Gasson Hall is going under a renovation of the exterior façade, as well as some interior accessibility and life safety upgrades. The work started in earnest on site June 7th, and will continue through August 2011.

All work will occur within the project site fencing.

Below is a monthly update of site activities during the period of November 17th thru December 17th.

**Exterior Building:** Masons will be working on Lifts on all four elevations, the North elevation (Linden Lane), East elevation (O’Neill side), South elevation (Lyons / Devlin Side) and the West elevation (College Road Side) chipping out stones and mortar and installing new. The lifts have started coming down and will continue to come down through out the month of November and December as the work is completed. They will also be starting to set up the staging for their winter work which will occur on all sides of the building. The masons use what is called a Lull to move materials around the building to the various staging locations. All the replaced cast stone (concrete) must be removed, measured, photographed, shipped to Canada, molded, and poured, before the new cast stone is shipped back to Boston College—there are approximately 6,000 cast stone elements being replaced during this restoration. This process ensures that each piece is replicated. Very little of the Roxbury Puddingstone (the predominant stone) is being replaced in this project. At each of the elevations you have started seeing the roofers working on all of the gable flashings. The gable flashings must be installed before the top coping stones are installed. Once that work is complete the lifts will start to come down and you will get a much better look at a completed elevation.

**Site Work:** The concrete subcontractor has started to form and pour all of the stair footings. When that work is complete the site contractor will be back to backfill all areas. There will be dump trucks, concrete trucks and trailers delivering materials and equipment. The project will continue to generally have 40-55 workers onsite daily, and all workers have ID stickers on their hard hats.

**Areas to Note:** You should start to notice some changes to the exterior appearance of the building. On the North and the South elevations the new replicated precast stones and repointing has been completed from the 1st floor windows up to the gable. The East elevation is close to being completed with new precast stones and repointing complete from the 2nd floor up, with just the gables to finish. These precast units will be installed on every elevation. Once all of the stones are installed, then the field stone (pudding stone), which is the field stone that was not removed, will be re-pointed. The new windows will start to be installed in the spring.