

*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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Way (way) Back Wednesday: The Whitfield Stump

The “Whitfield” stump is a 300-million-year-old natural 'cast' of the stump of a fern-like tree called a Lycopod. The cast formed when sand filled in the hole left by a decayed stump and its roots. Lycopods were the most common trees in the coal-forming swamp forests of the Pennsylvanian Period. Their fossils are commonly found in both of Kentucky’s coal fields. The stump was discovered when it dropped from the roof of the Clover Fork Coal Co. in Kitts, KY. The fossil was given to the University by George Whitfield, manager of the coal company, in 1961 (left). In 2017, the stump was moved from the lawn of Whitehall to the Mining and Minerals Resources Building (right).



Did You Know?

A special series this week in honor of the 51st Earth Day (April 22, 2021)

Did you know that UK **Facilities Management Grounds Department** includes a professional arborist team that is responsible for the care of the more than 14,000 trees? Over the past few years, this team has built up the equipment needed to manage of our campus forest with the safety of our community and health of the trees as top priorities. With this many trees, and the growth of the campus, it is inevitable that sometimes trees die, are damaged, or have to be removed. Last year, the team added a portable sawmill to their arsenal which allows trees that have to be removed to be milled onsite into lumber that can be made available for campus projects (left). The live edge oak benches in the Gatton Student Center (right) were the first example of the reuse of lumber from campus trees, although these were milled at the UK Wood Utilization Center.



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WEAR A MASK



WASH YOUR HANDS



PHYSICAL DISTANCE



DAILY SCREENING

