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**From:** Tooley, M.J.  
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**To:** Hshsl-All Staff  
**Subject:** Working

Hello everyone -  
Happy Friday!

Today's "Working" message feels different to me, almost like the end of an era and a new beginning on June 1 with our 50% return. I plan on creating a survey to see if you want me to continue with these weekly updates so stay tuned.

On one hand I am so excited to see everyone. And on the other, I am not sure what to expect because it isn't the same as when we left on March 13, 2020.

I have been onsite a couple of times as have our dedicated onsite HSHSL colleagues and I have felt very safe. I will be in on June 1.

I suspect for many people, that first step onto campus or into the HSHSL will be the hardest.

Lots of people at all levels of UMB have been working hard to make our return as safe as possible.

Are there some questions still to be answered? You bet. But I know people are working on these things. Guidance is changing daily and what was true yesterday may not be true tomorrow.

Not much by way of news.

1. Some of you may have heard of the "Cicada Parade" with decorated cicadas being installed on buildings. Well, it seems there will be a few located at UMB, quite possibly one at the HSHSL. Keep your eyes open. I am not sure if or when it will be installed. This is the information I received:

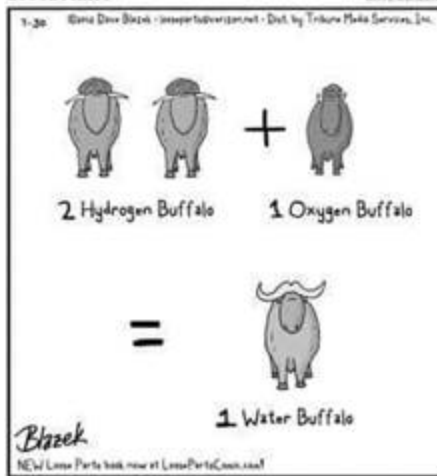
"The UMB Council for the Arts and Culture is sponsoring a fun project called Cicada Parade-a. You can read more about it here [www.cicada2021.com](http://www.cicada2021.com), but in essence it's a fun project where ~18" plaster sculptures of cicadas are hand painted and decorated by local artists and then installed in locations around the City and beyond. Over 400 have been ordered thus far, of which we will have eight and the BioPark will have two." Since the email came to me, I am assuming the HSHSL should expect one!

2. I have my monthly office hour next Wednesday. I have no set agenda at this time so if you have any idea or questions, let me know. I would like to get a read on how everyone is doing so even if we only trade cicada stories, that is fine with me!
3. Historical Collections said goodbye to a rare book – Johannes Kepler's *Astronomia* – this past week. We have been holding/securing the book for the UMB Foundation for the past three years. It was donated to the School of Medicine and after three years was to be sold. The time has come and Sotheby's is handling it. It is expected to easily sell for the mid-six figures. Unfortunately no funds come to us. We should have charged rent.

And some humor as we head into the long Memorial Day weekend:

## LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK



Chemistry

And as we ease back into work, what things around us are thinking:

### What the Things Around Us Are Thinking



Stay safe and well! Enjoy the weekend – I hope to see many of you next week!

M.J.

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