

*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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FM Electrician Pat McAlister recently noticed water in the electric room of Singletary Center (left) and sent Area 1 staff to investigate the source. Area 1 techs **Clyde Durham, Dorian Shelton, and Jefferson Wilham** did an excellent job finding, responding, and communicating quickly that the cause was a steam condensate leak in the utility tunnel under the sidewalk near the wildcat statue (right). The condensate flowed downhill from there to a high voltage vault feeding Singletary. The hot condensate water burned out the sump pump and filled the vault to the lid. It then tracked through the high voltage conduits feeding the Singletary switch gear. If left unnoticed and unaddressed the situation could have resulted in a major power outage. Utilities has pumped out the manhole and are working on repairing the line. **Good job to all involved!** – By **Krishna Hobbs**



Yesterday, **UK Grounds Arboriculture** team addressed a potential safety issue by removing dead wood from a pin oak in the W.T. Young parking lot. The tree’s health is slowly declining due to multiple factors including root and soil volume loss, previous droughts and storms. **Jason Swartz, UK’s Arborist Lead**, observed the condition of the upper canopy (left) and determined that it required immediate attention. The team worked with Transportation Services to close adjacent parking spaces which allowed for space to set up their equipment and safely perform the work. Before and after shots of the tree at right. Story idea submitted by **Tim Clark**.



Yesterday’s newsletter included a question about the odd intersection striping that has been started at Lexington and Avenue of Champions (left). A *Pedestrian Scramble* is the reason for the unusual shape. Similar to the image at right, the intersection will have a signal phase where all vehicles have red lights and pedestrians can cross the streets in any direction, including diagonally.

