1. **Griffin Hall - Center for Informatics**

Griffin Hall (Center for Informatics) is located at the southwest corner of the former Parking Lot B, near the Kenton Drive Pedestrian Bridge. The building was sited consistent with the 2009 Campus Master Plan. It will anchor a new campus quad bordered by the Student Union, Nunn Hall, Founders Hall and the Dorothy Westerman Herrmann Natural Science Center. Griffin Hall will house the College of Informatics, consisting of the academic departments of Business Informatics, Computer Science and Communication, as well as the Infrastructure Management Institute (IMI). The university and the design team continue to work toward LEED Silver certification. Goody Clancy Architects of Boston, MA, is leading the design effort for the project and Turner Construction is serving as the university’s construction manager.

Construction to complete installation of the building’s exterior façade continues, with the goal to “dry in” the building by the end of December. The vertical timbers forming the curtain wall around the Digitorium, along with the glass installation at this location, are nearing completion. The roof is complete. Site improvements continue in the area between Griffin Hall and Nunn Hall, as well as in the new south drop off area just west of the Student Union, with progress including new planting and tree installations. The mechanical and electrical contractors continue to make progress with the rough-in installation associated with their systems. Installation of interior finishes is underway, with floor and wall tiling, ceiling grid, and painting. Finally, the main steam valve feeding the building from the campus tunnel system and central Power Plant was opened in December to provide heat to the new building.

The project remains within the authorized budget and on schedule for a construction substantial completion in spring 2011.

**Architect:** Goody Clancy  
**Local Architect:** McGill Smith Punshon, Inc.  
**Engineers:** Consentini Associates, Inc.; Richmond So; Kohrs Lonneman Heil Engineers  
**Special Consultants:** Acentech, Inc.; Vermeulens, Inc.; Rickes Associates; Rolf Jensen & Associates, Inc.; Theatre Projects Consultants; Vivian Llambi & Associates  
**Construction Manager:** Turner Construction  
**Scope:** $52,550,000  
**Anticipated Building Occupancy:** Summer 2011
2. **Hankins Hall Demolition Project**

This project involves complete demolition of the existing Hankins Hall, the remaining small outbuildings and existing site features at the Covington Campus. The site will be graded and seeded for grass. The bid was awarded to All Ways Trucking Inc. from Burlington, Kentucky. Abatement work is scheduled to begin on December 13, 2010, with demolition to follow immediately thereafter. Seeding will be done as weather allows.

**Architect:** Wolnitzek Architects  
**Contractor:** All Ways Trucking, Inc.  
**Scope:** $225,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** Mid-March, 2011
3. **Albright Health Center Upgrades Project**

A project to update the appearance of the Albright Health Center’s Recreation Center is underway. This project will be done in two phases. The first phase was completed at the end of August. The second phase is in progress and should be complete in Early January 2011.

The second phase includes removal of the existing solid interior doors at the main entrance to the first floor and the installation of a new glass entrance doors. This phase also includes installation of a new ceiling, new flooring, new lighting and new furniture in the public areas of the first floor recreation space. The scope was expanded to paint the locker rooms (men’s and women’s student/staff) locker rooms and two additional corridors, which will complete the paint update requested by Student Government. Finally, the project includes installation of new egress doors from the building’s main stairway.

*Architect:* Facilities Management Staff  
*Contractor:* Various  
*Scope:* $123,507  
*Anticipated Completion:* January 7, 2011

4. **Nunn Hall 5th Floor Renovation Project**

Chase Law School has provided funding for renovation of several areas on the fifth floor of Nunn Hall. The objective is to provide more suitable office space for faculty as well as the Office of Chase Advancement. This project will be completed in phases in order to minimize disruption to daily activity.

Currently, design is in progress. The first phase will create a new Advancement Suite for Chase Law School. The faculty office area at the north end of the floor will be renovated in the second phase, resulting in an increased number of faculty offices. Work will be performed by an outside contractor. Bids are expected mid-February 2011, with work to be completed in May.

