Brrr! It was sure cold this morning. During this time of year I’d rather have the sun and the cold on some days, and others the warmer air and clouds can work for me just as well. But enough about the weather.

Some not so pleasant stuff has gone down on campus and in the world since my last construction digest. Pretty serious stuff; especially in Paris. Well, you may recall a photo I provided last week of some of the workers on the Lecture Hall project. Mel is one of the guys in that main photo. His wife was assaulted earlier this week at her place of employment by a disgruntled worker, word is she was really beat up and has major head trauma; no word yet on her current condition. Our thoughts are with him and his family. As you all likely know by now, one of our own Greener’s, Kort Jungle, died on Wednesday. I did not ever get to formally meet Kort, but he did e-mail me just two weeks ago regarding one of my Friday email updates. Here is what he sent to me:

“Timothy,
My name is Kort Jungel. I manage Receiving & Mail and have been a student, a full-time employee or a ‘hanger-on’ since Sept of 1972. When I first arrived as an 18 year old freshmen I was impressed by much of the landscaping including that around the lecture halls.

I have several prints of the Pine trees when they were 6-8 feet tall! These photos were taken with a Montgomery Ward’s instamatic and they still hold up. Once I digitize them I’ll send a few along.
Kort”

Because of his passing I cannot help but think of my ultimate fate. Many of you have some fond memories of Kort and conveyed very kind words about what kind of person he was. All I can say is I’m certain it would make my family proud if my co-workers and friends had the same thing to say about me as you all did about Kort. He sounded like a really good person to work with and to know.

Behind the green fence new structural steel infill framing began this week at the roof level and will continue on for at least the next few weeks. Formwork and rebar installation continues and another concrete pour is scheduled for next week. The attached photo shows some of that work progressing. To the left side of the photo you can see a steel worker up on a man lift inside future Lecture Hall 4 – he is adding some steel support members. To the right you might think something looks wrong with the clock tower; not only does it look like it is leaning over, but the time is wrong on one of the sides. Can you tell which one?
Enjoy the upcoming short week, and have a profoundly enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. It is almost hard to believe that my next Friday update will be in the month of December.

Cheers!
Tim