

IT'S COMING...

PROJECT NEWS

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The Master Plan identified the site of the proposed Student Center as adjacent to Holmes Avenue and along the Greenway. Placement was strategic, a location at the “heart of the campus”, easily accessible by all students and visitors alike.

THE UAHUNTSVILLE STUDENT CENTER IS IN INITIAL DESIGN AND WILL SOON BE A REALITY

Architects have been selected, meetings are being held, and work has begun on the new facility to be located on Holmes Avenue and the Greenway. Simultaneously, the Greenway construction drawings are underway, all focused on the enhanced pedestrian and bikeway through the core of campus and providing students a “home away from home” along this core pathway.



STICKERS, DOTS AND QUESTIONS

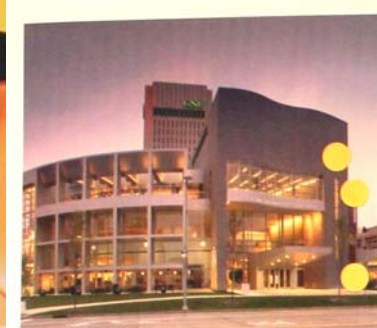
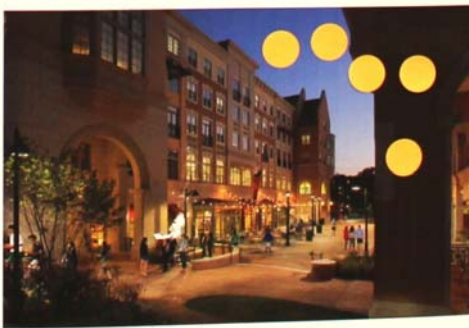
After marking pictures for character aspects liked or disliked, a one word "what do you expect this building to be" question was asked. An interesting array of responses were received...some shown here.

- "Welcoming"
- "Full of Light"
- "Charger Spirit!"
- "Vibrant & Active"
- "Lively Atmosphere"
- "Populated with Students"
- "Amazing Views"
- "Connected to the Greenway"
- "Balcony off the 2nd Floor"
- "You knew you were at UAH"



MEETING WITH STUDENTS HELD FOR FURTHER INPUT AND CHARACTER STUDY OF BUILDING

Students, Executive Program Committee and staff who will move into the new, proposed Student Center, met with Design Team and worked through exercises to assist the Team in better understanding the character desired for building. After placing dots on likes and dislikes, verbal discussions were held. The Team received effective communication for character.



Building placement site studies were presented by the Design Team to the Executive Program Committee. Four schemes were presented, with one scheme named “the Bridge” appearing to meet most, if not all, the criteria members believed to be important. Ease of accessibility to building, passage uninterrupted along Greenway for pedestrians and bikes, and visibility to commuters along Holmes Avenue were all apparent with building placement of this scheme. Dramatic views from within the building and

excellent opportunities for future expansion and consistency with master plan, all contributed to the Committee selection.

Following this latest meeting, the Design Team will continue with development of other aspects of building design, including floor plans, exterior character, placement of plazas and other amenities in more detail. The current schedule calls for renderings, floor plans and budget refinement to be completed by the Team to allow Board of Trustee

presentation during the February, 2012 meeting.

Students expressed their desire for building to be “Green”. LEED “Silver” is the minimum goal for design. Further information can be found on the U.S. Green Building Council website, at link www.usgbc.org.



OTHER PROJECTS

A number of other projects are being developed. Although much smaller in scope than the Student Center, they are equally important and needed.

One such project is the Fitness Center renovation. Recently completed shower and dressing room renovations are being followed with other modifications and renovations to enhance the facility, improving accessibility and making aesthetic improvements.

Another project is landscaping improvements. Seen all the new color around campus? Physical Plant’s Grounds Department has been working hard on improving an already great campus setting into an even better one. Plantings at the entry, round-about and numerous other areas continue to improve the beauty for those on campus and visitors alike.

The Library is improving the area in and around the coffee shop. With new furniture, increased computer access, and other improvements, students will have better ability to study and socialize.

New roofs are coming at Southeast Campus Housing. Storm damaged roofs are being replaced with new shingled roofs. Shingle colors will be consistent with adjacent Greek housing buildings to provide a more unified appearance between the two complexes.



MORTON HALL TO RECEIVE NEW WINDOWS

New windows will soon replace the existing windows within Morton Hall for improved energy efficiency, sun screening and performance.

ATHLETIC COMPLEX GATEWAY

UAH Athletics baseball and softball fields will soon start work on a new Gateway to complex and lighting of fields. The Gateway Complex will consist of two buildings, plaza area and fencing of the ball fields. One building will contain ticket sales, concessions and public restrooms, while the second will house locker rooms for baseball and softball along with auxiliary spaces. The landscaped plaza will provide a place for mingling of fans and socializing area. Construction is expected to begin about mid November, with Dunlap Construction Company of Lacey's Spring, AL providing the work.

Field lighting is planned also. Work on this project should begin soon with completion expected by mid to late February. Night games have already been scheduled for the 2012 season in anticipation of lighting installation. M. Gay Constructors of Jacksonville, FL is the contractor for this work.



An Architect's perspective view of the Athletic Complex Gateway, to be constructed by Dunlap Construction Company. The complex will house baseball and softball activities, along with providing public restrooms and concession areas. Landscaped plaza between the two buildings and two ball fields is also included.



Have interest in additional information to any of coming projects? Contact us.

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