

*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*

## OUR PEOPLE.

## OUR STORIES.

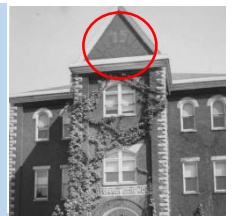


**UK Grounds** is transforming the slopes on either side of the Cooper Drive pedestrian underpass (left) to improve maintenance conditions by restoring the ecological function of the vegetation in this area. The turf grass is being replaced by native grasses and plants to create the University’s largest pollinator habitat. The deeper rooted native plants and lack of mowing will also provide erosion control improving stormwater quality and reducing run-off. Grounds is partnering with faculty from the College of Agriculture, staff from the UK Arboretum, and the Kentucky Nature Preserves on a research project to document the effectiveness of three treatments for removing the turf (fire, steam, and herbicide) and existing seedbank. Above, **Eric Kenneweg** uses a propane torch on one of the plots while **Michael Barnes** ensures the burn is contained to a very small area using a tool called a flapper.



### WayBack Wednesday – Return of the Miller Hall sunburst.

Miller Hall was constructed in 1898 as the home for the Natural Sciences at UK. The original construction included a ‘sunburst’ feature highlighting the central tower (left). The three-story building was built of pressed brick and trimmed with Bowling Green limestone, which was typical of college buildings of that time. At some point between 1898 and 1920 the sunburst was lost (top right), possibly due to a fire. Planning Design and Construction recently completed a restoration of the façade returning the sunburst and original details on the front doors (bottom right).



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