

First Quarterly Issue

This newsletter is our first attempt at a quarterly update for all Wick goings-on. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for improvement or would like to be a contributor in the future.

FEATURED PROJECT

It's finally clean and punch time on the **Medical/Dental Clinic at the Everett Naval Station**. Turnover of this building to the Navy is a highly anticipated event — especially for the medical and dental folks, who have waited more than three years for their new digs. At nearly 30,000 ft² (2,788 m²), this spacious clinic was intended to be the crowning jewel of the Station.

When Wick took over this contract from the original GC who had defaulted, we took on a partially completed building that sat for eight months with tarps and visqueen fighting back the elements.

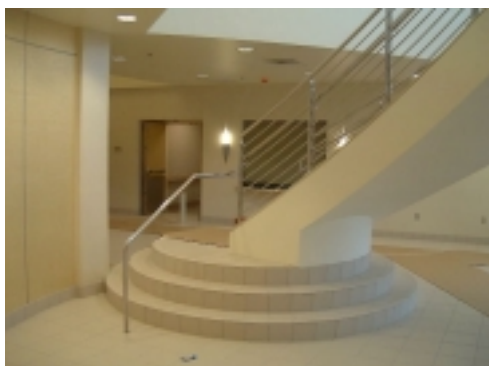


After taking over the project, Wick had to address concerns about drywall moisture content,

birds living in the attic spaces and ductwork, the quality and conformance of the work already put in place, et cetera. Sorting through the other contractor's files and piecing together the history of the job was a minor challenge that was expected, but other problems arose that were not foreseen.

Nearly all of the 160 hollow metal door frames were so poorly installed as to require sledgehammers to help bring jambs into proper position, and a lot of extra time was spent with the doors to get a decent fit. 90% of the sprinkler system was already in place with pipes sized for light hazard — the Navy's final decision that required

us to upsize the pipes to ordinary hazard didn't come until after all the ceiling grid and tile was



installed. Slabs had been poured with little concern for flatness, thus many thousands of

dollars were spent on self-leveling underlayment. Many partition walls at the offices and exam rooms were not framed plumb or square to each other.

Despite all the challenges and peculiarities of the job, several of which are not mentioned here, we've managed to iron out the kinks and provide a satisfactory product. A week or two more to finish the composite panels and punch out is all that's left.



Look for us to wrap up the loose ends in April.

*Project Team: Joe Defronzo, Superintendent
Miles Haupt, Sr. Project Manager
Ian O'Reilly, Q.C. Manager
(and contributor of this article)*

ONGOING PROJECTS

- **Pierce County Environmental Services Office Building (PCESB) University Place (near Tacoma), WA**

This \$10+ million project consists of a two story, 50,000 SF office building with structural architectural concrete superstructure, hollow planks for floor and roof structures, raised access flooring, two stories of exterior curtain wall, and a white fabric (believe it or not) ceiling system. This contract also includes a 6,500 SF detached support building and extensive site improvements — not tough considering it used to be a gravel pit.

The site improvements add two new ballfields and a concession/restroom building for public use, along with a site drainage system comprised of



multiple collection ponds feeding each other with their source being the rainwater collected from the main building roof.

Environmental Services Building, continued . . .

The construction team – superintendent, Kevin McClay, assistant superintendent, Ed Kossow, project engineer, Nate Kirstein, project manager (and contributor of this article), Shane Woytko, administrative assistant, Kelly Connolly, and senior project manager, Miles Haupt – have worked very hard to bring this very unique and complex building in on schedule. The project will be complete by 08/03/02.

• **Greenwood Elementary School, Seattle**

This is an \$11 million, 60,000 SF rebuild for the Seattle School District. The project includes complete demolition of an existing three story building from 1912, along with the existing boiler room, underground storage tank and miscellaneous site buildings. Wick has completely gutted the 24,000 SF existing main building built in 1909, and is in the process of putting it back together to support the library, main offices, and classrooms. The new construction of 36,000 SF includes upgrades such as a gym, stage, auditorium, childcare facility and covered play area, along with two new three story buildings for classrooms. The site also has some significant changes with the addition of a playfield, bus drop-off, parking lot and a relocated play areas. As we approach the finish stages of the project, we encourage all to stop by and see the progress made as we prepare the school to be open for classes next year.



