OUR FRIEND THE WOODPECKER

Jackhammer demolition of the west center stairs is proceeding well, and the contractor now estimates that it will be completed in another 2 - 2½ weeks (second week of June). In a surprise development on 5/22, the jackhammer suddenly broke through to volume 29 of Dissertation Abstracts International, but was unable to pierce the syntax before the hole was securely taped.

A temporary but serious dislocation: the usual route to the main floor women's restroom will be blocked during demolition of the stair landing above the hallway. This will probably happen Thursday, 5/29; the hallway will reopen after four or five working days. Developments will be posted on the bulletin board in loco primo where the colored lines begin.

During the event, people may be directed to that restroom thus: follow the red line to Copying services, and follow signs from there.

HE CAME IN THROUGH THE BATHROOM WINDOW

After consideration and reconsideration, the contractor has decided to locate his construction lift over the west loading dock as originally planned. This will give workmen access through the south windows of the former East Asian area for Phase I. They will also go directly onto the roof to get to the third floor construction area, lately home of the Regents Press and staff room. During Phases II and III entry will be through the windows of the West Reading Room, and what is now Cliff Haka's office.

ONE LARGE HOLE

Excavation is proceeding for the new east elevator. From the windows one may observe the bulldozer's adroit pirouettes. One may contemplate the relatively small area of disturbed earth, the necessary depth of the hole, the resulting angle of descent; and one may calculate the wages of life expectancy of a heavy equipment operator.

UP THE DOWN STACK ENTRANCE

After empirically testing nearly every possible approach to mass confusion, it has finally been decided to keep the doors to the East Stack Entrance open on all levels.

PROGRESS

In the basement and ground floors these are no walls left to speak of. Dropped ceilings are removed right after the doorknobs, revealing a catacomb of ductwork, wiring and bubblegum. The gum is no longer structurally necessary and is not considered salvageable. Ductwork has been dismantled and hauled away by the truckload, looking like a cubist painting of retired sousaphones. Presently the crew is working on clearing remaining walls to expose the supporting columns, along with staircase demolition and elevator shaft excavation. No new areas of construction are expected to be opened this week.
HOT AIR

The ever-frail Watson "air-conditioning system" will be completely replaced in the renovation. But first it has to help us make it through this summer, and the contractor and university say they will patch it up as necessary to keep it running. However, keep in mind that it is handicapped by these conditions: 1) The units serving the Center stacks, and the 1 & 2 East stacks had to be removed to clear the way for other renovation work. The Center stacks still have an old ceiling unit on level 8 that will help out; fans, convection and prayer will take it from there. 2) The vent off the west stack tower turned out to be feeding its effluvium right back into the air conditioner intake, hence the dramatic dust storm on Wednesday, 6/4. That air conditioning unit was immediately turned off. For that moment it will be turned on only on the days when there is no jackhammering. By the end of this week or so temporary reconnection of the air conditioner will circumvent (pun intended) the dust problem. 3) the old problem of how and whether to cooperate with the ventilation system or combat it, to open or close windows, is even more acute with the big holes in formerly solid areas, blocked passages and irregularly functioning equipment. When the equipment is on, it really cannot do the job if windows are open. When it's off, we can't do our job with them closed. So: each Watson department should take responsibility for calling the Administrative office each morning between 8:30 and 9:00 to get the day's forecast and ventilate accordingly. Private parties may wish to invest 29¢ in a Japanese paper fan.

GOING DOWN; WATCH YOUR STEP, PLEASE

The West stack elevator will be out of service 2-5 days this week in order to extend its switching connections from their present site to the place where the new elevator equipment will be located (the other end of a large room). No matter how much you love riding the dumb-waiter, we advise against it.

RESTROOMS

Although the water is running again the main floor women's restroom is still a hostage of the jackhammer, and may remain so for as long as another week.

DON'T JUST STAND THERE: SCREAM!

