Weekly Construction Blast
Oct 8th – Oct 13th,

Construction activities:
• Select interior demolition in the Union Theater.
• Total structural demolition of West Wing.
• Building/prepping concrete formwork for footings and elevator shafts.
• Beginning excavation for OPO/Hoofers’ footings and foundation walls.
• Complete temporary tie-in of steam line to Memorial Union from H.C. White

Shoreline Rehabilitation Project:
• Complete installation of concrete base for limestone steps on east end of the Shoreline Project behind the Red Gym.

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. Hoofers 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:
• The majority of the construction noise occurring over the final weeks of demolitions will come from the West Wing south of the Union Theater. Building separation is nearing completion and the remaining hammering and excavation noise will be from foundation removal.

Student Involvement:
• Student Construction Rep is attending bi-weekly construction Core Team meetings and monthly project sustainability meetings.
• Students from the College of Engineering, as part of an upper-level engineering management class, are beginning a semester project with Boldt’s field crews to improve site layout, construction efficiency, and worker safety. The team will be working closely with Boldt using traditional Kaizen manufacturing tools including 5S and PDCA to develop and implement their solutions.

Neighboring construction projects:
• Langdon St. Utility Project (GREEN FENCING):
  • Begin demolition of piping in steam tunnel from Science Hall to Memorial Library
• Water Science Building:
  • Construction vehicles using emergency lake access at the north end of Park St. for façade repair on Water Science Building.
• Observatory Drive: Utility work near Radio Hall and H.C. White.

Construction shifting gears…

Within the next 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!
Construction Photos of the Week

Demolition at OPO/Hoofers, north

Demolition at West Wing connector, SW corner