



RENOVATION & CONSTRUCTION SHOWCASE





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Creighton University (new building)
Harper Center for Student Life and Learning
Omaha, Neb.

SUBMITTED BY: Rowland W. Hughes, Director
Four-year, private, religious-affiliated
FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: 6,576
OPENED: Aug. 4, 2008
TOTAL AREA: 245,658 sq. ft.
FLOORS: 4
ASSIGNABLE SPACE: 58%
PROJECT COST: \$54.5 million
FUNDING SOURCE: 100% private donations
ARCHITECT: Opus Architects & Engineers – Minnetonka, Minn.
FACILITIES ADDED: Pub, dining room, three other food areas, three quiet lounges, three patios, multicultural center, information center, fitness center, locker room, bookstore, retail area, six small meeting rooms, four medium meeting rooms, two large meeting rooms, theater, four multipurpose rooms, 16 administrative offices, and wireless Internet access

The Mike and Josie Harper Center for Student Life and Learning serves as a landmark for Creighton University.

“The Harper Center is the nucleus of Creighton’s dynamic eastward expansion and campus transformation uniting academic and student life services under one roof,” said Rowland Hughes, director.

Bringing synergy to campus, the Harper Center now houses 16 university offices previously scattered, is a one-stop shop for prospective students, and combines social life with retail, life wellness, and educational opportunities.

“The facility links all components of the Creighton family together plus reinforces the university’s vital standing within the Omaha, state, and national focus,” Hughes said.





Mississippi State University (renovation/addition)
Colvard Student Union
 Mississippi State, Miss.

Mississippi State University's Colvard Student Union needed a renovation and addition. It was not meeting ADA and fire safety codes, it was not large enough for the increased student body, and it was not meeting the needs of the student body. So, a consultant was hired, students and staff started touring recently renovated unions, and the renovation began.

"The old building was totally renovated and a 17,000-sq.-ft. addition was attached," said Edwin M. Keith Jr., director. "Codes were met, and the number, variety, and size of meeting rooms were expanded."

The new union is more student-friendly and serves the entire campus.

"The Colvard Student Union is a modern facility the embraces and blends well with the history and traditions of the state's land grant campus," Keith said.

SUBMITTED BY: Edwin M. Keith Jr., Director
 Four-year, public, rural, residential
FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: 14,469
ORIGINALLY OPENED: Sept. 1, 1964
REOPENED: Jan. 7, 2008
AREA ADDED: 17,000 sq. ft.
TOTAL AREA: 114,000 sq. ft.
FLOORS: 3
ASSIGNABLE SPACE: 60%
PROJECT COST: \$23.5 million
FUNDING SOURCE: 64% government funding, 27% student fees, 9% institution funding
ARCHITECT: JH&H Architects – Jackson, Miss.

FACILITIES RENOVATED: Branded food concept, coffee shop, quiet lounge, patio, five student organization offices, information center, e-mail kiosk, theater, multipurpose room, three administrative offices, board room, and broadened wireless Internet access

FACILITIES ADDED: Four branded food concepts, other food, quiet lounge, television lounge, patio, multicultural center, 15 student organization offices, three student organization storage areas, information center, gallery, copy center, retail area, small meeting room, two administrative offices, board room, two conference rooms, and main lounge





University of Wisconsin–Parkside (renovation/addition)
Student Center
 Kenosha, Wis.

SUBMITTED BY: DeAnn Possehl,
 Director of Student Life
Four-year, public, urban, commuter
FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: 3,600
ORIGINALLY OPENED: Sept. 1, 1976
REOPENED: Dec. 31, 2008
AREA RENOVATED: 68,942 sq. ft.
AREA ADDED: 53,075 sq. ft.
TOTAL AREA: 124,675 sq. ft.
FLOORS: 4
ASSIGNABLE SPACE: 62%
PROJECT COST: \$24 million
FUNDING SOURCE: 94% student fees;
 6% government funding
ARCHITECTS: WTW Architects – Pittsburgh,
 Penn.; KahlerSlater – Milwaukee, Wis.
FACILITIES RENOVATED: Cafeteria, other food
 area, television lounge, nightclub, 20 stu-
 dent organization offices, information cen-
 ter, ticket office, e-mail kiosk, games room,
 theater, and two administrative offices
FACILITIES ADDED: Coffee house, quiet
 lounge, two patios, student organization
 suite, student organization storage area,
 bookstore, three small meeting rooms,
 three medium meeting rooms, one large
 meeting room, multipurpose room, admis-
 sions center, and wireless Internet access

The Student Center at the Uni-
 versity of Wisconsin–Parkside was not
 meeting all of the campus’s needs.

