

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

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BUILDING 70 RENOVATION UPDATE

There are exciting times ahead for our Building Construction students — we are well on our way to a renovated space that will be the new home for our students. With the help from our partners and donors, \$238,000 was raised to support the Building 70 renovation efforts. Matched by the State of Florida in an Alec P. Courtelis Facility Enhancement Grant, there is now over \$476,000 (including state match) available for renovation.

Many thanks for the support we have received for our Building 70 renovation. Building Construction students will reap the benefits of these renovations

when we move in next Spring. This renovation helps to prepare the way for pursuit of accreditation of the Building Construction program.

Proposed Timeline for Renovation

- Pre-meeting for potential design bidders, April 2008
- Selection of designer, May 2008
- Design plans finalized, August 2008
- Renovation begins, Fall 2008
- Occupy space, classes begin, Spring 2009



**Building 70, Room 100
Old Space, Soon To Be
Renovated**

See Page 3 for our list of donors.

See Page 4 for pre-renovation pictures of the space.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT UWF'S BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

- *Beginning in Fall 2008, the construction degree program will be called Building Construction.*
- *From Fall 2003 through Fall 2007 the construction program has grown from 32 to 120 students.*
- *The program doubled in size from 2006 to 2007.*
- *202+ students have graduated since 1986.*
- *\$476,000 (including state match) in gifts has been raised for Building 70 renovation.*
- *\$26,000 has been raised for program support since 2006.*

CONSTRUCTION CAREER NIGHT—2008

On March 27, 10 companies were represented at the Construction Career Night — 2008. Students and potential employers met to discuss possible internships and positions. Thirty-seven students shared résumés and explored opportunities with

the companies. Construction students and alumni received information about companies, projects, and the kinds of opportunities available. This event was sponsored by Career Services and the Building Construction program.



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BEST HOUSE: A DEMONSTRATION HOUSE AT UWF

To meet the needs of Northwest Florida and South Alabama, UWF and partners are working to design, develop, and maintain a demonstration house that will be used as an educational tool and resource. UWF students,

students in our regional partner institutions, construction-related professionals, and community members are invited to be part of our learning community as we explore construction-related issues.

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Find out more about the BEST House:

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NEW COURSE FOR SUMMER—SUSTAINABILITY

In Summer 2008, Building Construction students will be able to take a new course as the Building Construction program continues to update curriculum. Additional courses in green construction, eco-construction, sustainability, and storm mitigation are in the planning stages for both credit and noncredit opportunities.

Course Description: Sustainable construction knowledge is fast becoming a requirement in construction-related industries. Students will explore organizations, resources, and materials available to prepare and apply the practices, initiatives, and theories of green building.

FACULTY UPDATE

With regret, we say goodbye to Glenda Mayo as she pursues other opportunities. Glenda will continue to work the Building Construction program. Despite budget cuts, the Department, College, and University are completely committed to hiring new faculty for the program. We anticipate hiring a new faculty member in the upcoming year.

Our adjunct team is of the highest quality, and we thank

them for their support to our students and our programs. Our adjuncts are practitioners who bring our students a wealth of knowledge and experience that helps to bridge academics and the real world.

Together, our adjunct team, College and Department administration, and our future faculty member will work to build the best Building Construction program, helping students

meet their professional goals and the needs of the construction industry.



ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS — CAREER ACADEMIES

Interest in the construction industry continues to expand throughout the educational system. UWF is working with educational partners throughout the region to develop articulation agreements that provide a

pathway for students from high school, through community college, to the university.

Through these articulation agreements students who complete career academies in construction-related

programs receive college credit toward their B.S. in Building Construction. Interested students should contact their guidance counselors or UWF's Building Construction program at ect@uwf.edu.

FROM HIGH SCHOOL CAREER ACADEMIES TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION— EDUCATORS ARE PARTNERING TO DEVELOP HIGHLY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS.

GIFTS TO DEPARTMENT—SUPPORTING STUDENTS

At the Career Fair, Nathan Green accepted a plaque from Gretchen VanValkenburg in recognition of his support for students and the Building Construction Department.

Mr. Green has been a member of the program's advisory committee and has worked to support the department with his time, energy, and resources. In addition to his support of the renovation project, Mr. Green also supported the Building Construction program with a gift and

commitment to establish an endowed scholarship to benefit construction students in perpetuity.

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Nathan Green accepts plaque from Gretchen VanValkenburg, Associate Director of Development.

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BUILDING 70, ROOM 130
PRE-RENOVATION PHOTOS



... Stay Tuned for Post-Renovation Photos!

BUILDING 70, ROOM 100, AND HALLWAY PRE-RENOVATION PHOTOS