Sounds silly to say it again, but: things are changing rapidly, sometimes faster than we expected, sometimes in ways we didn't foresee. Jim Whitehead, the state architect's inspector, spends almost full time here, and John Glinka is spending much of his time keeping an eye on the developments. But nobody can be everywhere in the building all the time, spotting everything. So if you notice that there are three inches of water in the 1 East stacks, or that the ramp is beginning to look like the Mojave Desert under a new layer of dust, or that there are sparks making an arc between the hot and cold water faucets, call John Glinka or stop in the Administrative Offices.

DANG DING DANG

The fire alarm Friday, 6/6 was indeed another false alarm. We have asked the contractor to try harder to identify the alarm connections before hitting them with sledge hammer, cutting torch, jackhammer, or harsh language. If/when the system cries "Wolf!" again--it may be a real wolf. Be sure you know locations of exits and the nearest wolf extinguisher.
PROGRESS: IN THE HOLE, DOWN THE CHUTE

Excavation for the new east elevator is complete except for the fine work of digging by hand and with small equipment to get right up next to the building, square the corners, etc. That is expected to be finished this week. The west center stair work has now created a vertical passage from the top down to the ground floor, which is where the debris chute begins. This allows walls, floors, and paperclips to be dropped from the third floor demolition area to the hungry wheelbarrows and dump trucks below. The plan is to hammer some days and dump others, a dubious respite from the noise. Dumping ain't exactly quiet either. The contractor now projects that the hammering will be completed in 2 weeks.

The hydro-interruptus of Thursday, 6/5, shall now be recorded as progress: plumbers had to turn off the 8-inch main that supplies all of Watson in order to cut into it for a water line to supply the forthcoming emergency sprinkler system. Nobody knew in advance that shutting off the line at Watson would also lower the pressure in all the other buildings at this end of campus; nor that after the main was cut someone would turn the water back on again by mistake, giving the plumbers a very muddy hole to work in. Other than that the procedure went smoothly and by noon the water supply was normal again. No future interruptions are predicted at this time.

One wonders why we didn't know of this inconvenience in advance, and inquiries have been made. It seems that in addition to the weekly meetings of library, university, state and construction officials, there is also a subcontractors' meeting. We were initially told that this dealt with technical matters only, no library person need be present. But in fact that's where the water line activity was projected. From now on John Glinka will be attending those meetings too. We're learning.

Third floor west end, intended as the site of administrative offices, is now under serious demolition, and for the noise it makes we expect a jacuzzi, wet bar and roof garden into the bargain. (Would you believe an old issue of Penthouse left on the conference table?) Barriers have been erected around the construction area, including the elevator. The work includes demolition of the north wall of the old staff room, and levelling of the ramp leading to the elevator. So if the elevator were working it would be useless to take it to third floor—Catch 23. The work is expected to take a week or ten days, after which the elevator will be available for staff and public use again. Only a small area of the mezzanine is enclosed by the construction barriers, but making floor space for assembly of the barriers has occupied all the area not covered with piled furniture for a few days. By early next week the barrier will be complete and the furniture will be distributed once again so that students can use the space for studying.

For those who construe music in the broadest possible sense, a guest columnist contributes the following:

WE ARE FAMILY

On Friday, Brother Jack Hammer took a break from his long running Watson performance, but Sister Sledge spared us no mercy as she belted out her choruses with brilliant resonance throughout the day. FAMILY is currently performing on the third floor in the old Regent's Press Area. Continuous shows daily.
FORECAST

No changes are foreseen this week in the plumbing, "air conditioning," or electricity. The difference in elevator service is a positive one: the west stack elevator is back in operation as of Thursday afternoon, 7/3. Noise will continue at a moderate level. The jackhammering is going on in the basement, but that's more indirectly audible on upper floors since the Thursday, 7/3, removal of the slab that blocked the lower flight of the east center stairs. "No changes" means, too, that the hoped-for improvements in 1 & 2 East stack air flow are no longer considered imminent, alas, alack-a-day.