“It was grossly undersized for the size of
 the campus and the growing residence hall
 population [and] had outdated dining facili-
 ties and aging infrastructure,” said DeAnn
 Possehl, director of student life.

The university completed a facility audit
 and identified campus-wide needs to begin
 the planning process for the building’s reno-
 vation. One need discovered was a gateway
 for the campus.

“The Student Center, along with the pe-
 destrian mall that was created as part of the
 project, has created a front door for our cam-
 pus,” Possehl said. “The inclusion of a grand
 staircase has added a unique way-finding el-
 ement to the facility that also serves as an
 entertainment platform and lounge. All of the
 areas of the Student Center flow in a very
 synergetic way.”

And while the project combined a new
 structure and old, Possehl believes the differ-
 ence cannot be seen.

“In our case, the architects did a wonder-
 ful job of ‘fusing’ these two elements into a
 cohesive building,” she said.





Weber State University (renovation/addition)
Shepherd Student Union
 Salt Lake City, Utah

SUBMITTED BY: Liz Pulu,
 Marketing Coordinator
 Private, commuter
FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: 21,000
ORIGINALLY OPENED: Feb. 1, 1960
REOPENED: Aug. 15, 2008
AREA ADDED: 21,026 sq. ft.
TOTAL AREA: 188,952 sq. ft.
FLOORS: 4
ASSIGNABLE SPACE: 58%
PROJECT COST: \$23.6 million
FUNDING SOURCE: 100% student fees
ARCHITECTS: MHTN Architects, Inc. –
 Salt Lake City

FACILITIES RENOVATED: Branded food concept area, snack bar, cafeteria, dining room, quiet lounge, patio, student organization suite, multicultural center, information center, e-mail kiosk, gallery, child care center, graphics shop, copy center, bookstore, retail area, bowling lanes, games room, outdoor equipment area, large meeting room, theater, multipurpose room, administrative offices, and wireless Internet access

Weber State University's Shepherd Student Union had been pieced together over many years and was not a connected, easy-to-navigate place. The major goal of this renovation and addition was to unify and revitalize the building.

"The facility has come full circle from a disconnected and closed environment to a vibrant light-filled crossroads of campus life, where transparency and flexibility have been employed as tools to foster increased activity and inspire cross-program collaboration," said Liz Pulu, marketing coordinator.

During the renovation, however, the building's exterior was kept to "honor the building's original modern era design," Pulu said. "And because the campus sits on the foothills of the Wasatch Range, the design maximizes the building's connections with its beautiful mountain-side setting."





Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (new building)
Campus Center
Indianapolis, Ind.

SUBMITTED BY: Dan Maxwell, Director

Four-year, public, urban, commuter

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: 30,000

OPENED: Jan. 7, 2008

TOTAL AREA: 260,000 sq. ft.

FLOORS: 5

ASSIGNABLE SPACE: 59%

PROJECT COST: \$56 million

FUNDING SOURCE: 18% government funding;

11% student fees; 71% institution funding

ARCHITECTS: SmithGroup – Washington, D.C.;

Ratio Architects – Indianapolis, Ind.

FACILITIES ADDED: Branded food concepts, two cafeterias, two coffee shops, quiet lounge, television lounge, two patios, student organization suite, information center, ticket office, five e-mail kiosks, lockers, gallery, graphics shop, bookstore, retail space, games room, four small meeting rooms, three medium meeting rooms, five large meeting rooms, theater, multipurpose room with three sections, eight administrative offices, post office, ID card operations, credit union, and wireless Internet access



When Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis was founded 20 years ago, constructing a union was in the plans. Finally, in 2002, the construction of the Campus Center was approved, and construction began in 2005.

“The Campus Center is in the heart of campus and has, in a very short time, begun to tweak the culture of the campus, the experience our students have, and [it’s] making an impact on attracting new students to the campus,” said Dan Maxwell, director.

As a new campus feature, the union is able to offer a central location for the university’s primarily commuter students.

“Prior to the Campus Center, it was not uncommon for folks to eat their lunch in their cars, drive on and off campus multiple times in one day, and not have a real connection to the campus,” Maxwell said. “We now find students, faculty, and staff here seven days a week, whether to meet up, grab something to eat, attend a meeting or an activity, relax, catch a nap, or engage in the true essence of IUPUI.”



The University of Texas—San Antonio *(new building)*
University Center
 San Antonio, Texas

SUBMITTED BY: John Kaulfus, Associate
 Dean of Students

Four-year, public, urban, residential

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: 28,500

OPENED: Aug. 26, 2008

TOTAL AREA: 65,000 sq. ft.

ASSIGNABLE SPACE: 60%

PROJECT COST: \$25 million

FUNDING SOURCE: 100% student fees

ARCHITECT: Perkins+Will – Atlanta

FACILITIES ADDED: Cafeteria, coffee shop, Subway, quiet lounge, television lounge, patio, 14,000-sq.-ft. student organization suite, student organization storage area, information center, graphics shop, games room, two small meeting rooms, two medium meeting rooms, three large meeting rooms, multipurpose room with two sections, administrative office space, and wireless Internet access

Despite a small construction budget, the new University Center at the University of Texas—San Antonio was still able to meet all the campus needs.

“The needs of the facility were: expanded meeting space, conference space, student organizations space, food service space, and commuter lounge space. The facility design increased meeting space, conference space, student organization space, and lounge space, and provided more food venues,” said John Kaulfus, associate dean of students.

And as the funding for the project came entirely from student fees, students had a say when it came to the building.

“Students were involved in every phase of this project from the selection of the architects to choosing the furniture through numerous town hall meetings and focus groups,” Kaulfus said.

Overall, Kaulfus said, the University Center design is “one of a kind and offered custom solutions for the students of the campus.”



University of the Pacific (new building)
Don and Karen DeRosa University Center
Stockton, Calif.

SUBMITTED BY: Jamie L. O'Regan, Assistant Director for Operations
Four-year, private, urban, commuter
FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: 4,246
OPENED: Aug. 19, 2008
TOTAL AREA: 60,000 sq. ft.
FLOORS: 2
ASSIGNABLE SPACE: 75%
PROJECT COST: \$40 million
FUNDING SOURCE: 50% private donations; 50% borrowed
ARCHITECT: Gensler – San Francisco, Calif.
FACILITIES ADDED: Snack bar, cafeteria, pub, coffee shop, dining room, faculty club, two patios, information center, four e-mail kiosks, bookstore, games room, two small meeting rooms, four medium meeting rooms, large meeting room, multipurpose room with two sections, 3,200-sq.-ft. administrative office space, and wireless Internet access



University of the Pacific did not have a true union, and it was in need. "The construction of this facility has completely changed the campus dynamic in a positive light," said Jamie O'Regan, assistant director for operations. A LEED Silver-certified building, the DeRosa University Center is green from top to bottom, including the shirts that staff wear, which are made from bamboo and charcoal technology. As a symbol of innovation, the building features a retractable roof in both the common eating area and pub. O'Regan said students "wanted the building to feel connected to the outside," so, in addition to the roof, lots of windows also were included to infuse natural light. "We want other campuses to understand that even after a facility is built, it is a living entity of the campus, and we need to continue to educate on responsibility in food, alcohol, and living," O'Regan said.



Photo by Mike Pettilio

SUBMITTED BY: Kari Althof, Assistant Director
 Four-year, public
FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: 7,700
ORIGINALLY OPENED: Sept. 2, 1971
REOPENED: Jan. 18, 2008
AREA RENOVATED: 41,084 sq. ft.
AREA ADDED: 47,199 sq. ft.
TOTAL AREA: 124,533 sq. ft.
FLOORS: 3
ASSIGNABLE SPACE: 95%
PROJECT COST: \$21.2 million
FUNDING SOURCE: 100% student fees
ARCHITECT: WTW Architects – Pittsburgh, Penn.
FACILITIES RENOVATED: Cafeteria, two television lounges, multicultural center, student organization suite, information center, e-mail kiosk, two locker rooms, retail space, outdoor equipment area, one small meeting room, three medium meeting rooms, two large meeting rooms, administrative office space, and a gymnasium
FACILITIES ADDED: Coffee venue, two quiet lounges, two television lounges, patio, fitness center, games room, theater, multipurpose room, gymnasium, two aerobics studios, and wireless Internet access

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (renovation/addition)
Frank G. Pogue Student Center
 Edinboro, Penn.

