

Facilities Management

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Inclement Weather

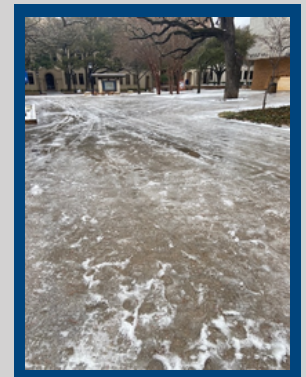
Icy, cold weather caused campus to close in early February and OFM staff were ready to ensure student safety.

As reported by the Shorthorn, Jeff Johnson said they have a dedicated staff that has to "adapt very quickly to situations." Whether out at dinner or the movies, OFM staff have to be ready to go at a moment's notice in emergency situations. Over the years, they have honed their skills and have learned to stay ahead of problems to prepare for any situation.

During chilly weather, the thermal energy plant keeps the campus warm. Steam boilers are one of the largest heating systems, said Robb Chock, mechanical and energy operations director. The steam boilers keep buildings like the University Center and the new School of Social Work and Smart Hospital heated between 68 and 72 degrees, Chock said. Gas and electric furnaces heat up smaller buildings and residence halls.

Several staff stayed on campus or in close proximity to be able to assist around the clock. Their days started in the early hours with below freezing temperatures to prepare walkways for students to get to dining facilities.

Hats off to our staff who went beyond the call of duty . The rest of us appreciate you, more than you know!



-Photos of campus during the inclement weather event.

Work Wear Shoemobile

Facilities Management employees participated in the Work Wear Mobile Shoe event on January 20 and 23.

Over 70 employees were provided safety shoes! This was part of RAP Funds.

-Auxiliary Operations & Logistics Team



-Photos of a few OFM Staff selecting safety work boots or shoes.

UTA Career Center

The UTA Career Center has gone through rebranding! New paint, new signage, wood slat accent wall, and new furniture added to existing furniture and reconfigured for a more welcoming appearance and ADA seating.

-Institutional Construction Team



-Photo of the Career Center after the rebranding.

Life Science Project Update

Programming for the Life Science project has been completed and the first schematic design workshop was conducted on Friday, 2/10.

The Schematic Design Workshop provided options on building appearance for discussion.

-Capital Projects Team

The Heights on Pecan Winterized



-Photo of OFM staff member and the enclosed area at the HOP.

Housing Maintenance Staff worked to winterize the parking garages at the Heights on Pecan (HOP) apartments as freezing temperatures approached DFW. The hard work paid off! The HOP didn't experience any freeze issues.

-Auxiliary Operations & Logistics Team

UT System's Safety Through Exemplary Performance (STEP) Award

Turner's Project Safety Coordinator for the SSW & Smart Hospital, Jose Martinez, with support from UTA's Senior Project Manager, David Pinto, was awarded UT System's Silver STEP Award. The award exemplifies the efforts of the team to ensure a healthy and safe work environment.

-Capital Projects Team

Nedderman Hall Labs

The lab received a new store front door, new carpeting and repurposed table tops and chairs. Lab 132 is pending approval for a wall removal.

- Maintenance Operations & Special Projects Team

Office of Student Accounts

The Office of Student Accounts was remodeled as it was outdated and lacked the ability to provide top tier customer service to our campus.

Student Money Management has moved to the same space which improves customer service, coordination, and cross training of staff and student workers and increased visibility and better exposure to our students of Student Money Management.

-Ehren Wixson

Assistant VP

Business Services



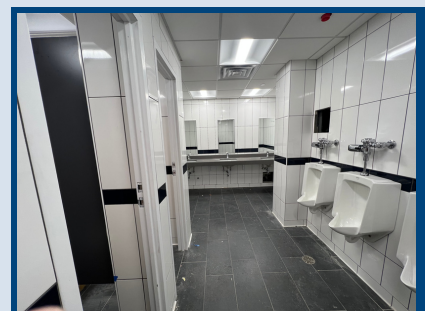
-Photo of the Student Accounts area after the remodel.

-Institutional Construction Team

Pickard Hall Restrooms Renovations

The men's and women's restroom on the first floor of Pickard Hall have been updated. The new lighting and large, light colored tiles help to brighten up the space. In-house crews installed fixtures and partitions for added privacy. The restrooms on the 2nd floor are next to receive similar updates.

- Maintenance Operations & Special Projects Team



-Photo of the Men's restroom after the renovation.