Lots of digging took place this week. In some areas of excavation we found chunks of asphalt (circa 1971) which might be remnants of the original construction access road to the college core. Not nearly as exciting as news this week regarding 10,000 year old stone tools that were discovered in Redmond. It could very well be that a Pre-Historic technology boom (creating stone tools) started at the future home of Microsoft. There is a rumor these tools were used 10,000 years ago to make signs demanding a $15 minimum wage.

Concrete crunching has started to take place on the walls of Lecture Hall 2. The cruncher is essentially a giant hydraulically powered lobster claw attached to a big excavator; see attached photos. That is me modeling in these photos so you can see the scale of this machine. It chews through concrete walls like they are made of graham crackers. I want one!

There has been some discussion about potentially using the broken up concrete in place of a gravel base under the foundation. It sounds like another good way to re-use existing building materials and avoid unnecessary trucking of materials. We should score some more LEED parts for doing so.

More crunching of concrete is due next week. We should also start to see some formwork for footings being installed as well.

Have a great weekend!
Tim