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Good morning!

It was a rainy weekend, but I hope everyone was able to enjoy it nonetheless and do a little celebrating for Mother's Day.

We've made it to the final week of classes of the Spring 2021 semester! Just a few updates:

DON'T FORGET! SKIP HAMMONS STUDENT CENTER: As we approach Commencement, remember that this year's procedures will be a little different. **Faculty will report directly to JQH Arena**; *do not go to Hammons Student Center.* There is no faculty processional or recessional, so there will be no line up.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: In yesterday's *Notes*, Dr. Higdon encouraged everyone who has not gotten the COVID-19 vaccination to do so. Let me echo his message. Infection rates are on the uptick again. If you have not gotten your vaccination, I strongly encourage you to do so. It is our best chance at getting back to normal in a safe manner and being able to ditch the masks, which I know have made your jobs so much harder over the last year.

DEAN OF HEALTH SCIENCES UPDATE: We held our final round of interviews for the Dean of Health Sciences on Thursday and Friday. An announcement should be made by the end of the semester. Thanks to all of you who have participated in the selection process.

Have a great week!

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