TWO MONTHS DOWN, SIXTEEN TO GO

And what has all this accomplished so far? The contractor says demolition is 95% completed. (We would have guessed 105%.) There is still a small amount left to do in the basement and on the third floor. Construction is now beginning: the east elevator pit and the sprinkler plumbing have already been mentioned; sand is piled in the staff-room-to-be in expectation of its use around the concrete footings being poured to base the steel columns supporting new floors, and in the concrete work that will build the ramp and lift that will give handicapped access to the public lounge. (That lounge will be next to the staff lounge, and is labeled "reader spaces" on the floor plans.) This has necessitated some shuffling in the southeast portions of the Ramp.

ONCE THERE WAS A WAY TO GET BACK HOMEWARD (oh, pretty darling)

West stairway work is, for the moment, a fill-in project for the construction crews: they'll attack it when they run out of other likely looking targets. That might be this week, next week, later. Last week we said that the work would necessitate routing all comers to the west restrooms, cloakroom and and reference office through Copying Services. Someone had a better idea, Zeus be praised. Once there was a door between what are now the cloakroom and the Copying Services vestibule. Of late this door has been camouflaged as a large air vent, but sometime this week its door-ness will be restored, allowing free, if tacky, access to the restrooms, etc., without compromising the Copying Services change fund.

GUNG HO

The sprinkler installers are, by all evidence, a gung ho outfit. They have already done most of the basement (with occasional incursions into the Bindery floor above them), and they never dreamt that the 3 East stacks on that same level were not theirs for the taking. Since their work proceeds rapidly and makes very little dust, we have given them permission to go ahead and hang their pipes on the 3 East stacks, followed by the same in the Ramp. So the persistent staff and users who can find their way into 3 East will also find, for this week at least, that they are not alone.

CHINESE WATER TORTURE

Apparently to celebrate the new fiscal year the Bindery was inundated from a leaky ceiling on the night of 6/30-7/1. That much you probably already know. The rest of the tale, in case you're curious, is this: The leaking pipe, a 4" drainpipe that once served an extinct restroom, has been used
CHINESE WATER TORTURE (Continued)

since the last renovation (1963-4) to drain off air conditioner condensate. It will be removed altogether in the present upheavals. It has been in the way on the ground floor, so one or more progressive-minded persons decided to cut it off and substitute a temporary half-inch pipe. Ordinarily that would have worked, but the hot weather has made the air conditioner labor so hard that the half inch was completely inadequate to drain it. The water gradually backed up until it reached a weak crack or joint, and then streamed into the Bindery for 8 - 10 hours before it was detected. A little even crept into the Slavic Alcove. All dry now, though.

T-SHIRTS

Tuesday, 7/8 at noon is the final deadline for ordering your official Watson Library Renovation T-Shirt. Your money ($5.00 cash; no barter or credit cards) must be in the hands of Mary Marshall, Fines Office by high noon.
FORECAST

No interruptions in basic services are likely. It's hard to pinpoint the source of the noise; it may be from sawing beginning graduate students in half lengthwise to increase headcount.

TOURS

If what's written below leaves you wondering what's really going on, you're welcome to take a tour of construction areas with John Glinka. Groups will be limited to 10 people, so call the Administrative Offices to sign up for Tuesday, Sept. 16, Thursday, Sept. 18, or Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 4:30 p.m. If there is additional demand, more tours will be set up. And when you do find out what's really going on, for Pete's sake tell us. (Tours start in the front lobby.)

PUTTING TOGETHER

For the most part ground and third floors are steadily metamorphosing from vast trash cans back into offices and reading rooms and restrooms. Mechanical systems are taking shape, but there are still several major developments necessary between now and completion of Phase I. Much of the general work at this stage has to integrate several skilled crews: best make openings for wiring and plumbing before painting the walls; best put up the wall before cutting the holes; best route conduits and pipes before putting up the walls.

