice cream freezing room. Without this repair, our teaching and research programs would have been severely damaged, not to mention not being able to freeze any LSU ice cream!**

**Please accept my sincere thanks for all the great work done by your staff in keeping our teaching, research and outreach programs going.**

*Gary M. Hay*

*Interim Director*

*School of Animal Sciences, LSU AgCenter*

## BOBBIE JOHNSON—CUSTODIAL MANAGER

By: Charles Manogin

Bobbie Johnson grew up in the shadows of LSU in old south Baton Rouge on McKinley Street, so it seems natural that he would be drawn to the university. In 1978, Mr. Johnson was only 18 when he was hired as a Custodian 1 by Ms. Ethel Hedingsfelder, a manager for Housing, now known as Residential Life. After a stint in Residential Life, he joined the team of Facility Services in the Building Services department, where he quickly established himself as a hard worker with long term career goals. “My father, an educator in the East Baton Rouge parish school system for 50 years, instilled work ethics in me that are with me to this day. He taught me to work hard, surround myself with positive thinking people and treat others the way I would like to be treated,” Johnson said.

He must have been paying attention to his father’s words, because in his 32 years at the university, he has continuously advanced to his current position of Custodial Manager. Mr. Johnson is also recognized as someone who always delivers outstanding service to his customers. In March 2001, he received a Certificate of Excellence for “*outstanding performance in maintaining the quality of the campus*” and his personnel file is full of appreciative letters from faculty and staff members thanking him for his assistance, professionalism and quality service.

Although Mr. Johnson’s day-to-day responsibilities include ensuring that campus buildings and restrooms are clean and open, he also supervises custodial services at Fire and Emergency Training Institute and EA Sports. He oversees projects such as commencement and special events that include Fall Fest and Grooving on the Grounds. He responds to emergency water calls, trains staff and reviews their performance and serves as a game day manager for home football games.

“A well run department has that one individual who can be counted on for any job that needs to be done. This is the person who you have complete confidence in and know that every assignment you give them will not only be carried out, but that it will be carried out professionally, with quality and customer service as the main focus. Bobbie Johnson is that person,” said a Facility Services staff member.

## MILESTONES



**Mr. Oliver Dunn**  
**Retirement Celebration**  
 June 30, 2010  
 32 Years of Service



## BIRTHDAYS-AUGUST

### Happy Birthday August!

<i>Marlon Greensword</i>	8/1	<i>Eddie Henderson</i>	8/19
<i>Naim Askari-Mohamad</i>	8/3	<i>Bernard Marks</i>	8/19
<i>Jack Cline, Jr.</i>	8/3	<i>Maurice Bean</i>	8/20
<i>Derrick Johnson</i>	8/5	<i>Katherine Humphreys</i>	8/20
<i>Earma Webb</i>	8/5	<i>James Smith</i>	8/20
<i>Frank Johnson, Jr.</i>	8/6	<i>Sheila Collins</i>	8/21
<i>Edna Young</i>	8/7	<i>Glen Folks</i>	8/22
<i>James Markey</i>	8/8	<i>Joshua Smith</i>	8/22
<i>Antonija Sucur</i>	8/8	<i>Corey Benoit</i>	8/23
<i>Otis Scott</i>	8/10	<i>Robert Cannon</i>	8/23
<i>Renee Armstrong</i>	8/11	<i>Theodore Plauche</i>	8/23
<i>Carol Etienne</i>	8/11	<i>Tracy Price</i>	8/24
<i>Tony Territo, II</i>	8/11	<i>Jonathan Jackson</i>	8/25
<i>Lamar Harold</i>	8/12	<i>Alanda Russell</i>	8/26
<i>Linda Patterson</i>	8/12	<i>Eric Brooks</i>	8/27
<i>Julius Coates</i>	8/13	<i>Gennie Brooks</i>	8/27
<i>Brent Corbitt</i>	8/13	<i>Georgia Commenia</i>	8/28
<i>Joseph Nealond</i>	8/13	<i>Douglas Gray</i>	8/29
<i>Charles Salemi</i>	8/13	<i>Michael Guillory</i>	8/29
<i>Tony Huff</i>	8/14	<i>Leshny Walker</i>	8/29
<i>Patricia Collins</i>	8/15	<i>Paula Douglas</i>	8/31
<i>Tara Victorin</i>	8/15	<i>Odhon Khalmobo</i>	8/31
<i>Roy Andrews</i>	8/16		
<i>Tammy Butler</i>	8/16		
<i>Edward Helm</i>	8/16		
<i>Reginald Jones</i>	8/16		
<i>Robert Hill, Jr.</i>	8/17		
<i>Lydia Taylor</i>	8/17		
<i>John Teasley, II</i>	8/17		

