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Hello yet again! Our contractor poured a whole lot of concrete this past week, about 100 cubic yards in all. The middle level floor of Lecture Hall 1 was poured as were the rat slabs for Workshops 1 and 2, as well as Classroom 1. I refer to them as rat slabs being these slabs at this point are not going to be the finished floor. The design includes hydronic radiant floor heating in the additions to the building. Rigid insulation will be installed over the new rat slabs and then lots and lots of plastic water pipe will be installed over the insulation. After all that piping is in place a concrete toping slab will be poured in place. So when the building construction is complete all that piping in the concrete floor will be circulated with hot water which in turn will keep the occupants little toes pleasantly warm during our cold winter days.

Faculty member extraordinaire, Bob Haft, joined me on site Tuesday morning so he could take some photographs of that day’s big mud pour; “some” is an understatement. Attached is one of my favorites of his photos from that day. I’ve also attached some progress photographs I’ve been taking from the roof of the Lab I building. With these images you can see how much progress they have made on the addition in the last two weeks.

Today - the first metal stud walls began to rise for the addition. Next week you should see a lot more of these stud walls go up. The weather forecast for next week is looking ideal for roofing work, so we should also see progress on the roofing installation at the lecture halls.

Have a great weekend and happy spring!
Tim