

# **April 2025 Newsletter**

# UCB - Heathcock Hall College of Chemistry NEWSLETTER



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## TOP NEWS

### **Interim Egress Stairs:**

Similar to the South side of Latimer Hall, we've started interim egress stair preparation on the North side of Latimer Hall. We're currently progressing through the process of drilling anchors, waterproofing, installing steel baseplates, and conducting inspections.

### **New Lewis Hall Exit:**

We're installing a fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) at the new Lewis Hall opening. This material is safe for use in active spaces. It is applied in layers, with each layer curing for three days.

### **Temporary Shoring Along University for Site Retaining Walls:**

Exciting news! We've started the installation of test nails for the 45-foot permanent soil nail wall along University Avenue. We are starting our first soil nail lift starting this week, and installation will continue through July 2025.

### **Remaining Interior Construction at Latimer Hall:**

During Dead Week (May 5-9), we will resume noisy work for our remaining interior construction tasks within Latimer Hall. While some of this work may cause noise and vibrations, we've scheduled the loudest tasks during off-hours to minimize disruptions to daily activities at the College of Chemistry.

Here's the summary of the planned work:

- Levels 2, 3, and 4 Balconies: Installing air and water barrier, and cement board.
- Room 320: Relocating a cabinet, fire extinguisher, and exit sign. Installing a new door and door threshold.
- Room 430A: Building a fire-rated shaft wall. Installing a door frame, electrical devices and ceiling fixtures, and painting.

### **Upcoming Road Closure / No Construction During UCB Commencement**

On Saturday, May 17, 2025:

Gayley Road, Stadium Rim Way, and Centennial Drive will be closed from 7am-1pm for Cal's Graduation Commencement Ceremony.

# High Potential for Lab Disruption

## Areas of Work

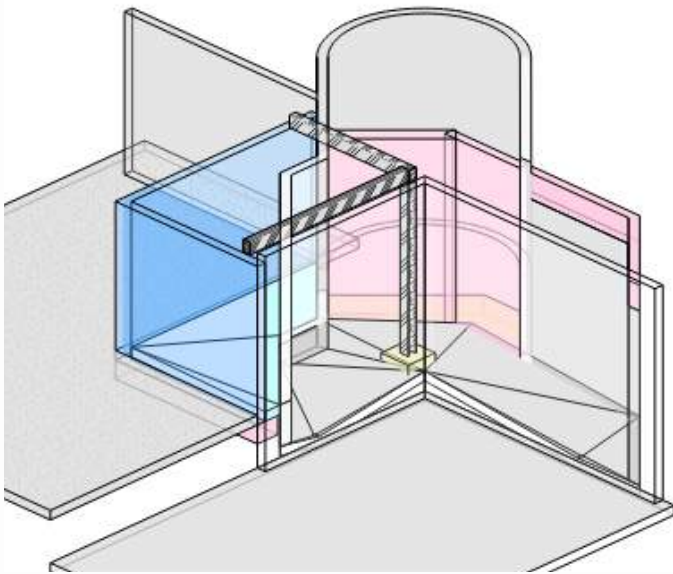
**Upper Site Along University Dr/Gayley Rd**  
Installing Soil Nails for the Permanent Soil Nail Wall

**Latimer Hall Air Intake**  
Physics B18 Build Back and Adjacent Rooms

**Lewis Hall**  
Building New Ground Floor Exit / Path of Egress

**Hildebrand Plaza (South)**  
Prep for Interim Stairs Structural Steel Skid Support

**Pimentel Plaza (North)**  
Prep for Interim Stairs Structural Steel Skid Support



- Overall Project Completion: 9%

## April 2025 Schedule

### Latimer Hall - Air Intake Structure Phase 3

**Slab on Grade**  
**Dates: [03/28/25-04/28/25]**  
**Low Impact**

**South & East Stem Walls**  
**Dates: [03/28/25-04/22/25]**  
**Low Impact**

**Frame and Waterproof Fire Rated Enclosure**  
**Dates: [04/21/25-05/09/25]**  
**Low Impact**

**Lewis Hall - New Ground Floor Exit**  
**Dates: [03/03/25-05/25/25]**  
**Medium Impact**

**Hildebrand Plaza - Installing Structural Steel Skid Support (South)**  
**Dates: [04/21/25-04/28/25]**  
**Medium Impact**

**Pimentel Plaza - Preparation for Structural Steel Skid Support (North)**  
**Scanning and Layout, Drilling Anchors and Setting Steel Baseplates**  
**Low Impact**

**Permanent Soil Nail Wall**  
**Installing Soil Nail Lifts**  
**Dates: [03/24/25-03/28/25]**  
**Nail drilling will begin 03/31/25 and soil nail installation will continue through July 2025.**  
**High Impact**

## Demolition and Vibration Equipment Being Used (Potential Lab and Equipment Impacts)



Low Impact



Medium Impact



High Impact

## Progress Photos



Overhead Photo of our Site Prior to Test Nail Installation



Drilling Test Nails to Prepare for Installing Soil Nails



Applying FRP Layers at the New Lewis Hall Opening



Progress at the New Air Intake

## Noise Forecast

- 04/21/25-04/25/25: Noise Level - Medium
- 04/28/25-05/02/25: Noise Level - Medium
- 05/05/25-05/09/25: Noise Level - Medium
- 05/12/25-05/16/25: Noise Level - Medium
- 05/19/25-05/23/25: Noise Level - Medium

## Questions or Concerns

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## Project Milestones

- Air Intake Relocation - April 2025
- Egress Stairs at Latimer Hall - May 2025
- Lewis and Latimer Connecting Link - May 2025
- Make Ready Phase Complete - August 2025
- Retaining Wall Complete - July 2025
- Start Structural Steel - December 2025
- Start Exterior Facade - January 2026
- Structural Top Out - March 2026
- Exterior Skin Complete - July 2026
- Elevators Operational - September 2026
- Street Improvements Complete - September 2026
- Phase 2 Complete - May 2027



**Please see the following:**

**Scheduled Work Near Labs Google Sheet**