*Architect:* Wolnitzek Architects  
*Contractor:* TBD  
*Scope:* $150,000  
*Anticipated Completion:* May 31, 2011
5. **Data Center HVAC and Electrical Upgrades**

NKU’s main Data Center, housing system components and servers, is located on the second floor of the Administrative Center. Due to an increase in heat-producing equipment located in the Data Center, an upgrade to the room’s electrical infrastructure and cooling capacity has become critical. This project includes design and installation of additional electrical and cooling capacity in the Data Center. The project scope also includes the provision of backup generator power supply.

**Architect:** KZF Design  
**Contractor:** To be determined through bid process  
**Scope:** $79,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** Spring 2011

6. **Baseball Outfield Irrigation and Sod**

Over the past year, the outfield area of the existing Friendship Field Baseball facility experienced significant turf damage primarily due to drought conditions. To provide for an acceptable playing surface for the future an irrigation system and bluegrass sod are being installed in the outfield area. This project includes installation of electrical and water service to the irrigation controls, an irrigation system and provision for new bluegrass sod over the entire outfield area.

**Architect:** NKU University Architect  
**Contractor:** Ohio Irrigation  
**Scope:** $95,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** Spring 2011

7. **Johns Hill Road Project**

The long-awaited project to reconstruct Johns Hill Road is finally approaching the bidding and construction phases. Right of way discussions are complete. Bidding of the John’s Hill Road project will occur in January, with construction anticipated to begin in the spring. The project is expected to have 18-month duration. Traffic will be maintained throughout the construction process.
8. **Callahan Pedestrian Corridor**

This project includes the installation of a 6 foot wide asphalt pedestrian sidewalk. The pathway will begin at the Johns Hill Road entrance to the former Highland Heights Civic Center and extend northwest past the new Soccer stadium and then northwest to a junction point with the Bank of Kentucky (BOK) Center parking lot. This pathway is 645 feet in length. The project includes lighting, call boxes for emergency notification, and a retaining wall to support the steep grades close to the BOK parking lot.

**Design Engineer:** Facilities Management Staff  
**Contractor:** TBD  
**Scope:** $109,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** TBD

9. **Fine Arts Center, Exterior Graphics**

The north façade and the main entrance to Greaves Hall are flanked by twenty foot high architectural recesses. Attempts have been made to brighten these areas with temporary displays, such as banners. Rose Straus has provided funding to install a permanent, art-themed mosaic in this area. Installation is expected to begin in the spring of 2011 as the weather permits. Construction barriers will be in place during the installation which is expected to be completed within a week. Existing electrical sensors will be moved from the recesses to an area adjacent to the mosaics, and the existing lighting will be retained.

**Graphic Designer:** Erik Brown, Brownstone Designs  
**Contractor:** Mees Tile Distributors Inc.  
**Scope:** $70,528.00  
**Anticipated Completion:** Spring 2011

10. **Sustainability**

In December of 2007, President Votruba signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). To meet the requirements of that pact, a Task Force of students, faculty and staff was established. The Task Force continues its effort to foster a sustainable culture throughout the campus community and is partnering with many university departments and organizations to do so. Some of their accomplishments include:

- Two important documents are being submitted to the ACUPCC. The first is the Campus Action Plan which documents NKU’s green initiatives and charts a path toward NKU’s climate neutrality. The second is a Greenhouse Gas Inventory which was drafted over the summer by student workers in the Facilities Management Office. Both documents are requirements for the signatories to the ACUPCC.
• The Task Force is working with Institutional Research to prepare and implement a campus-wide commuter survey which will be distributed to students, faculty and staff on January 24, 2011. Commuting activities make up 42% of NKU’s carbon footprint. The last commuter survey was distributed in spring of 2008.

• Beginning in August the university launched a new student-focused reuse program called “Take It or Leave It.” The program encourages reuse of items discarded by faculty, staff and students. Much of the inventory for the program (three ring binders and other usable supplies) comes from the NKU Recycling program. A mobile unit stops at scheduled times in convenient locations where students may take items they can use and leave usable items they no longer need.

• The university’s Environmental Safety Office has developed a campus-wide recycling program for rechargeable batteries and cell phones. During December and January, the program will be publicized across campus via the campus media outlets.

• Plans are well underway for NKU’s participation in its fourth RecycleMania, scheduled for February 6 through April 2, 2011.