THE BUILDING EXTERIOR HAS PROGRESSED GREATLY THIS WEEK. THE INSTALLATION OF THE BRICK VENEER IS GOING UP ON THE NORTH CORE USING FRACO SCAFFOLDING. THIS IS SHOWN IN THE TOP LEFT PHOTO. THE METAL WALL PANELS ARE BEING INSTALLED ON THE WEST AND THE EXTERIOR INSULATION IS GETTING INSTALLED ON THE EAST.

“Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work.” – Stephen King
Paul Williams was an Architect in Los Angeles, California. He designed many homes and public buildings in the Southern California area. Some of these homes were for celebrities such as Frank Sinatra, Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz, and Barbara Stanwyck.

He was born in Los Angeles, California in 1884. Paul earned his Architectural Engineer Degree from USC in 1919. He became the first Certified Architect West of the Mississippi in 1921. Paul became the first African American member of the American Institute of Architects in 1923.

Paul was an excellent draftsman when he was younger. He became very skilled at drafting upside down. He had to learn this skill because in the 1920s white clients were uncomfortable sitting next to a black man, so he had to learn to draft from across the table.

He won many awards during his career including the Springarn Medal from the NAACP for his outstanding contribution of an architect. The AIA also gave him the gold metal in 2017, this was 37 years after his death.

The works shown to the left include Guardian Angel Cathedral, La Concha Motel, The Shrine Auditorium, and The Theme Building in the top left corner.

The source for most of this information came from Paul R. Williams Wikipedia Page.
The West Side of Level 2 drywall was completed this week. Here are some photos of the work.

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.” - Pele
LEVEL 3 FRAMING AND ELECTRICAL ROUGH-IN CONTINUED THIS WEEK. HERE ARE SOME PROGRESS PHOTOS FROM FRIDAY.
Larry is retiring this week. So, Walsh decided we wanted to highlight Larry and thank him for all his time at Bates. We at Walsh hope Larry the best in retirement and he will be greatly missed here at Bates. Here is the interview we had with Larry a few months back.

Larry is from Tacoma and has lived here his whole life. He graduated from Wilson Highschool and then attended Bates. After Bates he worked as a Machinist for 20 years at Western Machine Works and the Port of Tacoma.

Currently he is the Facilities & Operations Manger here at Bates. He has been working at Bates for the last 18 years and has been in his current role for the last 10 years.

Larry is excited for the new building. He said that he enjoys watching the progress being made everyday. The part of the building that he is most excited about is the elevator going all the way to the roof. This will make life much easier for Facilities & Operations.

Outside of work Larry and his Wife belong to a Corvette club (he has had his since 2008). They like to go to car shows all over the U.S. Some other hobbies he has outside of work include traveling and he used to race hydroplanes.
INSTALLATION OF THE ROOF PARAPET INSULATION OCCURRED THIS WEEK. HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS OF THE WORK ON THE PARAPET FROM FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK.

“THE REASON A LOT OF PEOPLE DO NOT RECOGNIZE OPPORTUNITY IS BECAUSE IT USUALLY GOES AROUND WEARING OVERALLS LOOKING LIKE HARD WORK.” – THOMAS A. EDISON
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