

The Fashion Institute of Technology

ALABS Status Report, August 2008

August 29, 2008. The project to construct labs for eight departments has been underway since the beginning of spring semester 2008. We remain on target to move those labs into the new A building spaces next summer and to be operational for the first day of fall semester classes, August 31, 2009. The departments and labs are:

4th Floor of A Building

1. **Accessories Design** labs (footwear and millinery)
2. **Fashion Design-Apparel** labs (leather draping)
3. **Jewelry Design** labs (metal and light metal)

5th Floor of A Building

4. **Advertising and Marketing Communications** broadcast studio and associated editing and control rooms
5. **Textile / Surface Design** lab (screen printing)
6. **Toy Design** labs (*entire department moves*)

6th Floor of A Building

7. **Cosmetics and Fragrance** lab
8. **Textile Development and Marketing** labs (textile testing I, textile testing II, and dyeing)

Over the past seven months the project has been engaged in start-up preparations, bidding of the work, and awarding of contracts by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY). A few examples of kick-off activities completed before the general contractor and sub-contractors were brought into the picture are these.

- Erection of construction fence on 8th Avenue.
- Installation of construction entrance at the west elevation of A building on 8th Avenue.
- Removal of mastic/floor-finish on the 5th and 6th floors.
- Demolition of the temporary classroom partitions on the 6th floor.
- Demolition and renovation of the 5th floor bridge between A & B buildings.
- Relocation of the EOP and FITABLE to their new offices on the 5th floor bridge.

The general contractor and the sub-contractors now have their contracts and notices to proceed from DASNY. They began coming on site August 22. We may not see much of their coming and going, because their personnel and construction materials will enter and leave through a gate and new loading dock established off Eighth Avenue.

The construction management company and all involved with the project are keenly aware that classes are in session and that service departments are open on the perimeter of the construction. We will do everything we can to avoid disturbance. If noise is anticipated during hours of operation, we will consult and give ample warnings to neighboring departments – such as Health Services in A-402, Internship Center in A-605, Academic Skills in A-608B, International Student Advisors in A-608D, and Student Life on the seventh floor above the construction site.

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