Driver named assistant manager of Mail Services

Mail Services' Anthony Driver recently was promoted from mail carrier II to assistant manager of Mail Services.

Driver joined Facilities Management in 2008 as part of Temporary Employment Services. He was then hired on as a full-time mail carrier I in 2010 and promoted to mail carrier II in 2017.

In his new position as assistant manager of Mail Services, he will oversee the delivery and pick up of US and campus mail, making sure all is delivered in a timely fashion and supporting the efforts of the other carriers within Mail Services.

He will also be responsible for billing and responding to inquiries from university personnel, students, parents and the public.

Congratulations, Anthony!

New facilities to raise campus to new heights

The academic classroom and laboratory complex will significantly alter campus at the current location of Allison Laboratory and Parker Hall, with the central dining hall providing new dining options in the center of campus and giving better and more classroom space to science studies.

Three significant facilities, including classroom and research buildings and a dining hall, are coming to Auburn University.

The academic classroom and laboratory complex, the central dining hall, the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center and the Advanced Structural Testing Laboratory are significant not just for their size – 334,500 square feet between them – but for the enormity of what they mean for academics at Auburn.

The university's Board of Trustees agreed on the final plans for each construction project at its Feb. 15 meeting at Auburn University Montgomery.

The academic classroom and laboratory complex, or ACLC, will increase the existing state-of-the-art classroom and laboratory inventory that started with construction of the Mell Classroom. The 151,000 square-foot facility, and a new central dining hall, will be located where Parker Hall and Allison Laboratory currently stand. The ACLC is

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On Feb. 14, FM's HR Department was host to a Heart Day event where they shared Valentine treats and heart healthy snacks with Facilities employees. From left are Michael Large, Emily Johnson and Cynthia Baccus.

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scheduled for completion in the summer of 2021.

The Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center will provide students interested in hospitality and culinary sciences with hands-on learning experiences in a teaching hotel and a teaching restaurant, as well as a range of classrooms and demonstration and food production laboratories. Construction of 142,000-square-foot facility at the corner of South College Street and East Thach Avenue will begin after a groundbreaking ceremony in April and will be complete in 2021.

The Advanced Structural Testing Laboratory will be a 41,500-square-foot facility, boosting a high bay laboratory with specially engineered floors and walls capable of handling extreme structural testing loads; a geotechnical test chamber; a concrete materials research and testing laboratory; a wind testing facility and faculty and graduate student spaces.

The Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center will provide students with a unique educational experience, complete with culinary laboratories, a AAA Five Diamond hotel and a teaching restaurant.

The new Advanced Structural Testing Laboratory will help boost Auburn's structural engineering research and instruction, and will be located near Facilities Management on West Samford Avenue.

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Waste audit conducted on Draughon Library

Facilities Management's Waste Reduction and Recycling and the Office of Sustainability teamed together recently to conduct a waste audit of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library.

Students and staff got down and dirty with more than 250 pounds of garbage collected from the library to record and analyze what was thrown away that could be recycled and what couldn't.

"A waste audit is a method of determining how much paper, food and other materials are discarded in the waste stream," said Joan Hicken, manager of Facilities' Waste Reduction and Recycling. "It is a hands-on activity to characterize the types and quantities of the waste generated."

Waste audits help determine what is being discarded, allowing auditors to sort the items, record what they find and analyze the results. Through the results, the recycling programs can be measured and improved to provide better effectiveness in the future.

Out of the 250 pounds of garbage, about 68 percent, or 161 pounds, was non-recyclable trash and 32 percent was recyclable items. About 16 percent of the non-recyclable trash was food waste.

"Not altogether surprising given the proliferation of on-campus dining options," Hicken said. "What the sorters did find surprising were the whole, uneaten bagels; full, sealed bags of chips, and unopened packs of cookies."

The numbers recorded were on par with what's been seen across campus in the past.

In comparison, Lowder Hall in 2018 recorded 46 percent recyclables and 54 percent trash, Broun Hall in 2017 recorded 26 percent recyclables and 74 percent trash, and Haley Center in 2016 recorded 38 percent recyclables and 62 percent trash and in 2015 recorded 36 percent recyclables and 64 percent trash.

"Having one-third of what's in the garbage able to be recycled through the current program is disappointing," Hicken said. "However, the data we gather can help us identify waste reduction strategies and recycling opportunities."

The groups will continue to host audits in efforts to help reduce the amount of waste generated by students and staff of Auburn University.

Students and staff from Waste Reduction and Recycling and the Office of Sustainability joined together to complete a waste audit of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library. In total, more than 250 pounds of garbage collected, 68 percent was considered non-recyclable trash and 32 percent was recyclable.

Facilities collecting items, donations for storm victims

Members of Facilities have begun collecting items to support university families and others affected by tornadoes that ravaged Lee County on Sunday, March 3.

Currently being asked for are:
• Bottled water,
• Diapers,
• Baby formula,
• Baby wipes,
• Trash bags,
• Packaged foods,
• Hygiene products,
• And work gloves.

These items will only be collected this week.

Used clothing will not be accepted.

All donated items should be taken to the Foy Desk in the Student Center, the Burton Hall conference room or the Facilities' Building Six. Facilities Management will deliver the items to the Lee County Emergency Management Agency at the end of the week.

As reported by the National Weather Service in Birmingham on Monday, the Lee County tornado was an EF4, the second highest intensity allowed by the Enhanced Fujita scale, with winds between 166 and 200 mph. It was the strongest US tornado recorded in two years.

Several houses and businesses were completely demolished as the tornado carved a path through Beauregard and Lee County. More than 23 were confirmed dead as members of Auburn University and local officials joined with groups like Verizon and the American Red Cross to provide support to those affected.

Relief agencies from across the country descended upon the area to help provide relief while Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey signed an expedited major disaster declaration request for immediate assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Several Auburn athletic groups have worked alongside university groups in a variety of capacities, and the city of Tuscaloosa has offered their support and condolences.