Weekly Construction Blast
Mar 24-28, 2014

What’s Happening on Site this Week?

- Finish the Polymer system in the theater house
- Install and begin painting the wood flooring in the Play Circle
- Install membrane and leak detection system for the south mechanical room deck
- Install tile in bathrooms B192 E and F
- Begin placing geofoam and footings for southwest plaza
- Reinstall theater hand railings

Project Milestones:

- Orchestra Pit ADA lift will begin installation
- Extensive work on the southwest plaza begins this week
- Start Air Handling Unit 4

Anticipated Noise and Disturbances

- Most noise will be contained to the south end of the west wing, potentially effecting patrons in the Rathskeller or Peet’s Coffee

Looking Ahead:

- **March 31:** Begin Installing Seating in Theater
- **March 31:** Begin Installing Orchestra Pit Lift
- **April 7:** Begin Installing Theater Carpet
- **April 7:** Begin Installing Play Circle Seating
- **April 7:** Southwest planter landscaping begins

Site Logistics/Key Closures:

- The Route 81 and 82 buses have returned to Langdon Street
- The east sidewalk on Park Street has been closed north of Observatory Drive
- A minimal increase in traffic on Langdon Street is expected as a result of construction deliveries

Student Involvement:

- Design Committee, a student majority group which makes design recommendations to Union Council, is now in session
- Two UW students are employed with the project as Boldt interns

Restoring the Original Look

The Memorial Union is an iconic building of Wisconsin so it is important to not completely change the look that has stood for generations. To do this, salvaged pieces are used along with detailed pictures of the area to recreate some of the original unique pieces. A great example is the diffuser lights in the Fan Taylor lobby (see the pictures on the next page).
Construction Photos of the Week

The original diffuser light (left) and the framing to install the new diffuser light to match the original look.

For more information on the project, head to unionreinvestment.wisc.edu.