



# Facilities News Flash

## Resident Students

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Heating your dorm room
- Saving Energy
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## All You Need to Know about Your Dorm Room Heat

With winter right around the corner, make sure your dorm room is the perfect temperature to kill the chill. Whether you live in Shiple Hall, Holden Hall, or the Quads, there is a way to help control your heat!

### SHIPLE HALL

#### How the System Works

Shiple Hall's heating system operates by a computer-controlled zone system with a hand radiator valve in each room. The computer-controlled system is programmed to maintain a minimum temperature, so heat is only released to a dorm room when this set temperature is reached. Once the steam comes on, the valves in each room may be used by you to control your room temperature. A maximum outside air temperature is also set so that once the outside temperature rises above the set point the system shuts down.

#### How to Control Heat

Shiple valves, located on the lower section of the radiator, are controlled by turning **clockwise to close** [reducing heat] and **counterclockwise to open** [increasing heat]. Please be cautious of excessive force in closing your valve; this may damage the valve and make it difficult, if not impossible, to open by hand.

Also note that when the valve is closed it will take some time for a radiator to cool down. Careful!

#### Why is it So Cold in Here?

Keep in mind that if you leave your room for an extended period of

time with the valve closed, you will come back to a cold room. When this happens, the valve may temporarily not control the heat until the **system** calls for heat.



### HOLDEN HALL

#### How the System Works

Holden Hall operates in the same fashion as Shiple Hall except that there are no control valves on the individual radiators in your dorm room. The system is run by zone valves only.

#### How to Control Heat

Although residents cannot individually control room heat, zones are affected by what you do. For example, if your room is extremely hot, it may be due to your neighbor opening the window. When they open the window, the zone temperature decreases, causing the system to kick up the heat.

### THE QUADS

#### How the System Works

The system in the Quads is used for both heating and cooling, depending on the time of year. Heat is computer-controlled by factoring the outside air temperature and

automatically adjusting the system accordingly.

#### How to Control Heat

You can control fan speed on the unit ventilators in your dorm room. Each unit is equipped with a three position switch located under a panel flap on top of the radiator, which may be set for High, Low, or Off.

### HELPFUL TIPS

#### Windows

When leaving your room, close all your windows! In addition to safety concerns, a sudden change in weather could cause serious damage with the window open. Opening windows while the heat is on is also an expensive solution to a heat issue. Try adjusting your heat setting in your room first!

#### Air Flow

Any blockage of air movement can have a big effect on the efficiency of your heating system. Keeping the area in front and on top of your radiator free from clutter allows the best temperature of air movement.

If you report an issue about your radiator, make certain that access to the control valves or switches is available and that all items are removed from the front of the radiator to allow maintenance personnel to access the system.

If you have any problems regarding heating control, let your RA know so they may submit a Work Request. Facility Operations attempts to address all issues in a timely manner, especially for our students!

# Help UDM Save Energy



Do your part and save energy!

UDM and the Facility Operations Department are committed to saving energy on campus, but we need your help to make our campus as green as possible. As a resident student, you spend the most time on campus, and the small changes you make will have the biggest impact on our energy usage.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Hit the Switch! Turn off lights when you leave your room, bathroom, common area, or classroom.
- Turn off your TV, computer, and other electronics when you leave your room.
- Unplug cell phone chargers, TVs, and electronic devices when you're not using them.
- Use the energy saver settings on your computer to automatically switch off the monitor or put the computer to sleep if you forget to turn it off.
- Appropriately adjust your heat by using the switch or valve (depending on what ResHall you live in), rather than opening the window.

There are so many ways for you to save energy on campus... Feel free to come up with your own and share them with your friends and us. Visit the Facility Operations blog located at [blogs.udmercy.edu/facilityoperations](http://blogs.udmercy.edu/facilityoperations) to learn more or submit your ideas.

## Did You Receive a Package?

Living on campus is such a treat, especially when you're receiving packages from home. If ever you are expecting a package, here are some tips:

- Have the package addressed as follows:  
YOUR NAME, SUMS BOX #  
4001 W. McNichols Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48221-3038
- Bring the Mail Services Package Slip and your UDM Student ID with you to Mail Services to pick up your package
- Or when you receive the email from Mail Services notifying you we've received your package, bring the 5-digit VueturaTrac Package ID with your Student ID to Mail Services,
- If you need to check on the status of a package, feel free to call us at 313.993.1220. Please have your name and tracking number ready!

Feel free to stop by and see us or give us a call if you have any questions. Thank you for your help!