Details: walls are in assorted stages: insulation is going up on outside walls, covered by plaster board. Inside walls are metal studs sheathed with plaster board. In some areas the cracks between sections of plaster board are now being smoothed with plaster and sanded in preparation for painting. In the Administrative Offices there are any number of steel doorframes standing erect and alone in the middle of open spaces pantomimming channels of authority.

The big chunks of mechanical work involve installing large pieces of equipment: air handling units and a transformer. One air handling unit goes outside what we still must refer to as the Documents Reading Room, and the unit fits so snugly that before the crane can lift it inside the walled space, two inches must be shaved off a beam of the wall. Some of the progress in the main mechanical room depends on the weather and how soon we are willing to kiss the tired old main chiller goodbye once and for all. A transformer -- The Transformer -- is now en route from the factory. According to page 3 of the Phasing Document, "Working on this transformer changeover shall be done over one weekend, with no more than 4 total days taken for power interruption." But as things have evolved no real interruption at all appears likely.

TAKING APART

Since there wasn't anything else going down last Wednesday morning the contractor decided to take out the walls in the late Art Library. That was pretty well done (sledgehammers) shortly after lunch, so once the debris was carted out work began laying out the new wheelchair ramp east of the front entrance. The shrubbery that didn't walk off under its own power was moved and bike racks were set up across the walk under the crabapple trees. Other obstacles are being removed and a precise survey is underway. If you are planning competitive events on this ramp, whether in wheelchairs, on roller skates or booktrucks, be advised that the plans show a hairpin turn halfway down.
EAST STAIRWAY REOPENED

As of Monday morning, 9/15, the East stairway is open but filthy. Open because the elevator door openings are now cut in the lower stack levels. (Trick of the week: hoisting the sawed out blocks out the top of the new elevator shaft — seriously.) Filthy because the stairs are being extended up one more floor to give access to the east elevator penthouse, and bits of the block, mortar, scaffolding and broken shoelaces will continue to sift down the stairs for another ten days or so.

Most of the stone for facing new exterior block arrived on Friday, 9/12. The rest is sitting at some port of entry weigh station between here and Indiana.

3 EAST STACKS

Probably won't reopen before October 1. Since the area is already closed and crammed, the contractor would like to go ahead and complete additional processes to finish the walls now—provided that a sizable knot of red tape can be untangled to allow for this change of plans.

NOT PINK!

The generations of women who have flinched upon entering The Raspberry Room on first floor will be delighted to know that the new restroom on ground floor is being tiled with a golden tan entry and white interior. We have never had occasion to verify that the old men's room is done in a color called "calomine thigh," but the new one will have a blue-gray entry and white interior.

TO CLEAN UP OUR ACT

Starting today we have a new student assistant, Vikki Appleton, a senior in visual communications, who will apply her considerable skills and talents to tidying up and improving our signs, graphics and directional information. Your sign requests that have been slow in being filled now stand a fighting chance or better.

STILL THE ONES

Rising to the occasion in the sixth and final inning, the Professionals dumped the junior circuit 12-11 in fast, furious softball action this past Saturday. Headed into the 6th, the librarians trailed 6-8. Ted Sheldon began the heroics with one of his long smashes. Jeanne Richardson, half of a sparkling catcher tandem, duped the opposition by dumping a single into left field. Following a Charles Getchell single, Cliff Haka cleared the bases with a resounding smash. John Miller, Joe Richardson, Gene Carvalho, and Clint Howard followed with markers that netted two more runs—the margin of victory. Scintillating defensive play helped tremendously. Catcher Shawbaker snagged a wicked pop foul, and a Howard to Haka peg erased a runner at second. The staff played well—overcoming a 6-2 deficit and grabbing the lead in the fifth. Then came the decisive inning. The win put "Iron Mike" Sheldon at 2-0 for the year. A good time was had by all, and beer was had by many.
FORECAST
No interruptions of basic services are expected.

