

Construction Update For UO EMU Expansion and Renovation

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I think it is safe to say that the 1970's building is now ready to be torn down. The students had a "Sledgehammer Sayonara" yesterday that included paint-filled balloons, spray paint and of course, sledgehammers. Starting next week, access to the building is going to begin to be decreased with final closure on May 12th, with the exception of the Craft Center which will remain open until June 8th, when they will relocate to their new space in the 1950's building ground floor.

Speaking of the Craft Center construction, progress continues on the interior and exterior of the project. Wall framing is complete with drywall well underway. The new outdoor space has been excavated and foundations and slab on grade has been poured. Remaining scope over the next 5 weeks will consist of the steel structure being installed at the outdoor craft center and finishes being installed at the interior, including polished concrete floors, cabinets, doors and glass.

Along 13th street, Lewis has completed the construction of the tunnel extension which runs under the Mills Center. The team will begin re-feeding Telecom and Data to the existing building so that the 1970's building can be demolished without interrupting existing building services.

In the coming months, a lot is scheduled to change. The construction zone, although very limited now, will continue to expand and will encompass the entire south lawn and 70's building on May 12th.

One of the biggest challenges at this stage in construction is to minimize the disruption of adjacent occupants. Lewis has been working to monitor these adjacent spaces and make the necessary modifications to construction techniques and implement preventative measures to minimize the disruption to adjacent building occupants.

The Lease Crutcher Lewis staff and crew would like to thank all of the University staff, faculty and students for their understanding and personal interest in this project. Your support and patience in regards to the on-going construction work occurring on your campus is much appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely, Lease Crutcher Lewis

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