It seems hard to believe that I’m glad to see it raining in an often rainy Olympia vicinity. I’m usually dreading the rain and gray clouds, but it is a welcome sight today, especially being that I’m at work. Well the lightening has me charged up and ready to write this version of the construction digest.

Our construction team has started to do “soft demo” work this week. Real serious demolition work will start next week. When you hear how much noise they will be making you will then understand why this week’s work is referred to as “soft demo”. I’ve worked on similar remodel / demolition projects on structures constructed of concrete. Because of this experience I can tell you there will be a lot of saw cutting of the concrete structure and those big diamond saws make a tremendous amount of noise. But try not to complain, it will be the sound of progress.

Abatement preparation work began this week, but the removal work won’t really start to take place until next week.

Excavation equipment should also start arriving next week and they will start pushing dirt around in preparation for the addition to the Lecture Hall. When the equipment arrives you will understand the reason for installing the giant orange steel plates; a.k.a.: the orange elevated walkway.

Directional signs to help people navigate around the construction fencing will be installed next week.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Tim