



Monthly Update

Old Main Renovation

December 2024



Evidence of 1925 fire revealed in Old Main renovation

The process of abatement in Old Main began in early October. The charred rafters pictured above were revealed during work on the third floor. In Dr. James Neilson's history of the institution, we learn that at the time of the fire large insurance policies proved to have been a wise precaution. Within a few weeks, reconstruction began. The refinishing helped to make it possible for some desirable changes. A number of the small dormitory rooms on third floor were reconstructed into four large classrooms to be used by the business, rural education, and music departments. Modern, up-to-date lighting fixtures were installed throughout the old building. [See more about the fire and the history of Old Main.](#)

Updates:

- The first of two GMPs have been received.
- Interior demolition in Old Main will begin January 1.
- Photos at left were taken recently on the first floor and in the basement.

Campus Center elevator progress

Elevator installation is underway, and it is expected that installation will be complete the week of Dec. 16. Drywall work will begin at that time. The entire project is slated for completion by the end of January.

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