

Sixth floor, east wing, at one time, the Kierkegaard Library, recently the Gender and Sexuality Center.

When walls and ceilings came down to expose the vault and its structure, with daylight flooding in from the dormers, the planning team realized the potential that we only thought we knew.

The structure will be exposed in the finished space, after all the surfaces are thoroughly insulated and covered with drywall and other finishes.



Looking southeast into the vault over the East-West center section of the building.

The south wall of this section will be opened up by extending the dormer seen at the work light all the way down the vault, bringing daylight into the space.



Looking straight west into the center vault. This had been mechanical space, along with several rooms that came later and were used to hold work in progress by Edna and Howard Hong



The North wall of the East wing. This area will be a teaching space for about 24 students, and it has wonderful East daylighting.

The exterior walls of Holland are made of the rough scrap stone and mortar seen here, with our more finished Fon du Lac limestone on the exterior. It is a solid masonry assembly with no vapor barriers or insulation today.



The new main stairway for the building arrives at 6th floor on the far end of this space. The center of the steel trusses is 10 feet from the floor. Offices will be to the left, and each truss bay is one office. The corridor wall is just under the center of the truss.

We will add a vertical piece to the bottom chord of the truss, about 4 feet from the office wall, so that people know whereto walk without head knocking. Clusters of comfortable furniture will be in each bay on the right.



This is the center section of 5th floor. The far window daylights the new stair. The other pairs of windows each daylight a nice classroom, with views across to Rolvaag Library. In the original building, these were teaching laboratories.

When Regents Hall was developed we repeated the North day lit teaching labs.

This classroom arrangement will be found on 4th floor as well.



The same space, looking West to East. The steel columns on the right side will be part of the classroom wall, separating them from the corridor.

The corridor walls will be glazed to help drive day light deep into the building.

Ceilings will be held as high as practical – above the bottom of the structural beams – in order to keep the arched windows fully visible.



For orientation, the opening just above the demolition carts, looks into 501.

The new stairs will be centered on the far arched window, and be largely enclosed with glass.



Looking West from the former Philosophy offices, into 501.

The vaulted ceilings will remain open. There is a North-South vault over the tiered seating, and the East-West one seen here forms small transepts.

The red steel beam used to hold up the many thousands of books of Professor Ed Langerak. That structure has been removed now to create an open, fully vaulted, classroom.



Design is locking in, even as demolition reveals surprises, almost every day!

We will post pictures on this page from time to time, and comments are welcome.

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