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So, my lovely cherub is an 18-year old senior in high school and very much into drama. Not just the typical drama teens have with their parents, but real drama as in theater, singing, and musicals. Recently we made a trip up to the Seattle area so she could compete for a National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) scholarship that took place at Highline Community College. I killed some time by browsing the bulletin boards in their Student Union facility while she was rehearsing for her performance. I came across a laminated business card for somebody who goes by “SkyMan, an American Real Life SuperHero”; http://rlsh.wikia.com/wiki/SkyMan. I thought to myself “Wow! How cool is that?” I had no idea such a thing existed. I started thinking about some issues I’ve had with unwanted people getting onto the Lecture Hall construction site and doing undesirable things. I figured this could be the key to catching these hoodlums! I will become a Real Life Super-Hero and protect this construction site from evil! Beware potential violators of the green fence barrier. You will be overtaken by my acute awareness and ability to dress in non-offensive color schemes, unlike Skyman. You potential villains have all been warned. Now I just need an appropriate Super-Hero sounding moniker.

This week on the Lecture Hall project the forms were stripped from last week’s stem wall concrete pour. Now a large amount of electrical and plumbing infrastructure will be installed on the subgrade in preparation for the Workshops and Classroom 1 building addition. On the attached photo you can see the stem walls in place and the start of the electrical conduit installation.

Today will entail a bit of jackhammering work as they start on the expansion of the Rotunda that will be constructed between Lecture Hall 1 and the Workshop and Classroom 1 addition.

During next week you won’t likely notice any significant construction activity taking place as the electricians and plumbers do their under slab work. The following week should be when the slabs for this addition get poured. There will be a lot of concrete trucks on campus during that day, so I’ll warn you when that date becomes definitive.

A few people have contacted Facilities with concern over sediment and possibly oil getting into the campus drainage system. The Department of Ecology has some pretty strict regulations when it comes to these matters. Being so every project that involves pushing dirt around includes what we in the construction world refer to as “TESC” plans. No, these initials are not related to the name of our college, but they stand for “Temporary Erosion
and Sediment Control”. In the plan for this project are the requirements to filter any sediment and / or containments that could get into catch basins and potentially impact aquatic life. Being so drainage patterns from our site were observed and a couple of catch basin drains in the Red Square area have been fit with catch basin filter socks. All catch basins within the construction area are also fitted with these devices. So rest assured that all is taken care of in this aspect of our project. We are not harming salmon or any other sea life with our construction project.

Have a fun filled weekend!

Cheers,
Tim