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Good morning everyone, welcome to the Facilities Forum.

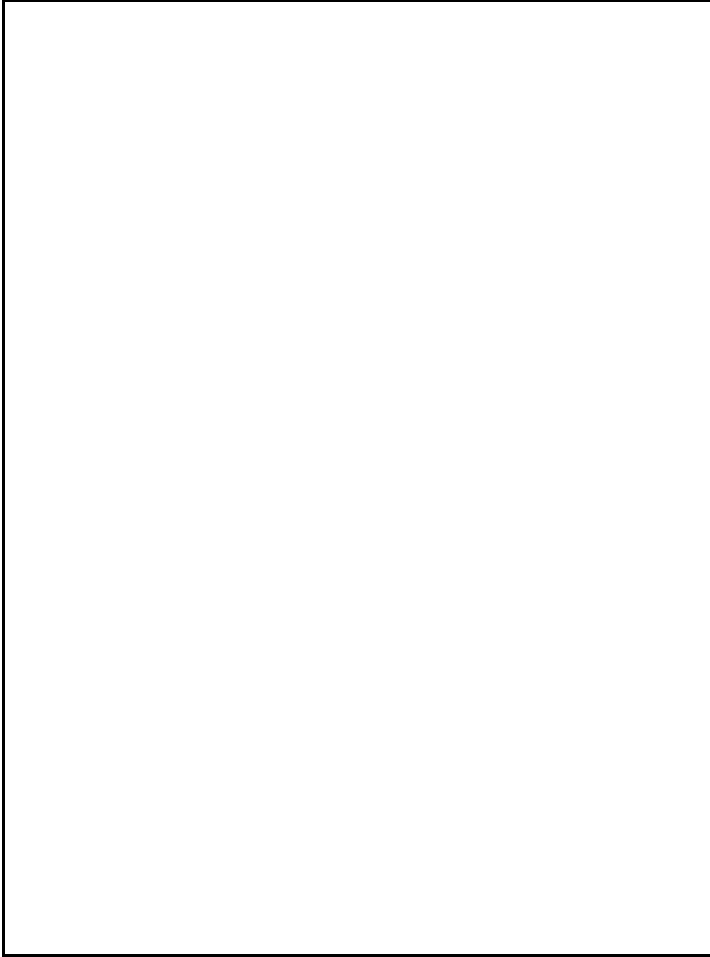
Like everyone else, I'm thrilled that -40 temperatures are behind us, and the forecast for the next few days looks great. We seem to have made it through one of the longest cold snaps in recent memory with only minor facilities issues. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make sure campus was safe and warm.

Keep reading for interesting photos, an exciting article about new Grounds crew equipment, and a surprise bonus toward the end of the newsletter. As always, if anyone reading this has a UAF facilities related story to share, or an interesting photo that should be included in a future edition of the Facilities Forum, please send them my way!

A huge THANK YOU to Macie Schoemaker with the FS IT crew for designing the amazing new banner for the newsletter this week. It looks great!

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## The Week in Photos



The temperatures are warmer now, but remember those cold temperatures a couple of weeks ago? This was the door into the basement mechanical room of the Upark building! It was completely iced up on the inside. The moisture was due to a steam leak in the basement, which our crews are working to repair. We'll also be installing a small unit heater in the stairwell to keep this from happening in the future. At this point, the door is accessible again.

operation of the drive motors, wheel assemblies, etc. It's a really big job. Bob Crenshaw (a retiree from Design and

