



Southwestern Recap for March 1 , 2015

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Message from the Director

During February, we had what I hope was our winter, with warm temperatures as we begin March. There were events on campus from all quarters including a piano festival, a swim day at the pool for the Rec Center, music workshops, and Explore More Day. The Lady Builders, of course, continued their success. While these and many other events went on along with the regular business of learning, we enjoyed some cold temperatures along with two snow events.

Our Sodexo Energy team met with the Administration in order to prepare a list of projects that the College might undertake.

In the service world, Rod Baker, our Sodexo plumber, won an award from our local district for his outstanding work in the installation of new high efficiency boilers.



Greg is shown working on maintaining our snow equipment.



Going Green

Even More Going Green!

We are glad to see the reduction in gas consumption in the latest report from the Sodexo energy tracking system.

Gas consumption was down a whopping 19.4 percent this year.

And electric consumption was down a respectable 3.9%

This latest quarter covers the end of 2014, and wraps up the whole year.

We provide this report to the College Administration and the Green Team each quarter, and it compares consumption by year, and year-over-year. It's another benefit from our Southwestern – Sodexo partnership!



And Kamron is shown clearing snow.



The new finish on the Learning Center on 12th Street.



Campus Kudos Board



I just have to tell you how much I appreciate you guys. Not only do you get the problems we have solved, but you do it with such a great attitude. Thank you so much for everything you do for us.

We received a nice comment regarding the locker rooms in White PE through a contact at the President's Office.

And more kudos regarding the Docking Lecture at Richardson Performing Arts Center

Expectations from Campus

- Painting in several areas is needed. Stewart lobby, Beech near the aquariums, Reid stairwells, White PE hallways are all scheduled or underway.
- Light switches in the Library were completed.
- HVAC issues at Beech/Mossman have been addressed with Trane engineering assistance.
 - HVAC issues at Darbeth will be addressed by the replacement of the old actuator valves during the spring and summer. Long term residents in Broadhurst will recall how this change made that building able to respond to the building heating/cooling system.
 - Facilities have provided an up to date furniture inventory in order to start the budget process for furniture replacement.
 - Landscape replacement is planned at the Welcome Center during July. Watch for the new look!
 - Wooden Benches outside the Library entrance need to be replaced this spring
 - Leaks at Darbeth windows were noted, and the work was completed with help from Ark City Glass.
 - Permanent trash containers are desired at Jantz Stadium.
 - Audio Video upgrades are desired at lecture halls and the Library. This will be included in the furniture and fixture plan.
 - An increase in cigarette butts was noted. The grounds department will purchase even more containers while we hope that everyone will enjoy using them.

Safety topic of the month

Our Sodexo safety meetings in February focused a lot on driving, and how distracted driving can result from improper use of phones and other electronic devices.

Our vehicle safety is reviewed, as we inspect the plant operations vehicles monthly, and do a wrap up in February.

February is the month in which we post OSHA documents as required.

All of this work is done through the Facilities Safety Coordinator and the Facilities Safety Committee.