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Burmester named University Transportation Engineer

Former Auburn University Campus Planner Ben Burmester was recently named University Transportation and Site Engineer, the first of its kind at the university.

In this position, Burmester will be responsible for assessing, managing, planning and designing the campus' physical transportation infrastructure, including roadways, bicycle paths, sidewalks, traffic signals and parking. In addition, he will also oversee other site planning initiatives such as ensuring compliance with the university's stormwater management design standards.

"Ben was chosen for this position based on his ongoing work in campus planning at the university and his previous dealings with several local and state traffic enforcement agencies made him an ideal candidate for the newly-created position," said Simon Yendle, Auburn University architect.

Burmester's work in campus planning

at the university and his previous dealings with several local and state traffic groups made him an ideal candidate for the newly created position

"I felt this position was needed because we deal with a large number of traffic and transportation-related issues involving the university units, the city of Auburn, Lee County and ALDOT," said Dan King, associate vice president of Facilities Management. "To have one person designated as the university lead for all those issues will help us work better with those various groups to forge solutions to our common traffic and transportation challenges."

Burmester joined Facilities Management in 2013 as a campus planner after previously working as a consulting civil engineer at Sain Associates Inc. in Birmingham.

He graduated from Auburn in 2007 with a bachelor's in civil engineering. He then went on to earn a master's of civil engineering from the University

of Florida and is currently a doctoral candidate in civil engineering at Auburn.

Burmester is a registered professional engineer in the state of Alabama and is a LEED Accredited Professional.



Ben Burmester

Throwdown before Touchdowns brings food and fun

Facilities employees celebrated the football season with a Throwdown before the Touchdowns tailgating event coordinated by FM Human Resources on Friday, Sept. 27.

Participating in the event were Financial Services, Facilities Human Resources, Zones 3 and 4, Information Technology, Office of the University Architect, Zones 1 and 2, Campus Services, Utilities and Energy, Communications, and Construction Management & Client Relations. Each group was judged on their presentation and the foods provided.

Construction Management & Client Relations won best overall participation, Zones 3 and 4 won best food, and Campus Services won best overall tailgate.

Pictures from the event will continue on pages three and four. Thank you for all who participated!



Elaborate designs, delicious food and friendly faces were all part of the experience of Throwdown before the Touchdowns. From left are Denise Roebuck and Julie Rice at the Construction Management & Client Relations booth.

September News Briefs

Safety Committee announces new members

The Facilities Management Safety Committee is ready to tackle safety concerns and promote a safe work environment for another year with several new faces on the roster.

The committee added 10 new members for the 2019-20 year, replacing eight who stepped off. New to the committee are:

- From Maintenance, Charles Maddox, Danny Bentley, Garrett Nixon, Cedric Patterson and Ronnie Ward.
- From Landscape Services, Wes Miller.
- From Campus Services, Nolan Torbert

and Cort Fisher.

- From Construction Management, David Johnson.

- From Human Resources, Financial and Office of Information Technology, Shanda Foster.

The new committee members replace Travis Herrmann, Ray Hornsby, Junior Decker, Steven Johnston, Jenna Morgan, Daniel Clarke and Lisa Martin.

Returning members are Dan King, Margaret Smith, Chase Kilpatrick, Carderian Williams and Anthony Driver.

The mission of the Facilities

Management Safety Committee is to develop and promote a healthy and safe work environment for all employees and visitors to our facilities through the involvement of all individuals with regards to education, communication and safe work practices.

In addition to this primary mission, the Safety Committee encourages all employees to participate in the safety process for the betterment of all concerned. The personal safety and health of each Facilities employee is of primary importance.

eSight Energy Dashboard in use at Facilities

Utilities and Energy recently began utilizing the eSight Energy Dashboard to better monitor the utilities being used at all levels of the university.

