

*The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the “boots on the ground” for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. **Thank you for everything you do.** – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management*

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The restoration of the Taylor Education Building (constructed 1930) cupola is nearly complete. **FM's Planning Design and Construction** has overseen the very detailed effort to carefully restore the cupola. The nearly \$2 million project is one of several recently completed or currently underway that focus on historic campus buildings. The work on the cupola focused on historical restoration and preservation while other aspects of the project were focused on modernization and updating building systems and classroom capabilities.



On Monday, September 21st, the **UEM High Voltage Team**, led by **Brian Phippen** and accompanied by MCPD's **Chris Buford & Team**, successfully performed the annual test of the Patient Care (PavA) 12kV High Voltage Automatic Switchgear. The testing procedure simulates outages from all three substations and exercises each breaker to ensure readiness in case of an outage. Left, **Brian Bayer** racking out the spare breaker. Right, **Brian Phippen, Ron Mercer, and Mark Bond** reviewing switchgear controls.



Wayback Wednesday – Clifton Pond and Tug-of-War

Yesterday being the first day of fall got me thinking about some of the bygone fall traditions of our campus. One of these, the annual tug of war competition which pitted the men of the freshman class against the sophomores in a feat of strength to see who could pull who into the waters of **Clifton Pond**. The annual competition started in 1913 when Judge Barker, UK's second President, donated a large cable and suggested tug-of-war replace the more rough and tumble Flag Rush competitions that had emerged as part of the class rivalry and usually ended in an all out brawl. Though the pond is gone, the site is still very important to our campus as the home of the **W.T. Young Library**. A historical marker in the area commemorates these class competitions.