"Bring the 5-digit VueturaTrac Package ID with your Student ID to Mail Services"

## Facilities Humor!

Two atoms were walking down the street one day, when one of them exclaimed, "Oh no! I've lost an electron!" "Are you sure?" the other one asked. "Yes," replied the first one, "I'm positive."

Which two words have the most letters in them?

Answer on the last page!

# Facilities Notifications

**Campus Announcements**  
There are no announcements

**Personal Announcements**  
There are no announcements

**TitanConnect**

Often, Facility Operations will send out email notifications regarding any sort of shutdown, renovation, policy update, etc. Whenever possible, we try to notify by email only the affected

**Located in TitanConnect, typically on the left side** parties, i.e., just resident students if it deals with a Residence Hall or only the Dental School if something is happening there.

Many times, however, it affects the majority of individuals across the University. This causes your inbox to be filled with many messages from us. We ask that you please read at least the first sentence to determine if the message does in fact affect you. ITS

is currently working on listserves to better target the appropriate parties. In the interim, we have experimented with the alternative of using the "Campus Announcements" section on your TitanConnect home screen.

Take a look at those messages to check for items that may interfere your plans.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact us at [facilityoperations@udmercy.edu](mailto:facilityoperations@udmercy.edu).

*"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give."*

**Winston Churchill**

## Your Organization Can Adopt-A-Garden!

UDM Facility Operations is inviting UDM student organizations, volunteer groups, and individuals to be part of our FREE Adopt-A-Garden Program.

### What is Adopt-A-Garden?

Adopt-A-Garden is a volunteer activity where organizations or groups "adopt" a flowerbed on any of our campuses. The adoptive group is responsible for planting and maintaining the bed during the spring, summer, and fall.

### What will you need?

Facility Operations will provide all planting materials and tools. Volunteer groups need to provide energy, time, and enthusiasm! Adopting a garden is a great way to promote your organization and become closer with your peers!



**Sacred Heart Garden Adopted by CASA**



**Gardella Garden Adopted by The UDM Honors Program**

### When do we start?

Kick-off to the season starts the 1st week of May with Volunteer Flower Day, where groups can plant their gardens! The adoptive group is responsible for planting and maintaining the bed during the spring, summer, and fall.

### How much does it cost?

**FREE!** Adopting a garden is free and is done on an annual basis. By adopting, your organization receives the flowers needed for your garden, accessibility to planting supplies, and a personalized Adopt-A-Garden sign displaying your organization's name in your garden.

### Interested?

If your group would like to Adopt-A-Garden, please fill out a Request Form and bring it to Facility Operations. The request form can be found on our website under Forms.



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## Mission Statement

*Facility Operations is dedicated to providing University of Detroit Mercy with an environment that will nurture the educational process. Through cost-saving initiatives, environmental preservation programs, and energy conservation strategies, our team continually strives for quality, integrity and professionalism in the services we provide the University. Facility Operations believes that through teamwork, education, and a renewed sense of commitment, this department can attain its goals of continuous improvement to the University's buildings, grounds, and mail services.*



# Cool Construction Just For You

Facility Operations & Construction Management works year-round to maintain and upgrade our campus for YOU—our students! Over the past year, the McNichols Campus has seen several exciting improvements.

### Grounds CoffeeHaus

Operated entirely by UDM students, Grounds CoffeeHaus received a facelift this summer. The space received new furniture, artwork, and lighting, creating a totally different atmosphere that even works great for hosting events.

### Titan Fit Zone

UDM cares about exercising your mind and your body! New to the McNichols Campus in 2009, the Titan Fit Zone serves as an area for the UDM Community to work out. Located in the lower level of the

Student Center, this awesome space is equipped with treadmills, lifting equipment, a yoga room, and much more!

### Games Area

A cool place to hang out is the lower level of the Student Center. Play Wii, shoot pool, chat with friends, watch TV, or hit some ping pong. All can be found in the newly renovated Games area!

### QC Theater located in the lower level of Quad Commons



### Residence Hall Improvements

Residence Halls are constantly being spruced up, but the most recent improvements are the upgrades in Quad Commons. With the relocation of the SUMS boxes to this space in 2009, the entire building is becoming more student-centered. Quad Commons Theater [pictured to the left] has been renovated into the perfect meeting space.

### Library Teaching & Learning Center

With the Learning Center on the 3rd floor, Café A La Carte on the 1st floor and lots of studying space throughout, the Library Teaching & Learning Center is a great place to study solo, meet with your study group, or just hang out.