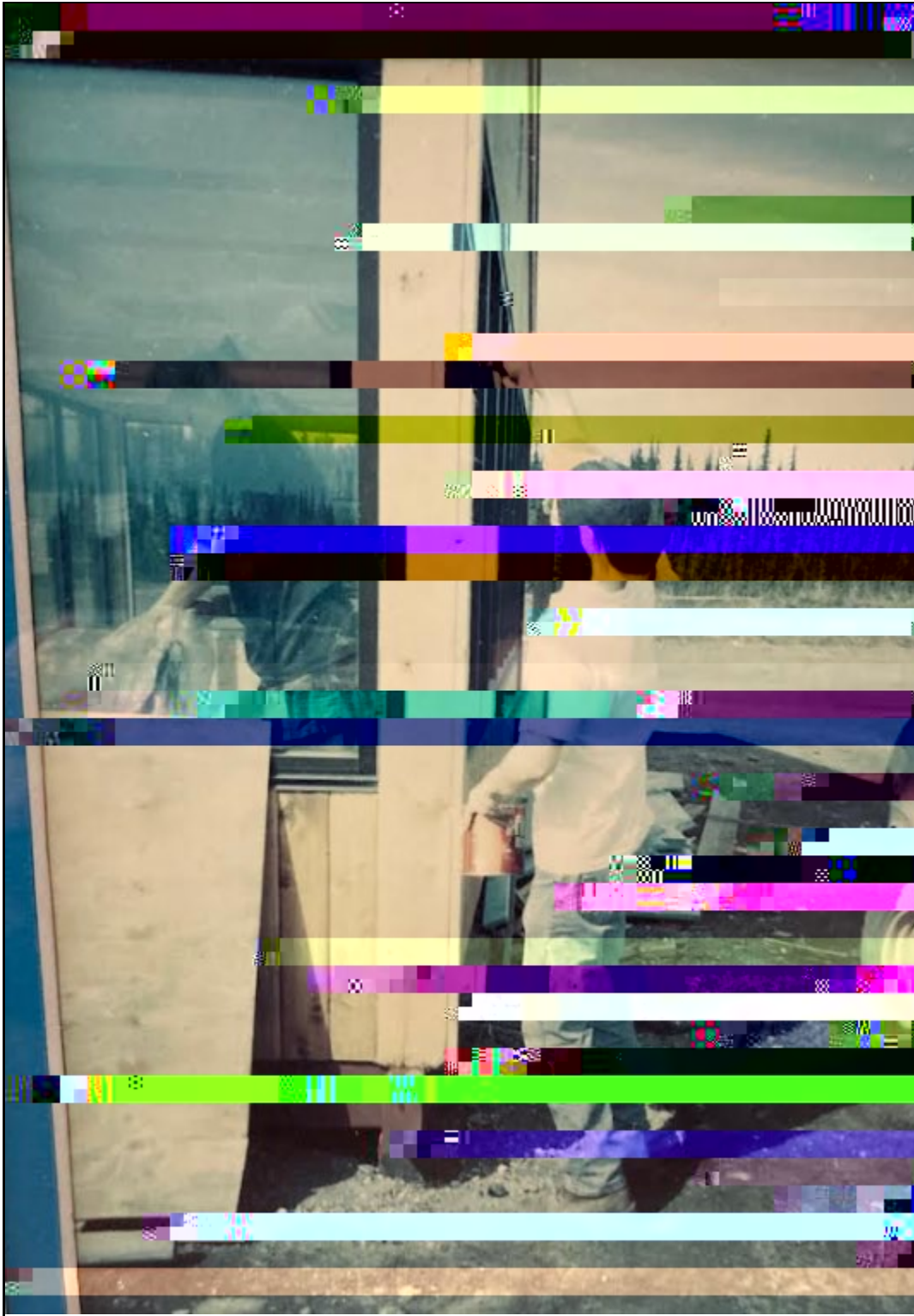
## New skid steers for Grounds Crew

By Amber McKirgan, Grounds Shop Service Manager

This winter, the Grounds department achieved a significant milestone by introducing notable additions to our equipment fleet - two brand new 226D3 CAT skid steers.

These machines represent a crucial upgrade to our aging fleet of snow removal equipment, bringing about a substantial improvement in our ability to clear walkways with enhanced ease and efficiency. The size,

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Bonus historical photo: Cameron Wohlford helps paint the Taku Bus Hut, circa 1994

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That's all I have for today. I hope everyone has a safe and productive week. Thanks for all you do for UAF Facilities!

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