FLASH
As of Friday morning, 9/26, permission was FINALLY received from state officials to proceed with 3 East stack work. The work (putting up a dust barrier floor to ceiling, patching north and east walls with plaster, sanding the plaster and painting) will go forward immediately, and may be finished as soon as Friday this week.

STACK SHIFTS
The integration of Marvin materials into the 2 East stacks (660's - 770's except folios which are still on 4C) and removal of serials from 5 Center to Lippincott were only the first of a long series of stack shifts. All moves will be posted on the large diagram next to the West Stack Entrance, reported to the Reference Desk, and published as frequently as possible in new editions of the handout stack maps.

The next shift will remove the books that are now sitting on the floor in 3 East (910.6 - 913.43) to 4 Center. This is necessary because the old shelving they came off of cannot be put back up, and new shelving will materialize slowly. It is useful because it makes those books available immediately, and will speed up reopening of the 3 East stacks whenever the construction is finished.

Subsequent moves will have the general effect of spreading the cramped LC books into the available Center stack space. It might also be helpful to put all Dewey folios on the homecoming float and keep driving them around town until March, 1982.

DUST UNTO 2 CENTER
One and Two East and Center stacks have gradually become quite dusty from construction, and will eventually require some serious cleaning. But for now, please close the doors into those areas to contain the stuff.

PHASE I
November 1 is still the target date for Phase I completion, and attendant library moves. By next week we hope to be able to report definite moving dates and plans. The ground floor is looking neater and more nearly finished every day.

BRIDGEWORK
In something that approached grant ballet in grace and precision if not vocabulary, large steel I-beams were lifted in through a small south window last week and swung into place to frame the main center floor. If you smell smoke this week, it may be from welding these beams together, so check before you pull a fire alarm.

Corrugated steel is being laid across the beams, and eventually—a concrete slab will be poured on top of it. The beams you can see are for both the main center floor and for the bridge that connects 4 West and 4 Center stacks.

AIRLIFT
The east elevator shaft stonework is within a day or two of completion, a step that will free the crane to hoist the new air handling unit into place outside the southeast wall. Once positioned it can be connected immediately to the new ducts and start

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circulating air to the East and Center stacks. Those breezes are our candidate for Better Late Than Never of 1980.

Over the West stacks the old chilling tower will be shut down and dismantled in mid-October. Before its replacement is installed the west stack roof and the chiller's mountings will be carefully inspected for potential leaky spots, and regummed as necessary.
FORECAST

Aside from a brief hiatus already past in water supply, basic services are operating at their normal shoestring level. Ventilation is a wild card this week, as some new equipment is added (but not the new fans because the fan manufacturers are on strike) and attempts are made to cobble old and new systems together into something that responds to both cool mornings and warm afternoons.

GO, GO, GO

The Periodicals Reading Room will move over the weekend of November 1-2. (Following which Sarah Couch will be nominated for sainthood; Muriel Cook declined similar honors due to a prior nomination to motherhood.) Attached is a copy of the flier being sent to all University faculty and staff. Please read it and get the dates firmly in mind.

Shelving will be moved in beginning this Thursday. Much of it is coming down from the former Art Library, possibly with the help of the big crane. There will still be unfinished details of the ground floor area such as the storm windows and vinyl floor covering in the hallway outside the restrooms but those things are minor once we have toilet bowls and telephones. In general, our threats of "November 1 or else" have finally produced "great skillful skill and great speedy speed," as Dr. Seuss would say.

Exit Control will open for business at the west front door on Monday morning, November 3. The Administrative Offices will be much slower in moving because the big push has been made to complete the ground floor. And there seems to be a hangup on the floor covering: the carpet is scheduled to be woven November 26!

In summary, there won't be a clear break between Phase I and Phase II, and it will be to your advantage to keep in touch with developments as people and materials move.

