Weekly Construction Blast
Oct 1st – Oct 6th

Construction activities:
• Select interior demolition in the Union Theater.
• Total structural demolition of West Wing.
• Building/prepping concrete formwork for footings and elevator shafts.
• Completion of building separation at Central Core and Union Theater.
• Completion of OPO/Hoofer’s structural demolition.

Shoreline Rehabilitation Project:
• Installation of permanent sheet piling and concrete base for limestone steps on east end of the Shoreline Project behind the Red Gym.
• Begin installation of limestone steps on east end of project.

Key shutdowns and closures:
• West Wing closed to the public and Wisconsin Union staff.
• Old OPO/Hoofers area closed to public and Wisconsin Union Staff. Hoofer will continue to operate from the Lake Lab and 5th floor offices.

Other site logistics details:
• Langdon St. is now a ONE-WAY, WESTBOUND street as a result of work associated with the Langdon St. Utility Project. Bicycle traffic will be maintained in both directions with a COUNTER-FLOW BIKE LANE FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.
• Shoreline Path outside of OPO/Hoofers is closed for construction. Access to the Terrace will be via Langdon St. or through Memorial Union.

MUR Construction noise/vibration:
• Intermittent noise from torching, cutting, and chipping associated with building separation. This will mostly the 1st floor and basement, however noise will travel through the structure.
• Noise from OPO/Hoofer’s demolition should be expected on the Terrace.

Student Involvement:
• Student Construction Rep is attending weekly construction Core Team meetings and monthly project sustainability meetings.
• Union Council, with a student majority, meets this week to review FF&E options.

Neighboring construction projects:
• Langdon St. Utility Project (GREEN FENCING):
  • Set-up and site-prep on south side of Langdon Street and Library Mall.
• Water Science Building:
  • Construction vehicles using emergency lake access at the north end of Park St. for façade repair on Water Science Building.
• H.C. White Roof Deck Repair: Work should be completing this week.
• Observatory Drive: Utility work will continue over the coming weeks near Radio Hall and H.C. White.

Looking ahead:
• Week of 10/15: Begin West Wing and OPO/Hoofer’s Footings and Foundations.
• Week of 11/12: Begin West Wing Steel Erection.

Construction shifting gears…
Within the next two weeks, American Demolition will be completing their scope of work giving way to Terra and Boldt to begin the excavation and prep work necessary to pour footings, foundations, and elevator cores. This will mark the first steps toward completing the structure for the Memorial Union’s new space including OPO/Hoofers and the Play Circle. More updates on the transition of work in the weeks to come!