Well, another weekend is almost upon us and a lot has taken place this week with the demolition work on the Lecture Hall building. Lecture Hall 2 is now a bundle of rubble. The large concrete muncher has completed its work and is leaving the site today. The attached photo shows the current state of the project as of just before 11 AM this morning. In the foreground you can see the smaller blue metal containers in which the concrete debris sits waiting to be removed and recycled. To the middle right are larger metal containers, one of which contains metal debris that will be recycled, another contains debris that is not recyclable, and yet another smaller one is filled with concrete chunks. Towards the lower left is the large munching attachment being removed from the big excavator. Just beyond the excavator is what use to be the rest rooms for the Lecture Hall. To the right of that area is what used to be Lecture Hall 2.

About three to four of the metal containers full of concrete debris have been removed from site every day this past week. These containers are smaller than the others being concrete weighs a lot more than most other construction debris. I saw one of the trucks lifting one of these concrete filled containers in place yesterday and at one point it looked like the trucks front wheels were going to come off the ground. I get the feeling they really engineered these trucks and containers to take the maximum load of concrete without flipping the truck. From what I’ve been told the recycled concrete will go to a local quarry and get crushed and eventually it will most likely be used as either a base material for roadways or a base for building footings. The scrap metal gets re-purposed in various ways. Most of the metal will go to a foundry, it will get melted down and it could end up as steel beams, metal handrails, or perhaps giant metal steel plates (preferably orange) for a future Evergreen construction project.

This week’s excitement on the job site was that we had a drone crash. It turns out the demolition contractor’s son (who is a grown man, not some kid) crashed it into a pine tree just inside the construction fence line. I witnessed it happen and I had great empathy for him after I suddenly had flashbacks of me getting in trouble when I was a little cherub. The amazing thing is it hit a branch on the tree about 60-feet above the ground, tumbled down to the ground, eventually hitting one of our lovely orange metal plates, and yet it did not have any damage at all, the drone that is. It was up and flying again this morning in the rain! So it turns out he’s lucky being he didn't have to run to Dad with a broken toy, and also being that nobody was hit by the drone as it fell to the ground.

One more item of interest. Recently seen and overheard at Red Square was somebody watching the construction activity on the Lecture Hall while
shaking their head and saying “There is no way they are going to be ready for the first day of classes.” You are correct! But we should be next year.

The weather is supposed to be great this weekend. Enjoy it while you still can.
Cheers!
Tim