*This job is being run by:
Superintendents, Dan Kirkland & Bill Wisham
Sr. Project Manager, Terry Lavin
Project Engineer, Ryan Rudolph
(contributor of this article)
and Admin. Assistant, Kelly Connolly*

• **New Federal Way High School**

Work on this \$25 million, 160,000 SF project started in mid-February. By our next issue, we should have substantial progress to report on the new Federal Way High School, and its team:
*Roy Brown, Superintendent
Dana Malek, General Foreman
Steve Hansen, Sr. Project Manager
Nate Kirstein, Project Engineer*

Site view, 04/09/02



Forming retaining wall footings, 04/09/02



Other progress as of 04/11/02



ACCOUNTING NEWS

A lot of changes have occurred in the Accounting Department and we thought it would be helpful to let everyone know who is who and who does what in this so very fascinating area of the company! If you survived that mangled sentence, read on!

Congratulations go out to Laura Rupert who now serves as our Controller since David Shadle's departure. We will miss David, but are very happy to be in Laura's capable hands. Laura's claim to fame is that she "once checked into a hotel in Roseburg, OR, and Hal Linden was checking in at the same time. He didn't understand what 'snow tires required' meant." If you know who Hal Linden is, or remember "Barney Miller" you will definitely be dating yourself!

Accounting News, continued . . .

We will soon be saying goodbye to LaTasha Carter who has been serving in the capacity of Payroll Specialist. As Laura says, Tasha “has been a huge help to us with Bidtek, year end tax returns and the year end audit,” however, she has decided that coming back to work for us a third time was the charm, and needs to find work closer to home in Tacoma. Tasha’s claim to fame puts the rest of us to shame. She actually met and had a conversation with Shaq. Yes, THE Shaq. You can always ask her about it if you don’t believe, but you’ll have to do it before May 3rd when she leaves us.

On April 29th, Kristin Betancourt, who was previously our Accounting Assistant, will step into the role of Payroll Specialist. Tasha is training her now and all your payroll questions and concerns can be addressed to Kristin. Kristin’s claim to fame is that she went on a cruise with Cindy Reinhart, soap queen of Northwest Afternoon.

Kathie Wood is our Qwest Project Accountant, well loved by all those in our company who work on Qwest jobs! Kathie’s claim to fame came last summer when, “My husband and I saw Elvis Presley live and in concert...at the Tour D’ Terrace, in Mountlake Terrace.” Hmm, what else were you doing, Kathie?

Maria Christensen serves as Accounts Payable Specialist, which is a fancy way of saying she pays the bills. If you have questions about invoices, PO’s and expense reimbursements, ask her. She also moonlights as a freelance writer, and judging from this little piece you can see why it is a part-time endeavor! Maria’s previous claims to fame are null and void since she now knows someone who met Shaq.

That is it for the personalities behind the phone calls and emails in Accounting. If you have questions or concerns for us, we are only a phone call or email away.



Maria, Laura, Kathie, Kristin, and LaTasha

Bidding Activities

Current upcoming bids:

- 04/23/02, 2:00 p.m. – New Middle School No. 11, Tacoma, WA
- 04/23/02, 3:00 p.m. – Lake Washington Technical College, Phase IIIA, Kirkland, WA
- 04/24/02, 2:00 p.m. – Mariner High School, Everett, WA

“New” Employees (and Role Changes):

- Kristin Betancourt, New Payroll Specialist
- Brent Buzard, Insurance Consulting and Estimating
- Bill Wisham, Superintendent



Kelly Connolly and Nicole Batchelor – in action at the fax machines.

Birthdays

- April: Hal Eaton – 04/01 (Qwest)
Aaron Olson – 04/10 (Qwest)
Janie Ross-Johnson – 04/10 (Office)
Ian O’Reilly – 04/25 (Job 690)
Brent Buzard – 04/25 (Office)
Craig Bevers – 04/25 (Job 688)
Robert Kilbury – 04/01 (Job 685)
- May: Dale King – 05/01
Joe Defronzo – 5/01 (Job 690)
Nicole Batchelor – 05/06 (Office)
Douglas Whitted – 05/10 (Job 685)
Guy McVey – 05/19 (Fairbanks)
Robert Clark – 05/23 (Job 691)
Karen Moon – 05/23 (Office)
Joseph Malloy – 05/11 (Job 688)
Craig Jensen – 05/11 (Job 688)
- June: Kelly Connolly – 06/17 (Office)
Michael Drake – 06/25 (Qwest)
Jack Seip – 06/26 (Office)
Maria Christensen – 06/27 (Office)
David Pitt – 06/27 (Office)
Ryan Rudolph – 06/27 (Office/688)

Wick Anniversaries

- April – Dale King – 11 years
June – Bruce Myers – 24 years

Topics for Future Issues

- Qwest Project Report
- Insurance/Consulting Report
- Safety Update
- ‘Action’ Photos from Jobsites – including Wick personnel
- Your suggestions welcome!