Construction Highlights

PAC Entrance and Concourse Leak Repair
Many repairs to the pavements and drainage on the north end of the main quad will be finishing up this fall. The $2M endeavor will complete a much needed facelift to the PAC tear drop entry as well repair over 40 water leaks in the underground spaces and tunnels between PAC, Brookens and HSB. New planter beds outside of Brookens will also welcome the addition of native sustainable plant material to the quad. In addition, a vegetated roof has been installed on the roof of the new PAC teardrop entrance. It can be easily viewed from the sidewalk on the north end of the quad as you overlook the teardrop drive below and all are welcome to stop by to see the variety of sedums and other plant material that thrive in Central Illinois.

PAC Fire Alarm Upgrade We have reached the 99% completion mark on this project! Comprehensive testing of the building alarm system took place on October 1 and we’re very happy to say that this state of the art modern fire detection and warning system is operational.

Bryan Rives, Director of Performing Arts Services, shared a video with us of the fire alarm test as it occurred in the Sangamon Auditorium (see link below). You will notice it begins with the auditorium in the dark to simulate a show in progress. When the alarm system is activated, the system turns on the house lights, the strobe lights, and the audible alerts comprised of horns and verbal instructions for evacuation.

Link to Fire Alarm Test in Sangamon Auditorium video
Super cool video! Thank you for sharing, Bryan!

**Public Safety Building**  Chancellor Whitney continues to engage state legislators to release funding for the construction of the Public Safety Building. Designed and ready for construction, the Public Safety Building will be sited west of TRAC on the northwest corner of University Drive and Eliza Farnham Drive. The 10,045 square foot facility will be the new home of the UIS Police Department and also include meeting space to continue to develop collaborative programs with the community and host outreach and training programs for the campus community and surrounding communities.

**Student Union Sculpture**  The university will be repairing the three metal sculptures on the south end of the quad outside of the Student Union named **Obstruction Reflection Transition.** Unfortunately the colored stripes have started to delaminate off the metal and the repairs are necessary to preserve the art. The work should be completed and the art placed back along the infinity path in the spring.

**New Faces in F&S**  Please welcome Kaden Keran and Christopher Stege to our BSW crew!

You will see Kaden cleaning the 2nd floor of UHB Sunday-Thursday from 6am-2pm, and Christopher will be on campus Tuesday-Saturday from 2pm-10pm to clean HRB, the Police Department building, and the Maintenance Shop.

**Building Engineers**  Our Building Engineers have been hard at work getting the building systems programmed, tested, and ready for the cold weather! This time of year is always busy for this crew as they work to respond to the many heating and cooling calls we receive as a result of the fluctuating outside temperatures. They have also been occupied with removing and reinstalling a 100 gallon...
domestic water heater in HSB, working with contractors and our campus partners on the PAC Fire Alarm project, and completing extra filter changes campus wide.

**Grounds**

Our beloved Koi were reintroduced to their refurbished pond on September 29. We did a redesign on the stream to make the skimmer function better, and we installed a new biological filtration system with a UV clarifier to reduce algae growth in the pond for clearer water. New plantings will be installed in the coming weeks to finish up the project.

**Motor Pool**

UIS Motor Pool has sedans, minivans, and 12-passenger vans on hand to rent. Vehicles are available on a first-come-first-served basis to UIS employees for official campus business. Please visit our F&S Motor Pool website for more information or give us a call at (217) 206-6531.

Do you have questions about current UIS COVID-19 mitigation guidelines regarding travel and the use of university vehicles? Answers can be found in the Guidance for University-Related Travel During a Pandemic.

**Parking Operations**

**PERKS (Personal Exclusive Reserved “Kar” Space)** Please don’t park in a PERKS if it is not yours. These reserved spaces are purchased by individuals and it is their parking space. Unauthorized vehicles parking in a PERKS are subject to ticketing and being towed.

**Hang Tag Pickup** If you purchased a parking permit and have not yet picked it up, please contact the Parking Operations office at (217) 206-8502 or email parking@uis.edu to schedule a time to get your parking hang tag. Please make sure to schedule an appointment as soon as you have purchased the parking permit, as vehicles parked in specific lots without a valid permit are subject to a parking violation.

**Performing Arts Center Event Parking** – Students and employees with a valid and displayed UIS parking hangtag park for “free” during events! During large performances at the UIS Performing Arts Center, an Event Parking Service is set up and operated out of lots E, D, C-south and C-north. Lot attendants collect a parking fee from visitors attending Performing Arts Center performances, but UIS parking hang tags for these lots are honored and hang tag holders
will not pay an additional event fee. PERKS holders will be able to park in their designated spots, but other parkers will need to follow the attendant instructions about which space to use in order to facilitate flow in and out of the lots.

**Fun Fact!**

Did you know the university’s BSWs empty over 2,000 trash cans and clean a little over 400 public toilets daily on campus? Now that is a lot of “dumping”!

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