

Staying Connected with Campus Services

How can these weekly Campus Services newsletters be improved? Do they cover the right topics? Are the articles too in-depth or not in-depth enough? What information would you like to hear about? Please send your much-appreciated ideas to lisa.celone@dartmouth.edu. Meanwhile, let's welcome the undergraduate students back next week with friendly greetings and big smiles. They'll love it.



New Squash Courts

When they resume post-pandemic play, Dartmouth's nationally ranked Squash team will play on newly renovated courts. Project Manager Todd Thompson described the courts' history.



New squash court lobby

"The original plaster courts were created in 1984 when the Berry Sports center was built and replaced 8 years later to conform with new international squash size standards. That renovation used an acrylic panel wall system that allowed for faster ball speed and more generous rebounds. Over time, however, squash has moved to a new sand-filled wall system manufactured in Germany by ASB. This wall system more closely resembles the original plaster finished courts with their slower ball speed and more tactical playing style. We adopted this system with the latest renovation in order to remain competitive in Ivy League play.

The wall panels and glass back wall were premanufactured in Europe and shipped in open-topped containers across the Atlantic. While the materials arrived in April during the beginning of the pandemic, the German install team was prohibited from traveling until August. We resumed work in early September and just completed the wood floor installation before the new year.

Many thanks go to Squash Coach Hansi Wiens, Associate Athletic Director Richard Whitmore, and the DCAD staff. Every shop in FO&M played a role as we dealt with the surprises that renovations offer, with special thanks to the carpenters who laid out and reinstalled 70 years of team photos and awards."

Change in Testing Venue & Shuttles

Effective Monday, Jan. 25, asymptomatic covid-19 testing for students and employees will move back to Thompson Arena. To support those who need regular testing, Advanced Transit is adding a mid-day bus to the Dartmouth Downtown Shuttle route which stops at Thompson Lot. This additional bus will run Jan. 25 - Mar. 17 on the following weekday schedule:

- 7am – 10am: 10-minute service
- 10am-3pm: 15-minute service
- 3pm-7pm: 10-minute service

Work Begins to Replace FAMIS

Our CS Technology Services team is making good progress to implement Planon, an Integrated Workplace Management System (IWMS) that will support facilities management, space planning, and real estate management across the college. The system is considered "integrated" because multiple modules share a single software platform with shared data, sign-on, formatting, etc., making it easy for the end-user to seamlessly work across the various modules.

After an extensive review of IWMS vendors, Planon was selected as our strategic partner in 2017. The Real Estate module went live in 2019, replacing the former Yardi system. In Oct. 2020, the Campus Planning office began using Planon's Space Management module which replaced Centerstone.

Work begins this month on implementing the Facilities Maintenance module to replace FAMIS. This will be an exciting new system for FO&M employees and building managers across campus as it will greatly improve the processing of service requests, provide hand-held devices for facilities workers, and enhance reporting.

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