

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

PROJECT NEWS  
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## THE UAHUNTSVILLE STUDENT CENTER CONTINUES TO BE DEVELOPED AND GET CLOSER TO REALITY

Recently University Administrators were provided a presentation of the proposed new Student Center. This presentation included information from early stages of concept to the present stage of "Schematic" design.

Administrators discussed the building with Designers and offered support to the continuation of design and development. Questions were posed to students within the meeting, confirming student desires and wishes for the building, since this is a

building for students by students.

As enthusiasm builds, stay tuned for further updates.

A night view of new Student Center from Holmes Avenue shows the incorporation of LED lighting for special effects on the building.



*As the Holiday Break approaches, remembrance of the following quote from Philip Andrew Adams comes to mind: “To many people holidays are not voyages of discovery, but a ritual of reassurance”. In this time, reflect upon family, values, and blessings – and enjoy the ritual of reassurance.*

## NURSING BUILDING ADDITION / RENOVATION

Studies have begun to review Nursing Building for a possible addition and renovation of the existing structure.

As the Nursing Program continues to expand, space within the existing structure is not adequate. As a result, studies are now being conducted to evaluate the viability for an expansion to the facility, primarily consisting of teaching space. If financially feasible, the building would also undergo an interior renovation to expand offices and programming space.

Built in the 1970's, this structure has functioned as the primary structure for the College. Space within Wilson Hall, during that building's renovation 2 years ago, was dedicated to Lab Space for the College, since the student population had expanded so dramatically. Now, the next step of expansion to accommodate the student population is being reviewed.

## ATHLETIC COMPLEX GATEWAY GETS UNDERWAY

The new Gateway to Baseball and Softball complex construction has begun. Although presently caught by the onslaught of rain and mired in mud, the Contractor is optimistic work will begin on foundations by mid month.

Dunlap Contracting, Inc. is General Contractor for the project. The office of Campus Architect, working

closely with the Athletic Department, handled the Gateway complex design.

Construction completion expected mid year, 2012. Two buildings are included, Locker Room building for Teams and Ticket Sales, Public Restrooms and Concessions building.

A separate contractor will also provide lighting of fields for night games.



## WHAT DO THE UNIVERSITY AND USGBC HAVE IN COMMON?

What do the University and USBGC have in common? Maybe the more appropriate question is: What is the USBGC?

No matter which question asked, the USBGC stands for the U.S. Green Building Council. This Council established LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), Green Building Rating Systems that is employed on many of the current structures being constructed around the country. There are several levels of rating; the minimum is “Certified”, progressing to “Silver”, “Gold” and “Platinum”.

So how does this relate to the University, you may ask? Simple. The University has adopted a standard for all new structures to be designed on the campus to follow the guidelines prescribed by USBGC for LEED Silver Level, minimum. This standard has been used for Charger Village, Charger Village Dining and presently for the new Student Center. The certification process is now taking place for Charger Village. Submission made to USBGC indicates a “Gold” Level for the building,

although the University will not know for a few weeks the actual level determined by that Board from the submission.

The proposed Student Center is also being designed to the University standard. That structure, through preliminary planning, indicates the potential of also reaching a “Gold” Level.

So what does this really mean? Green buildings are becoming more the mainstream and green products are becoming the favored construction products. USBGC believes significant deterioration of ecological conditions in many places around the work will occur without implementation and making this practice a key strategic element in all building design and construction.

Read more about this at:

<http://www.usgbc.org>.



## OTHER PROJECTS

### MORTON HALL

Work will begin soon for two projects at Morton Hall. One project will be the replacement of windows. New energy efficient windows will replace the existing. These new windows contain integral blinds and are clad with aluminum on exterior to endure the weather elements.

A second project will consist of small renovation within the lower floor of Morton Hall. Work will include new walls; doors and minor finish work within Rooms 106 and 114.

### OLIN B. KING TECHNOLOGY HALL

A new roof replacement is slated for the West Wing of this building. Work on this project is expected to begin after the first of next year.

### SALMON LIBRARY

Two projects are planned within this facility. One will add electrical for the new furniture and computers recently being installed. The second project will relocate and enhance IT Department’s “hub room”.

### SOUTHEAST CAMPUS HOUSING

New roofs are coming for these buildings. Presently metal roofs are installed on all buildings. Storm damage has caused failure of the metal and roofs will soon be replaced with fiberglass shingles. A second phase of work will be required for stair roofs and shed roofs around the complex, as this project only addresses the primary roof structure of each of the housing buildings.

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