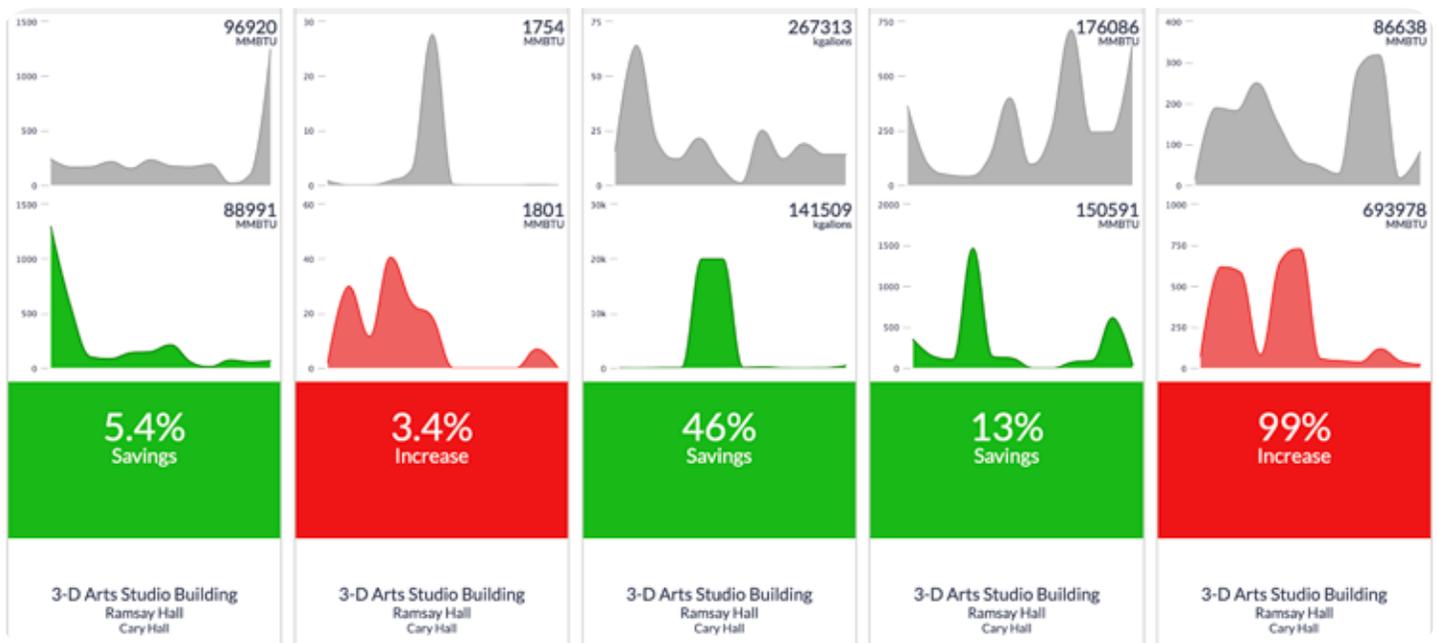
Created by eSightenergy, eSight allows users and administrators real-time access to a variety of data that shows resources being used at multiple levels.

Through intuitive dashboards, eSight shows electricity and water uses, even splitting water into chilled and hot usage.

“eSight is an Energy Dashboard system that people can access from the internet,” said Ken Martin, director of Utilities and Energy. “We are putting in a new Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) System

but it is in progress. We currently have an AMR system but are changing it out to one that we believe will be more reliable.”

The new system should allow for better retrieval of utility meter information, which will in turn allow eSight to provide a more comprehensive view of the university’s energy use.



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Campus Services were named the best overall tailgate during the Throwdown before the Touchdowns on Friday. From left, from Campus Services, are Laurie Hanson, Haiden Boyles, Aubie and Dee Sneed.



At left, George Kirkpatrick runs the booth for Zones 1 and 2, and, at right, Brad Prater hits the spread for the Office of the University Architect.



At left, Shane Johnson, Cedric Patterson, Rusty Prescott and Nathaniel Evans work with sausage and ribs at the booth for Zones 3 and 4 and, at right, Sarah McCollough and Martha Gentry work the booth inside for Communications.



At left, from left, Christy Kimbrough, Loren Allday, Kathleen Jones, Karen Whitehead, Laurie Pearce and Emily Johnson work the booth for Facilities Human Resources, and, at right, Brandon Morrell and Arlin Spraggins enjoy the Utilities and Energy booth.