

UNA campus renovations now complete

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The UNA campus recently received \$4.5 million dollars worth of improvements, thanks to the 1978 state universities capital expansion bond issue and UNA funds, according to executive vice president Roy Stevens.

Along with the construction of the new Flowers Hall Annex and the expansion of Collier Library, to include a centralized computer center, some existing campus buildings received renovations.

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The 17,800-square foot Flowers Hall Annex, west of Flowers, provides a modern weight room to serve male and female athletes, a racquetball court, coaches' offices, equipment and film rooms, an indoor practice facility, and a conference room for the Lions' football and baseball programs.

A new training room features a walk-in whirlpool and other extras. The annex also houses spacious new dressing rooms.

The old football dressing rooms in Flowers Hall were rebuilt into three smaller dressing rooms for women's athletics and visiting teams. The main court and playing floor in the gym were replaced due to age and deterioration.

Renovation and construction on Flowers Hall and the new annex cost about \$1.5 million.

The library renovation and addition and computer center expansion added some 44,000 gross square feet to the existing structure. The cost, including new equipment, comes to about \$2.5 million.

"This work was necessary to better facilitate library services, to improve research and public services of the university, and to make the space more accessible for all students," Stevens said.

The new library complex provides five floors of spacious reading and study space. Still in the planning stages are growing collections of computerized technical services, on-line bibliographic capabilities, and an automated circulation system.

The computer center, located in the original three-story library building, boasts 60 terminals connected to a more powerful system, as well as offices and storage space. All study labs are centralized on one floor. The entire area is humidity and climate controlled and handicapped-accessible.

The first phase of Project Courtview, the renovation of Rogers Hall, is over. Exterior repairs to the house have been completed, and workmen are now working on the inside to install air conditioning and replace the heating system. Offices will be installed in the upper level of the building.

"These rooms will house alumni offices, government affairs, student placement, research and extension, etc.," Stevens said. "The first floor will be used for such activities as receptions, banquets, and meetings that are currently held in the UNA Suite in the SUB."

Offices also were constructed between Norton Auditorium and the music building. These offices will be used by the Department of Speech Communication, and Theater, which has been temporarily located in the Education-Nursing Building.

To enable handicapped students to have better access to university facilities, more ramps were added to campus sidewalks and steps.

Curative work was performed on Bibb Graves Hall this summer to prevent water from penetrating the walls and deteriorating the structure. The outside of the entire building was cleaned so that exterior walls could be sealed against moisture.

Wheelchair ramps also were added to sidewalks and steps around the campus, and the parking lot on the east side of the Media Center was repaired and resurfaced.