

Customer Update

Virginia Tech Facilities

A bulletin for Facilities' customers

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Capital Design and Construction



Life Sciences-I Building

- ◆ The new Life Sciences-I building has broken ground. Located on Washington Street adjacent to Litton Reaves Hall, the 3-story building is approximately 72,000 GSF and will house biological research laboratories, lab support rooms and offices. The Life Sciences-I building is anticipated to be substantially complete by July 2007.
- ◆ “Bridging Documents” for the Surge Space building are nearing completion and the Request for Proposal (RFP) is slated to go out to the three pre-qualified bidders by the middle of December. This project will utilize the Design/Build delivery method, a first for the Capital Design & Construction Department. The Surge Space building should be available for occupancy in January 2007.
- ◆ The newest engineering building, known as ICTAS-I is slated to go out to bid in January 2006 after a Working Drawing phase review by the Bureau of Capital Outlay Management (BCOM). The 4-story, 98,000 GSF, engineering research laboratory building will be located at the corner of Turner and Stanger Streets and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2008.

Physical Plant Operations (PPO)

- ◆ The roof replacement project for Ambler-Johnston Hall has been completed. Roof replacement projects currently planned for Summer 2006 include

Engel Hall, portions of Pritchard Hall, and Slusher Hall.

- ◆ The roof on the bridge between Pamplin and Robeson Halls will also be replaced as soon as weather allows.
- ◆ The time of year when inclement weather can cause problems with university operations is fast approaching. Physical Plant is making preparations to deal with any inclement weather that may occur. It is suggested that all members of the university community take time now to plan for transportation needs in the event of inclement weather and review the campus snow emergency routes. Personal vehicles may not be left on snow emergency routes during a declared emergency.

Utilities

Virginia Tech Electric Service (VTES)

- ◆ VTES has received the eight new S&C switches to replace the 12 kV switchgear in the Wallace Hall and Derring Hall electrical switch vaults. These vaults are being elevated above ground to improve system reliability.
- ◆ Service has been provided to the Clay Court on Main Street in the Town of Blacksburg. The facility has apartments and commercial establishments for a total of 20 new accounts.
- ◆ New university standard design “Hokie” style lights were installed at the new parking lot at the VTES facility.



“Hokie” Lights at VTES

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Mechanical Utilities



New Chiller

- ◆ The Chiller Plant Expansion project is continuing. The new chillers were received and placed in the buildings the latter part of October.



New Sanitary Sewer Project

- ◆ Mechanical Utilities completed the new sanitary sewer project at the Virginia Tech Golf Course. This new line will be owned by the Sanitation Authority once the Town of Blacksburg completes their portion of the line across Price's Fork Road.
- ◆ Other projects completed by Mechanical Utilities include water and sewer for the Peggy Hahn Pavilion, new water service to the Life Sciences-I building, and storm water improvements for the Litton-Reaves Hall parking lot.

Central Steam Plant

- ◆ The temporary boiler has arrived on site for another season and is in the process of being installed.
- ◆ The Central Steam Plant is also continuing the installation of an air sweep system to replace the bin hopper vibrators on the scrubber and baghouse. This will result in less damage on the hoppers and improve the removal of lime from the individual hoppers in addition to being quieter than the previous lime transport system.

Campus Renovation Services (CRS)

- ◆ As the university completed The Inn at Virginia Tech, the Skelton Conference Center, and the Holtzman Alumni Center, the Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center along with the third and fourth floors of the Alumni Hall facility undertook a conversion from hotel use to residence hall use for Student Programs. The work, which started July 1, 2005, involved mainly room modifications to accommodate housing of graduate students.
- ◆ A Certificate of Use and Occupancy was granted by BCOM in time for the August 13th scheduled move-in.

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- ◆ The Graduate Life Center was relocated from Sandy Hall to Donaldson Brown and renamed the Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown. Phase I of this relocation involved making minor modifications to conference rooms on the first floor, painting, re-carpeting, and providing a computer lab.
- ◆ Campus Renovation Service is currently working with the Capital Design and Construction Department to complete Phase II of the Graduate Life Center during the summer of 2006.



Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown