



A Click in Time—The Demolition of Kruegel Hall and KMAC

By Jeremy Griffin



Constructed in 1957 as a cluster contract with Neill Hall and McAllister Hall, Kruegel Hall was originally a "residence hall for men" as were the forementioned buildings. KMac was a central building that connected McAllister Hall, and Kruegel. Kruegel Hall-

KMac were eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.



Figure 21. Kruegel Hall construction, April 12, 1956; KMac at left; view to the north (WSU Libraries Digital Collections).

Kruegel Hall was named for William C. Kruegel (former Bur-sar, Comptroller, and Finance Officer at WSU) and was a residence hall from 1957-1986. From 1987-2022 it was used as "hotel" accommodations such as overflow student housing, and departmental office and classroom space. For the past three years it has been vacant

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and has become an attractive nuisance, the target of break-ins and vandalism. Auxiliary Facilities Services and Facilities Services worked as a team and a collaborative demolition project was set up for a 2024-2025 execution.

As I wandered these once bustling halls, I was reminded of the thousands of students over the years that resided here as they prepared for their careers. A place to pursue their professional goals, to build friendships, and lifelong memories of Washington State University.

In 2014, McAllister Hall (named for former President of the Board of Regents Charles E. McAllister) was demolished due to structural concerns.

The bridge that you see in the first photo was removed years before both of these leveling projects.

In my years here at WSU I have been part of many tenant improvement projects in Kruegel and KMac, from minor paint and patch to floor replacement, window treatments, and a multitude of maintenance repairs on the structures. Surprisingly, no one wanted to keep any of the windows that you see in some of these photos. I am guessing nearly 70 years of tweaking on these hinges and sashes have given our tradespeople enough grief for now.

During those projects I admit I didn't really notice the International Style (Kruegel Hall) or Googie Style (KMac) of architecture in these buildings. Yes, Googie, not Google... Oh how times have changed! I am not sure I would have noticed these things had I not been watching this project deconstruction. I would have not known these terms if we didn't hire consultant Ann Sharley, M.A. as the Principal Investigator to comply with our DAHP (Washington State Department of Historic Preservation) requirements.

We (Facilities Services shops) usually just kept our eyes on the prize and worked whatever project we had going in order to move on to the next job.

Being part of the team to now raze Kruegel and KMac Halls has really impacted me in unexpected ways. Reminding me how special it is to be lucky enough to work in service of Washington State and the University.

Noticing the undulating ceilings and roofline at KMac not only mimic the rolling hills of the Palouse, but really solidify KMac as a structure that was designed and built in 1950's America. I believe the original architects, Victor N. Jones and Associates from Seattle would be impressed with the care and thoughtfulness that was put into the dismantling of these once modern buildings that were a point of growth for so many.

When Washington State College was founded and the first two college farm buildings were built in 1892 it was a time when the isolation of campus created tight bonds between students and faculty and characterized the college for decades. (credit: Ann Sharply excerpt from AHA! Level II Mitigation Doc for demo 12/26/2024)

I believe that feeling still rings true for Washington State University today. What does it mean to be a Cougar? It is hard to put into words if you haven't been here for a while and experienced that feeling. That unification of service, teaching, learning, and growth. It happens much faster than four years in undergrad, and lasts for decades beyond.

The new men's residence halls were finished in early 1957 at a cost of \$2.26M and in February of that year, 621 students moved from the Stadium Quadrangle residence halls, a temporary housing that had been dubbed the "Cardboard Castles". These new accommodations that came with luxury's luxuries such as fireplace lounges (that were almost cut out of the project for a \$7.6K savings, but vetoed by the Housing and Food Service Advisory board citing "fireplaces are used rather extensively in connection with the hall social program and to omit them would tend toward making an institution of the hall, rather than making it a home".) The lounges were subsequently retained and the \$7,600 was recovered elsewhere. (Clevenger 1955; Keene 1955a, 1955b, 1955c).

\$2.26M in 1957 is equivalent to \$25.3M in 2025. Our demolition cost was much less than that!

We partnered with a great Design Build team in Quality Contractors from Deary, ID, and Coffman Engineers from Spokane, WA. Both of these companies have proven to be wonderful partners and represented WSU well for the duration of this contract.

Our Request For Proposal went out in July of 2024, and construction initiated on October 28, 2024. This is a very quick turn around to achieve design, permitting, traffic control plans, and all of the logistics that surround that effort.

We started off with the asbestos abatement at KMac. I was pleased to see appropriate caution from our contractor and an extremely safe

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work site. With the assistance from our internal EH&S team clearing the rooms as rapidly as they were remediated, the asbestos removal team was able to complete this work in KMac by November 1, so the “soft demo” could start.

This is the process where everything inside the building that was not structural was removed in preparation for the planned deconstruction. All of those wonderful track windows were removed, and the interior nonbearing walls were also removed resulting in an open core of a building. The original foundation and envelope that had been dreamt up so long ago, and provided shelter and a place of belonging for so many people since. Probably the same thing that the original General Contractor, James I. Barnes Construction Company of Seattle, WA could have been caught admiring nearly 70 years ago.

On November 19, 2024 the first day of the “hard demo” initiated at KMac. This phase is when the structural components such as roof, walls, and floors started coming down. In a rapid 10 working days the entirety of what once was the hub between Kruegel and McAllister Halls was on the ground and reduced to a pile of rubble. Our demolition contractor was able to complete all of the soft demo in Kruegel Hall before the students were gone for the holidays, and began the structural demolition of that building on December 16. In a similarly impressive effort to the KMac demolition, Kruegel Hall was piled up on the old footprint near the South West side of Stadium Way by December 22. The demo team was able to go home and celebrate the holidays with family and make it back by December 30th to start the haul off of what used to be a 40K SF structure that stood proudly in Pullman for nearly 70 years.

Our putback at this time will be an open landscape for socializing and community, just like the fireplace lounges that were saved from value engineering so many years ago. I am hopeful that this space will give students, faculty, staff, and the city of Pullman another place to take a moment, breathe, and look forward to the exciting future that might be in the works for them.

For now, this is where we will rest until a future plan will once again come to fruition. A dreamt up vision from a collaborative team, not that different from the teams in 1955, will embark on making this another space that will carry on that Cougar spirit, the belief, that feeling that we can be more than we are currently. That we can learn, grow, teach, and mentor future Cougs through something as simple as a well thought out building and place to create memories that last so much longer than the structure that may hold them.



KUDOS

"I just wanted to take a minute to express appreciation for the level of attention our custodial supervisor **Angela Scott** provides those of us working in College Hall. She's a newer addition to campus, but brings a fresh approach in how she engages the people in her areas. She has a very positive perspective and outlook. She is present. She is visible. She does regular walk throughs and speaks with people. Angela has communicated service schedules to faculty and staff in my area, letting us know what we can expect on a weekly. We have never had that level of engagement in this department during my time here. Her efforts are stellar."

J. Bonner

"Thank you (**Bob Coffey**) for the prompt response to this WR (replace bottle filler filter) and getting it done so quickly!"

J. Therrien

"Thank You (**Jon Asplund**) for taking care of our buildings to be safer (replaced light bulbs), all my custodians and I really appreciate the work you all do and in a timely manner, especially this time of Season."

A. Scott

"The moving crew (**Wade Johnson, Bill Etenhofer, Ryan Farr, and John Black**) did an amazing job once again transporting the display boards for me! THANK YOU!"

J. Therrien

"You guys (**Chad Palmer, Wade Johnson, and Jeff Gulick**) were so QUICK (disassembled a desk) and as always, so friendly and helpful."

S. Bradley

"**JB Self** and his team (**Zway Erickson and Jeff Gulick**) did an amazing job on the removal of our built in metal bookcases. They were quick, quiet and I was totally surprised that they cleaned up the dirt on the floor from the bookcases being there for a long time. They even put the rug back that I had moved for them to come in and out of the office area. I think this team should get an acknowledgement of their excellent work. I would use this team as an example to other departments about customer service. Thank you for all your hard work!!"

K. Lawton

"**Ben (Erickson)** is an excellent electrician. He completely resolved our electrical wiring and timer control clocks. Excellent work."

K. Evans

"The faucet is just what we needed. Very nicely done (**Rod Main and Buddy Lockie**). Many thanks!!!"

K. Evans

"Outstanding work! The staff (**Lane Kenworthy**) was great to work with and communicated effectively. Thank you!"

R. Herrera

"Paul (**Paul Martling and Benjamin Kendrick**) was, again, such a wonderful, helpful contributor to the success of this event!"

J. Osiensky

"I was pleasantly surprised the issue (Removal of dangerous 3"x6' broken branching hanging 12' off the ground) was resolved in less than a week...Great Job! (**Brandyn Morley**)"

T. Olson

"**Kelly (Kirpes)** was quite knowledgeable and quickly solved our problems with sticking locks. Thanks!"

C. Knaack

"Thank You kindly, as you all are so busy right now, it's amazing how prompt our Maintenance department is. They (**Jason Brausen**) do a great job, my custodians asked me to make sure I thank everyone from them also."

A. Scott

"I wanted to comment on how great the groundskeeping team (**Leanne Livingstone**) has been around Clark Hall. I've been here for about 18 years, and I don't remember it being cleaned of leaves, etc. as consistently as it has been recently. Normally I wouldn't even notice, but it has been obvious for a while now. Just want to express my appreciation."

J Heiss

KUDOS

"I wanted to let you know that your janitorial staff (**Jonathan Williams, Jay Narramore, Van Hollman, Ricardo Alvarez, Chester Coleman, Jaren Nau, Tyler Arrison**) did an amazing job on the stairs and hallways. We understand that this was not an easy task and required a lot of manpower. Everything got done perfectly. Many groups of people, including students, facility workers, building staff, and researchers who visit our building, have complimented the cleanliness of all the areas that were cleaned."

J. Meeuwsen

"**Donovan (Novotany)** was communicative and responsive when scheduling this service. Signage was posted in advance, and the crew arrived as scheduled. The floor looks great! Thank you." (Floor waxed - **Donovan Novotany, Chris Hughes, Richard Priebe, Jonathan Narramore**)

J. Denherder

"**Logan (Larson)** works hard to be sure our facilities' needs are met. He not only responds quickly, does the requested work but always checks in with our staff to ensure everything we need is operational and that he completed the job to our satisfaction."

V. Lynch-Holm

"They did an excellent job. Thank you." (Repaired lab refrigerator – **Beau Tippett & John Sanchotena**)

H. Sheng

"Issues are always responded to and fixed very quickly. Thank you!" (Squeaky door repaired – **Lance Mitchell**)

N. Rye

"Thank You Kindly for taking care of these work requests, we have one amazing Maintenance crew here at WSU. My custodians appreciate it 100%!! :) ' (Stick/non-lockable knob repaired – **Lance Mitchell**)

A. Scott

"Mike and Adam are great!" (Light bulbs replaced – **Adam Beck & Mike Rima**)

R. Kirkac

"I appreciated the workers contacting me to confirm the exact location of the burned out bulbs. They went right to work and remedied the situation. Thank you". (Replace burnt out bulbs – **Mike Rima**)

T. Olson

"Our maintenance techs are always prompt courteous and thorough. very much appreciated." (Replace burnt out bulbs – **Jon Asplund & Tory Miranda**)

J. Bonner

"Thank you for the promptness in resolving the two issues I reported. I love having heat in my office now and it's not 54 degrees in there." (No heat issue – **Lee Bannister**)

C. Denman

"You're the best! Thank you all very much." (Door sweep replaced – **Logan Larson & JB Self**)

K. Corn

"I was surprised at how fast you were able to fit my work request into your busy schedule. Thank you!" (Repaired departmental ice maker – **Beau Tippett**)

E. Karel-Ward

"Just wanted to let you know you have a great employee in **Megan (Rinehart)** who is currently working as a custodian in BLS. No one in the 17yrs I've been in this building has done a better job of keeping the labs mopped regularly. No one has ever mopped my lab as thoroughly or more often. She seems conscientious and self motivated. Dirt, deicer, scuffs and spills in the hallway immediately disappear and she didn't hesitate to help when I went to the bathroom without my key card during reduced operations and locked myself out of my office and lab. She is a very hard worker and I hope her efforts are appreciated. "

M. Wildung

KUDOS

“Your crew (**Amelia Craigen in WMC, Ryan Larson and Brent Wernecke in Maintenance**) has bent over backwards and moved mountains for our building today and several times over the past few weeks which needs to be recognized. Today, your techs were out here immediately and instantly starting working to resolve several different problems. You all are doing such an amazing job putting up with us and fixing everything! I want you all to know that the lab manager you helped today has been gushing over your work and response time. She is as close to being on cloud nine as one can get at work, and that’s because of your team. I cannot emphasize enough how appreciative we are and I do apologize for not sending more of these emails. Thank you for everything you’ve done today, in the past, and for putting up with us in the future. We can be a particular group of people and I know that’s not easy to work with.

N. Dumas

“I would like to recognize **Lance Mitchell** (Locksmith) for shoveling the snow off of the entire dock at McCluskey this morning.” Thank you Lance!



Honor Coin Awarded to Doug Holverson!

Doug Holverson was chosen for the Service Honor Coin! Doug was nominated for his work on the Gibb/PE pool deck making the tile look brand new!

Great job Doug!



Jess Ford Hardhat Classic Golf Tournament
Scholarship Fundraiser!

July 26, 2025

hardhatclassic.wsu.edu

WSU Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day	May 26, 2025
Juneteenth	June 19, 2025
Independence Day	July 4, 2025
Labor Day	September 1, 2025
Veterans Day	November 11, 2025

Thanksgiving	November 27 & 28, 2025
Christmas	December 24 & 25 2025
New Years Day	January 1, 2026
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 19, 2026

Surplus Stores Sale Schedule Changes...by Ron Redman

Starting in January of 2025, Surplus Stores changed the schedule of our weekly Friday public sales. Surplus Stores will now have a sale every other Friday, replacing our long-time schedule of having weekly sales. With the growing demand and number of surplus pickup requests, we've decided to give an alternating schedule a trial run to see how this benefits our workload. With an additional two days of completing pickups every other week, we are hoping to get caught up on surplus pickups and also have the ability to focus on many other tasks that need to be done. Prior to the change we would do pickups three days per week giving Surplus staff only one day to process all incoming items and have them ready for sale on Friday. Hopefully the new schedule will allow for more tasks to be completed

If you are interested in coming to our Friday sales, you can go to our website to see when the next sale is scheduled. Click on the link to [Surplus Stores Home page](#) for the 2025 Sale Schedule.

We also sell items through online auction sites, which many are sold at other WSU locations throughout the state, as well as here in Pullman. To see what we may have up for online auction go to our [Featured Items page](#). There are two links that will take you to the auction sites that we sell our items on which is Public Surplus and GovDeals.

Another way to stay informed of our upcoming Friday sales and featured items listed through online auctions is to follow us on Facebook. Search WSU Surplus Stores or click on the link to take you to our [Facebook page](#).

(pictures are examples of items that have previously been sold at Surplus Stores)



Length of Service Awards



**Kevin Poxleitner, Electrician
5 Years**



**Mo Lee, Custodian 5
5 Years**



**Steve Meeuwsen, Equipment Tech. 3
5 Years**



**Robert Boren, Truck Driver 2
10 Years**



**Tim Ismailov, Plumber/Pipefitter/
Steamfitter 10 Years**



**Derrick Reynolds, Grounds & Nursery
Services Specialist 6 10 Years**

Length of Service Awards



**Chad Palmer, Equipment Operator 2
15 Years**



**Terry Friel, Custodian 1
20 Years**



**Brian Intermill, Stationary Engineer 2
20 Years**



**Signe Stolz, Maintenance Mechanic 2
25 Years**



**Mike Pope, Electrician Lead
25 Years**



**Mike Watson, Plumber/Pipefitter/
Steamfitter 25 Years**

Length of Service Awards



**Todd Andrews, Electrician
25 Years**

Employee recognition is a vital part of Washington State University. Recognizing and supporting the contributions of our employees is critical to fulfilling the University mission. WSU acknowledges that each employee makes a difference at Washington State University, and strives to identify methods by which meaningful recognition occurs.

At each length-of-service milestone, employees receive: a certificate of service, a letter of congratulations and an invitation to order a pre-selected award. For more information on the program and to preview awards, visit:

<https://hrs.wsu.edu/recognition/length-service-awards/>

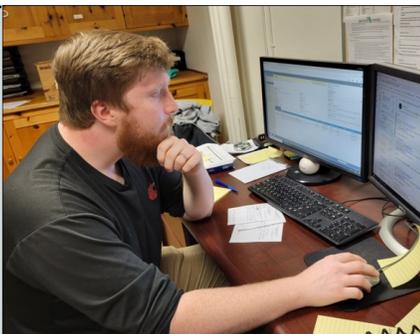
PROMOTIONS for December 2024, January 2025, February 2025



Congratulations!

Calvin Baisley

Promoted to:
Maintenance Mechanic 3



Congratulations!

Gabriel Couch

Promoted to:
Custodian 5



Congratulations!

Derrick Rogers

Promoted to:
Maintenance Mechanic 2



Welcome New Employees!

(December 2024, January 2025 and February 2025)



Chris Sperber
Stationary Engineer 2



Vanessa Syms
Custodian 1



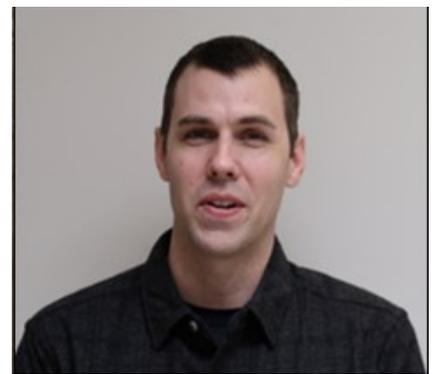
Ivan Martinez-Garcia
Custodian 1



Thomas Armstrong
Maintenance Mechanic 1



Trisha Sokolowski
Custodian 1



Joel Rosenwinkel
Electrician



Layne Penola
Custodian 1



Regina Manalang
Custodian 1



Bryant Wernecke
Maintenance Mechanic 1

Welcome New Employees!

**December 2024,
January 2025
and February 2025)**



Dylan Stout
Custodian 1



Todd Heath
Electrician



Lola Hernandez
Custodian 1



Daniel Eckhart
Truck Driver 2



Austin Marotto
Custodian 1

Thanks for Working Safely Award!



Megan Rinehart was nominated and selected for working safely.

Nomination:

A few days ago I was in Bio-Tech and Megan was cleaning her restrooms and using all of the proper PPE while deep cleaning.

Thank you for working safely Megan!



Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 9, 2025

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.

Facilities Services Safety Promotion Committee
Safety Question Contest for the Months of
March 2025, April 2025 & May 2025

Directions: The answer to the question below can be found in one of the chapters of the Accident Prevention Program (APP). Read the question carefully. When you have found the answer, you may email your answer to Teresa Cole teresa.cole@wsu.edu or print off this page and cut out the form on the dotted lines. You may give the form to your supervisor to send in intercampus mail to Teresa or drop it off in the APP Question box by the McCluskey Key Shop. The names of all employees who submit the correct answer will go into a hat for a drawing. Whoever's name is drawn will be able to pick out one of the safety awards. **This contest will be open only until 5 p.m. on May 20, 2025.** A winner will be drawn for each of the months listed above. Link to APP Chapters is on the Safety Sharepoint Site. <https://emailwsu.sharepoint.com/sites/FA/facilitieservices/Operations/Safety/APP%20Manual/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Reference APP Chapter 9—Hazard Notification **Question: Employees observing serious safety concerns affecting or potentially affecting the safety of students, faculty, staff and campus visitors shall?**

Answer:

Employee submitting the above answer:

Name: _____ **Division:** _____

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brad Grieser, Lance Mitchell, and Brett Stapleton
WINNERS!

Of the December Newsletter APP Question Contest!

The winning entries for the APP Safety Question were randomly selected from the total entries with correctly answered questions. Those correct entries not chosen will be placed in the bucket for the annual Safety Award Drawing.

Check out all the Safety Awards you could win if your correct answer to the APP Question is drawn. The awards are displayed in the glass cabinet outside the Key Shop in McCluskey Shop Bldg. Check out the new additions to the awards.

***Thank you to all
that entered the contest!***