

Staying Connected with Campus Services

These days it seems time is passing at a different pace. It's reassuring to notice the typical start and stop arrival of spring. Take a moment to notice and enjoy.

During these uncertain times, please know there are many community resources available. Check out Upper Valley Strong, call 211 from NH or VT for United Way-sponsored help lines, or view Dartmouth's COVID-19 website. Remember, you are a vital member of the Campus Services team.



Through an Arborist's Lens



Brian Beaty, the College Arborist, is traveling weekly into Hanover to take a few photos of trees on campus as they open for spring. He has a real eye for beauty. This is the bud on a balsam poplar.

West End Construction Continues

Construction work on the Center for Engineering & Computer Science building and the Irving Institute is ongoing, although at a slightly slower pace than earlier in the year.

A number of safety protocols have been put in place to prevent transfer of the COVID-19 coronavirus, including mandatory facemasks, delivery of lunches from local restaurants so workers stay on-site, daily temperature checks by an on-site nurse, and installation of a bathroom trailer with running water for better handwashing. Laborers have also been added to constantly disinfect working areas in the construction office and field facilities.

At the Irving Institute concrete is being poured to finish the building's foundation, after which the steel structure will be assembled. Demolition and remediation of Murdough, which will abut the Institute on two sides, is almost complete.

At the Center for Engineering & Computer Science, assembly of the steel structure is now obvious. The below-ground parking lot floors are being decked with concrete slabs, and steel columns and horizontal beams are being assembled above-ground for the second and third floors, as shown in the photo below. The topping off of the steel structure is expected to take place in June.



Implementing a Space Database

A project team in CS Technology Services is making good progress to implement the Planon Space Management system with scheduled go-live in the fall. At that time, the current Centerstone system will be decommissioned.

Once it's in use, Planon Space Management will be the College's central repository for all space data related to indoor and outdoor spaces, floor areas, CAD drawings, departments, and people. The system is heavily used by the planning office to support space-related decisions across campus, and will be used by the Office of Sponsored Research for their indirect cost proposal. One of the main users of the system, Bruce DeRosia from Geisel, wrote, "The entire [project] team is very helpful and responsive. Jennifer Fullerton and I have weekly calls to discuss the Medical School needs and I have found her to be a valuable asset. Jennifer is intelligent and works hard to be an advocate for me when I am not able to be at the table."

Interesting 3D Printed Aid



Thanks to Todd MacKenzie in ITC who has been using a 3D printer to make 'ear savers' that reduce ear pain caused by wearing a mask for long periods of time. He's been making and donating these to the '53 Commons dining staff who wear masks most of the day. The staff are "super grateful and have asked for more if he can create them."