FLOOD

While most folks were glad for the drought-breaking rains last Wednesday and Thursday, the main roof gutter overflowed into an area of the west roof where the water was funneled down into the west stairwell and the main reference office ceiling. The best efforts of John Glinka and general contractor Pat Green between 2 and 4 a.m. notwithstanding, a substantial amount of water ran through the ceiling tiles and down into the office. The ceiling tiles are made of cellulose and glue. The water dissolved some of the glue. What poured onto desks, into typewriters and files and boxes of completed bibliographic searching was glue. Further details may be obtained from Rob Melton, Charles Getchell or Rich Ring, the persons whose desks were hit.

ANTI-FLOOD

Close inspection has shown that the west stack roof is not in good condition and needs to be completely replaced. There is some question as to whether this will happen after awhile (it requires a Change Order from Topeka) or after a long while. A roof has been set over the west stairway penthouse so it can't repeat last week's flood. The acrid smell is tar sealing for it.
HOT WATER

The old hot water heater --- the one installed by Sir Isaac Newton --- is being removed. Temporary small ones will be put into the two main floor restrooms. There will be no hot water on third floor for some time to come. In fact the kitchenette up there is still waiting on shop drawings.

SWATCHES

A sample book has arrived showing paint colors and floor and wall covering swatches. To find out what you will be living with, you'll need to know your room number. Both the sample book and floor plans showing room numbers are available in the Administrative Offices.

$64 QUESTION

If they can put a man on the moon why can't they get the pigeon out of the Reference Room?

Late breaking news: with a quick hand and a tender heart Galina Kuzmanovic caught the pigeon, gently gave it a drink and carried it to a safe spot outside near a birdbath.
A BRIEF INTERRUPTION IN LIBRARY SERVICE

Watson Library has been under extensive renovation since May 1, and some areas are now ready for occupancy. Over the weekend of November 1-2 the Periodicals Reading Room will move from its familiar location on the main floor to a space on the ground floor. It will be closed from 5 p.m. Friday, October 31, until noon Monday, November 3 in order to make the move with the maximum possible organization of nearly 100,000 bound and unbound periodicals, microfilms, newspapers, etc. Although the doors will reopen at noon on Monday the 3rd, the level of service will depend on the progress of the move. Full service will be restored as quickly as possible.

Please plan assignments to work around this closing: each person will be allowed to check out six items on Thursday, October 30th or Friday the 31st. Those items may be kept until noon Wednesday, November 5, but must be returned to the relocated Periodical Reading Room.

At the same time the regular front entrance of Watson Library will be closed and we will begin using the ground floor entry to the west of the main doors. This will continue throughout Renovation Phase II, which will be completed next spring.

Within a few weeks Library Administrative Offices will move from their present main floor location to renovated quarters on the third floor. All these moves combined will vacate the main floor so that the contractor can take over the area for the next six months. The full renovation is scheduled for completion in early 1982.

If you have questions about this or other aspects of the libraries, please come in or call the Reference Department (4-3347) or the Administrative Offices (4-3601).
FORECAST
Smooth sailing for utilities.

STACKS
7 and 8 West are now closed for renovation work. That means that the regular west stack entrance is closed until March 3. The contractor offered to open the corridor from the entrance to the elevator on evenings and weekends, but Circulation staff felt that would produce more confusion then convenience.

HOWEVER: the Bridge connecting 6 West and 6 Center will be opened, (see map) at least until March 3 so that it is not truly impossible to enter West stacks from the second floor, it just seems that way. Library staff may use the 7 West stack entrance and elevator, but should try hard to maintain the dust barriers inside the door to prevent dust leaking into the Circulation Department.

*enter/exit

Closed for renovation 2/18-3/3
Books in closed areas paged daily from the Circulation Desk.
Inspections of the new Administrative Offices revealed very little difficulties to be corrected, but no big ones. The contractor says he can have 70% of them fixed by this Wednesday, and the rest shortly thereafter; we will receive "beneficial occupancy," which is to say that our occupation of the area does not relieve the contractor of responsibility for completing and correcting all specified details. So this Thursday or Friday the files and phones will move to the third floor, taking their people with them. Since Jim Ranz's office is still just a concrete and ductwork hole, he will settle temporarily in Bob Malinowsky's Office. Demolition in the old Administrative Offices will be confined to the interior until we are through using the level 6 bridge between West and Center stacks. That way the demolition dust will be contained and can't follow our footsteps into the stacks.

