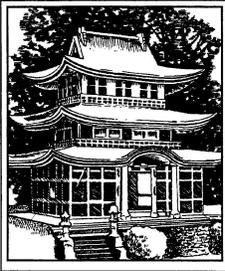


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Due to heat, humidity, and our volunteers' vacation schedules, the July and August issues will be shorter than usual. We'll do a brief Construction Watch and a few photos that we think you will enjoy. Meanwhile, Seminary tours are scheduled for July 22 and August 26. See our website at www.saveourseminary.org for the time and location.

Construction Watch: What's New?

The Army and the developers are working closely together to resolve environmental issues that were discovered at the Seminary. There is a small, isolated "hot spot" with Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), PCBs and mercury behind the Servants' Quarters and Carpenter's Shop. The Army is responsible for the cleanup based on a covenant in the transfer deed that the United States would remediate environmental contamination not previously identified on the site. The Army's process includes drafting a cleanup plan, posting a notice about the cleanup plan in local newspapers, hiring a contractor to remove the contaminated soil, retesting the soil, and keeping the community informed. The process is expected to take 22 to 24 weeks.

The development team also found some Sub Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs) in the area of the old Odeon Theatre. A response action plan will be prepared and submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment for review and approval.

The Alexander Company's construction contractor, Struever Bros, Eccles and Rouse (SBER – see their website at www.sber.com) has begun work on the main buildings at the center of the Seminary campus – something we have all been waiting for! Work is five months behind schedule because of the complexity of the permitting process, but SBER expects to make up the time and meet the deadline at the end of 2007. SBER will start work at both ends of the complex (the Kitchen Wing and the Music Hall) and work towards the center. Their first steps are to clean out trash and furnishings and demolish deteriorated and unnecessary interior elements. A security fence will be installed soon to protect the public from the dangers of an active construction site.

The developers and the Army have made real progress toward a temporary access to the Ireland Drive trail. Fencing and paving has been completed and very little work remains before it will be opened to public use, hopefully by August 1.

The Seminary in Winter

One way to deal with the hot summer is to think snow. These photos should help.



