

*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.**



**Wayback Wednesday – Mechanical Engineering Building**

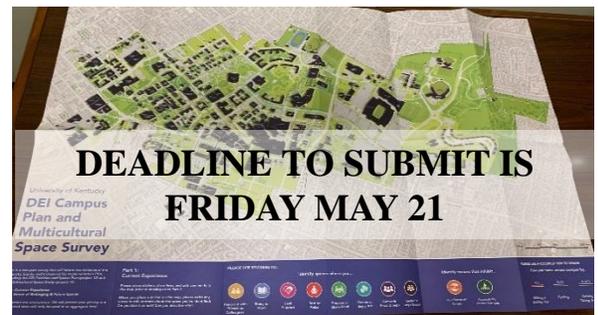
Today’s trip in the time machine takes us way, way back to when the University was still named the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky (1866-1878). It is also a nice tie-in to the story below. In the University’s earliest years, a Pennsylvanian by the name of G.W.N. Yost asked A&M College to test the mowing machine he invented. The \$25,000 received from this service allowed a building for mechanical engineering (left) to be constructed near Henry Clay’s former home at Ashland in 1868.



Fast forward 153 years and we find **UK Grounds** testing their new mowing machine. At right, **UK Grounds Supervisor Brett Long** take the new 96” Xmark mower through the turns on its inaugural assignment on the main lawn with **John Duquette (Garage)** and **Jerry Hart (Grounds)** standby to observe document performance. The new mower has impressive capacity with mow speeds of over 12 mph enabling our team to mow nearly 10 acres per hour. The equipment investment is providing immediate returns and has reduced the mow time for the main lawn by 33%. The mower will be used in large turf areas including the new green planned for the former Kirwan Blanding site.

Hardcopies of the **Diversity Equity and Inclusion Campus Plan and Multicultural Space Survey** are available from your supervisor.

We know that every student, staff, and faculty member experiences our campus from their own unique perspective and we want to know about your experience. The results of the survey will help shape the DEI Facilities and Spaces Plan as part of UK’s commitment to a campus that is welcoming for all. The hard copy is a two-sided fold out with questions on one side and map that can be marked up to reflect your experience on the other. Please plan to take a few minutes this week to complete the Survey. Completed surveys should be placed in drop boxes located in these seven locations by end of day Friday (May 21):



- Peterson Service Bldg, front entrance
- White Hall, Area Maintenance
- WT Young, circulation desk area
- AG North, John Gambill’s office area
- Student Center, staff break area
- Kelly Building
- Grounds Greenhouse