



Construction Update

For UO EMU Expansion and Renovation

June 26, 2014

With activity on campus lightening somewhat now that commencement has come and gone, construction on the Erb Memorial Union Renovation and Expansion is ramping up quickly. Significant changes will take place on a weekly basis throughout the summer as we work to capitalize on the good weather and summer break.

The new Craft Center located on the ground floor of the 1950's building is nearly complete. Lease Crutcher Lewis has been assisting the owner over the past few weeks with moving and setup of their equipment, as they relocate to their new home. The outdoor Craft Center space is going to be wrapped up in the coming weeks. By July 7th, the Craft Center should be fully operational in their new location, which will allow the closure of the remaining section of the 1970's building in preparation for the upcoming demolition.

With rerouting of necessary utilities and salvage nearly complete, structural demolition will be in full swing by next week. These heavy equipment operators are as good as they get and are extremely skilled in the art of safely bringing down the structure. While the process will be noisy, it will also be fun to watch as equipment pulverizes the concrete structure and separates the materials for recycle. When the building is torn-down, Lewis will be working to divert as much as 90% of all debris away from landfills by recycling materials such as concrete, steel, wood, rebar, glass and aluminum.

In the coming months, a lot is scheduled to change. Earthwork and structure bids were received June 20th and are currently being evaluated. Design is scheduled to complete the first week of July, which will allow the remaining scopes of work to be bid out near the end of the month, enabling us to bring the remaining subcontractor partners on board and allow the entire team to focus on the construction and renovation of the EMU.

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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