ELEVATORS

The new east elevator has been undergoing test flights and will probably be inspected later this week. A dab of drywall construction is going on next to the elevator on each floor in order to provide a solid wall to hold the elevator controls.

Replacing the old elevator is going to be noisy and intrusive, but worth the price. The work will take over some of the ground floor corridor outside the restrooms, and the TWX closet in Interlibrary Services. How soon this happens depends on scheduling other work.

SERVING TIME

One large shipment of about 1200 shelves has gone to the Kansas State Penitentiary for refinishing, and a smaller shipment of card catalogs left this week. The projected turnaround time is two weeks, so early next week we should get the 1200 back, and send out another large batch. The PC's (protective custody inmates) from A Cell House are doing the work; the men with seniority and good work records make as much as 90¢ per day at it. Card catalogs are getting a dark finish to match the newest ones on hand. Shelving will be lighter: not blond, but light enough to show the grain of the wood.

CURIOUS?

If you're wondering how the new staff lounge is coming along, how much progress the insulators have made since coming back to work, whither the Ramp or how high the moon, you may seek knowledge next Thursday afternoon at 4:30. John Glinka will lead a brisk tour through construction areas. Please call Mss. Perry or Gilliland at 4-3601 to reserve your place.
FORECAST

Steady as we go on all utilities. The ventilation system is still a partial unknown, and we need data about problems with it. If your area becomes stuffy, windy, hot, cold or unusually smelly, please get in touch with the Administrative Office. Modifications may be possible.

REACTIONS

We spoke with a few people to ask what they especially like/dislike about our new setting, and their comments about it. The carpet won praise from several people, as did the overall atmosphere. "Wow!" said an English professor, "It looks like a new library!" The "landscape partitions" were damned by several, for their lack of privacy and quiet in the face of promises to the contrary from the architects; and for the choice and placement of their various finishes. The pleasant temperature and easier card catalog arrangement make it easier for one Lippincottsky to come over and search, while another says that the extended area makes more walking for searchers. There is a bump in the floor under Circulation that has tipped over two booktrucks already, but the cleaner surroundings are helping make up for it. And nobody has suggested moving back to our previous quarters.

COPIERS

The lone tenant of the fourth (née second) floor is Copying Services, which is literally, if not figuratively, waiting to get wired. Such may be a fact by the time you read this. The self service machine in Periodicals will stay there, and it now appears that the two others will go on the same floor in the central hallway, just west of the restrooms. Circulation will continue to provide service and change during evenings and weekends.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH

Renovation work has slowed somewhat during the move, but do not be deceived: they're merely taking a big breath before tearing into the second floor demolition. After taking down the wooden shelving (the contractor wanted the tongue and groove panels behind it, the rest is going to library and construction staff) and uncovering some wiring installed by Buffalo Bill, the workmen retired to patching roof leaks, nudging the elevator project along, installing second floor storm windows and finishing details of the first floor lounges, mail and bindery preparations rooms.

There had to be a quick fiddle with the new front door lock because it didn't really lock the inside doors. The manuals for proper maintenance on the new carpet and floor coverings are being ritually transferred from the contractor to the University to Facilities Operations to the janitors now that graduation is over and either the field house or the stadium is free for the ceremonies.

The safe and approved route to the Administrative Office is now via the east elevator and stairs, and will continue to be so through most of Phase III. Upon arrival you will now find Jim Ranz's desk in his new office, and from time to time you will find him there as well.
FORECAST

Basic functions steady. Measured clangor from 4th & 5th floor demolition.

OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH PHASE III

Go carefully and look for signs on your way to the Administrative Office. The route is circuitous, fraught with perils, and will be changing every few days as different areas are demolished. At the moment slippery dust and falling ceilings are the main hazards, but as in a game of "Dungeons and Dragons," who knows what turn our fortunes may take next? Perhaps a cache of doubloons in an old restroom wall, an elfin booktruck in a discarded duct...but we digress.

Another detour is facing us momentarily: the contractor needs to use the East stairs to move people and materials up to the construction area, so those stairs will be closed off to us except as an emergency fire exit. The east elevator will be our main access to the East stacks, and the Center stacks will provide secondary routes. Although this presents some inconvenience to library users, it keeps our books secure and also gives the workmen a route that is much safer, more efficient, and more separate from library traffic than any of the alternatives.

THE SCORE AFTER SEVEN INNINGS

If the overall renovation phasing plan is growing hazy in your mind, here's what it says for Phase III:

- Continue main entrance stair (and ramp) construction...
- 2nd floor and remainder of 3rd floor demolition and remodeling.
- Replacement of large north windows during mild late spring/early summer.
- Complete center Public elevator remodeling, making it available as soon as possible for permanent Public use.
- Start-up air conditioning after completion of chiller and tower installation.

We have no word yet on an expected completion date for Phase III. It was originally scheduled to last about 6 months. Since it began about May 15, that would put the end around November 15. It is gratifying to see that the entrance and ramp are now complete except for rails, the air conditioning is (hooray!) working, and the main elevator is coming along well, if not quite as speedily as predicted last week. All of this may or may not affect our moving schedule.

Phase IV is shorter than the rest:

- Complete the final painting and carpeting of the [second] floor.
- Complete the remodeling of the Lounges areas of the [first] floor.
- Remove all fence, trailers, etc. from south parking lot and clean up area.

And the Lounge areas are already done. This, we feel, is worth at least an aliquot of optimism.

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OF GLASS, OF JUICE

The big north windows will be unchanged at the top, but the grid of small rectangular panes will be replaced with two long sheets of thermopane glass. Careful structural studies are now being done to see if we can dispense with some or all of the transverse braces that interrupt the otherwise magnificent view. Actually, just having clean glass will be such an improvement we'll hardly notice the braces.

If some walls of your "landscape partition" walls are still without electricity, please report the fact to the Administrative Office. The partition people (partitives?) are being called back to plug the omissions.

GRABS

The reason some bannisters, e.g. on the central stairs and in the staff lounge, have unfinished tops is that they are awaiting arrival of the fabricated metal caps surmounted by handrails. There is no prediction as to when they might arrive.
FORECAST
Utilities steady. This is the week that part of the card catalog area will be blocked off as the final portions of the Great Wall are removed. If this is all news to you check our issue #61, where the reasons for this precaution were explained. Noise will last as long as the wall does.

SATISFACTION
Inspection is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday on the new main elevator. Assuming it is found passable in all particulars we will soon have a safer and more direct route to the 5th floor Administrative Office.

Papers are also in process to grant us "partial occupancy" of the auxiliary chiller. Current weather conditions may put it to the test.

Roof work is almost done over the Center stacks. That should end the parfum de petrochemical in the ventilation system, unless future rains indicate small leaks that need patching along the joints between various roof sections.

DISSATISFACTION
Front and back doors still don't lock and unlock just right, even after repeated adjustments by the contractor.

We have spared you descriptions of a couple of months of waffling about whether the amplifier for the new p.a. system will be located in the janitors closet, where the architects felt it would be more secure, or at the Circulation Desk, where we expect to be using it and plan to give it a lockable cupboard. Once technology, divisions of responsibility, politics and common sense find a meeting ground the system will be available to warn you of impending tornadoes.

Hand rails are still on order for both interior and exterior stairs, but they are being manufactured by left handed porcupines, so communication about arrival dates is difficult. So use the stairs carefully and stay sober until further notice.