Photo by Mike Pettilio



Originally built in 1971, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania’s Student Center completed an addition in 1994; however, according to Assistant Director Kari Althof, the building was in need of a facelift and another expansion.

“Students desired a coffee shop, theater, more recreation facilities, and updated restrooms,” she said. “In addition, they wanted a building that was relaxing and in which they could feel at home.”

Since the students had an invested interest in the building, their input was sought throughout the process.

“Students were involved in the project process from beginning to end,” Althof said. “Keeping the students involved in the entire process was very much a priority for the university.”

The end result was a building of which the whole campus could be proud.

“This was one of the most exciting projects that has been completed at Edinboro, especially because it was so student-focused,” Althof said. “Our building can finally be used to its fullest potential and is continuing to grow and develop into a place where students and guests can feel at home.”

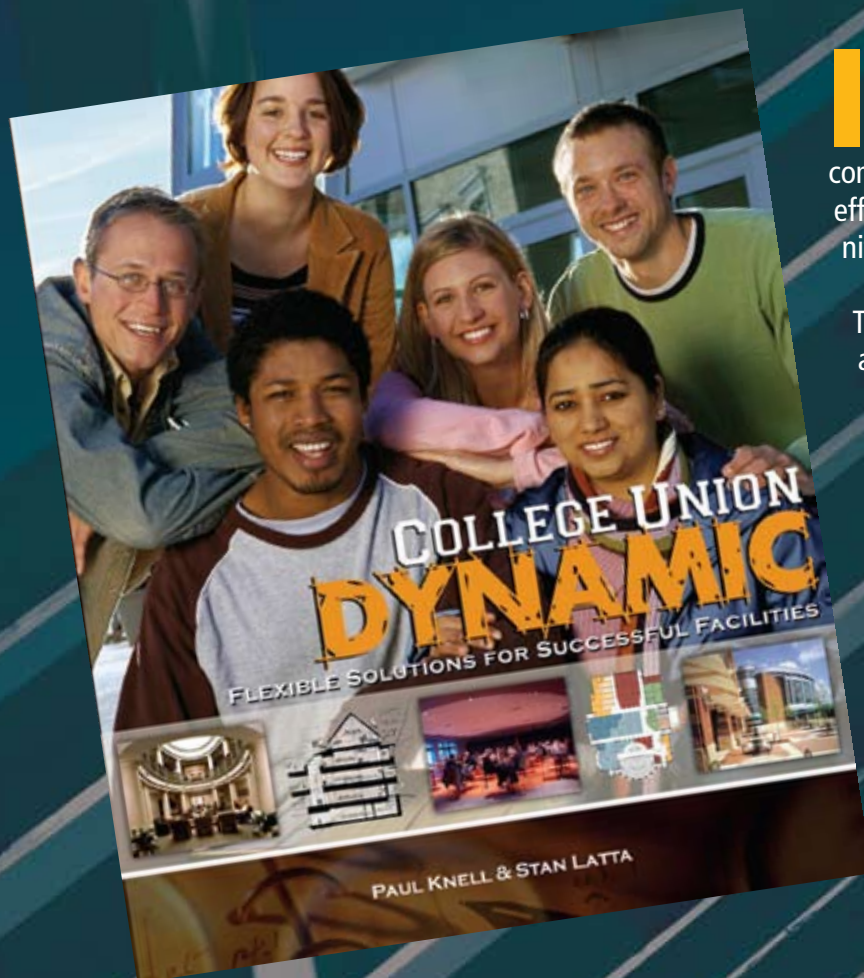
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Kalamazoo College (renovation/addition)
Weimer K. Hicks Student Center
 Kalamazoo, Mich.

SUBMITTED BY: Kate Leishman, Assistant
 Director of Student Activities

Four-year, private, residential

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: 1,300

REOPENED: Sept, 1, 2008

AREA RENOVATED: 72,000 sq. ft.

AREA ADDED: 6,000 sq. ft.

FLOORS: 3

ASSIGNABLE SPACE: 15%

PROJECT COST: \$14.6 million

FUNDING SOURCE: 100% private
 donations

ARCHITECTS: Tower Pinkster – Kalamazoo,
 Mich.

FACILITIES RENOVATED: Cafeteria, dining
 room, other food area, patio, student or-
 ganization suite, information center, e-mail
 kiosk, bookstore, games room, multipur-
 pose room, 15 administrative offices, and
 mail center

FACILITIES ADDED: Coffee shop, television
 lounge, student organization storage
 area, crafts area, copy center, small meet-
 ing room, medium meeting room, three
 administrative offices, health center, and
 wireless Internet access

At Kalamazoo College, surveys of both students and faculty/
 staff identified a real need to renovate the Student Center.
 “The building was old and in need of many structural
 updates,” said Kate Leishman, assistant director of student activities.
 “Reports also drew attention to the lack of noncurricular activities/
 social connections on campus.”

Students were not only heavily involved throughout the process,
 but also fought for LEED certification. The renovated building achieved
 LEED Silver.



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University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point *(renovation/addition)*

Dreyfus University Center

Stevens Point, Wis.

SUBMITTED BY: Susan Crotteau,

Assistant Director, Operations

Four-year, public

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: 9,200

ORIGINALLY OPENED: Nov. 3, 1958

REOPENED: Jan. 22, 2008

AREA RENOVATED: 118,400 sq. ft.

AREA ADDED: 34,000 sq. ft.

TOTAL AREA: 181,896 sq. ft.

FLOORS: 3

ASSIGNABLE SPACE: 65%

PROJECT COST: \$23.7 million

FUNDING SOURCE: 100% student fees

ARCHITECTS: SDS Architects, Inc. – Eau Claire, Wis.;

Perkins+Will – Minneapolis, Minn.

FACILITIES RENOVATED: Snack bar, cafeteria, coffee shop, quiet lounge, television lounge, nightclub, patio, multicultural center, ticket office, information center, gallery, bookstore, retail space, three medium meeting rooms, two large meeting rooms, two multipurpose rooms, administrative office space, and broadened wireless Internet access

FACILITIES ADDED: Nine other food areas, patio, e-mail kiosk, retail space, copy center, guest room, three medium meeting rooms, and a theater

To serve the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point’s more than 9,000 students a day, the original Dreyfus Student Center needed an update.

“The original building was approaching 50 years of age with failing mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems. The dining services kitchen facilities were unable to serve student needs. Overall, the facility was a very tired friend who needed an extreme makeover,” said Susan Crotteau, assistant director, operations.

The new building is LEED Silver certified and features a 220-person theater and 800-person capacity ballroom.

“We have incorporated many aspects of sustainability and actively involved students in the design and operational decisions for the facility,” Crotteau said. “It is truly the students’ building.”



Northern Kentucky University *(new building)*
Student Union
Highland Heights, Ky.

SUBMITTED BY: Sarah Aikman, Director
Four-year, public, urban, commuter
FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: 15,000
OPENED: July 15, 2008
TOTAL AREA: 126, 030 sq. ft.
FLOORS: 3
ASSIGNABLE SPACE: 66%
PROJECT COST: \$37 million
FUNDING SOURCE: 100% student fees
ARCHITECT: Omni Architects – Lexington, Ky.
FACILITIES ADDED: Starbucks, snack bar, dining room, seven other food areas, two television lounges, nightclub, three patios, 10,770-sq.-ft. student organization suite, two information centers, e-mail kiosk, two retail areas, games room, seven large meeting rooms, multipurpose rooms with three sections, 8,500-sq.-ft. administrative office space, and wireless Internet access



Photos courtesy of Northern Kentucky University



The existence of the new Student Union at Northern Kentucky University is owed to the efforts of students, according to Director Sarah Aikman.

In 2003, the students decided that a new union was needed. After being denied state funding, the students voted to increase student fees to make their wish a reality.

"They were willing to pay for something that they would never have the opportunity to enjoy," Aikman said. "It was something the students wanted, fought for, and made a reality."

The first campus building in the state to be entirely student fee-funded, the new Student Union is constantly busy, giving the commuter students a place to go before, after, and between classes.

"It is an incredible building, with great meeting spaces, lounge spaces, food venues, and awesome furniture," Aikman said. "It has really made Northern Kentucky University feel like a 'real' college campus."

