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 Center for Applied Informatics (CAI), which was formerly known 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 construction manager.

The building exterior is nearing completion. The curtain wall timbers around the Digitorium have been installed and the corresponding glass curtain wall is approximately 90% complete. The mechanical/electrical/plumbing contractors are continuing with system installations on all floor levels. Gypsum board installation is essentially complete and the installation of paint, ceiling tile, wood base, tile, casework, carpet, and light fixtures is progressing on all levels. The new site work planned between Griffin Hall and Nunn Hall, as well as the new south drop off area just west of the Student Union are continuing and will be complete in early spring. NKU’s project team continues to coordinate and organize the significant FFE furniture and technology procurement effort, which will continue into the fall of 2011.

The project remains within the authorized budget and is on schedule for a substantial completion in spring 2011, with occupancy to occur in June.

**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. Griffin Hall - Center for Informatics – Continued

NKU’s main Data Center, which houses IT 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. This project went out to bid in February, with an anticipated completion in April 2011. The project is being managed by NKU Facilities Management staff.

Architect: KZF Design
Contractor: To be determined through bid process.
Scope: $79,000
Anticipated Completion: Spring 2011
4. **Hankins Hall Demolition Project**

This project involves complete demolition of the Covington Campus including Hankins Hall, all outbuildings, all paved surfaces and other site features. The cleared site will be graded and seeded for grass. A contract has been awarded to All Ways Trucking Inc., from Burlington, Kentucky. Hazardous material abatement work began in December 2010 and the demolition is scheduled to begin in February 2011. Seeding will be done as weather allows. The project is being managed internally.

**Architect:** Wolnitzek Architects  
**Contractor:** All Ways Trucking, Inc.  
**Scope:** $225,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** Mid-March, 2011

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**Hankins Hall**
5. **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.

Phase one 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 in late February of 2011, work is expected to be completed by June 30, 2011. The project is being managed by NKU Facilities Management staff.

**Architect:** Wolnitzek Architects  
**Contractor:** TBD  
**Scope:** $150,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** June 30, 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 also includes installation of electrical and water service to the irrigation controls and the infield and outfield areas will be improved by correcting the field drainage and slopes. New bluegrass sod turf will be installed in the outfield. The project is being managed by NKU Facilities Management staff.

**Architect:** NKU University Architect  
**Contractor:** Ohio Irrigation  
**Scope:** $120,000  
**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 Johns Hill Road project will occur in February, with construction anticipated to begin in the spring. The project is expected to have 18-month duration. Johns Hill traffic will be maintained throughout the construction process. This project is being managed by the Kentucky Department of Transportation.
8. **Fine Arts Center, Exterior Graphics**

The north façade at the main entrance to Greaves Hall is flanked by two twenty foot high architectural recesses. In the past, attempts have been made to brighten these areas with temporary displays, such as banners. The installation of permanent, art-themed mosaics in this area is being funded by a bequest from the estate of Rosemary Stauss. The mosaics portray art, music and theater in an energetic, colorful way. Installation is expected to begin in the spring of 2011 as the weather permits, with the work to be complete within a week. This project is being managed by NKU Facilities Management staff.

**Graphic Designer:** Erik Brown, Brownstone Designs  
**Contractor:** Mees Tile Distributors Inc.  
**Scope:** $70,528  
**Anticipated Completion:** Spring 2011

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9. **Landrum Auditoriums Renovation**

Landrum Academic Center, constructed in 1976, has two lecture hall style auditoriums, rooms 110 and 506 that are in critical need of modernization. Each room has tiers holding either fixed tables with fixed chairs (room 110) or fixed tablet arm chairs (room 506). The spacing in both rooms is extremely tight, and as a result, the rooms are not well used. In addition, the current layout is not conducive to small group work, an essential component of today’s focus on active learning.

The new configuration for each room will feature two rows of new fixed tables and movable chairs on each new riser, allowing students to rotate their seats for small group consultation. In the new layout, Landrum 110 will seat 112 students and Landrum 506 will seat 90 students. The project scope will include installation of new platforms, carpet, paint, additional electrical outlets, and HVAC modifications. New tables and chairs will be purchased to fit the space.

The project is currently under design with the goal to bid the project in April and begin construction in mid-May 2011. The project is being managed by NKU Facilities Management staff. Anticipated completion is August 2011.

**Architect:** Alan Scherr Associates  
**Contractor:** to be determined  
**Scope:** $350,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** August 2011
10. Albright Health Center Auditorium Renovation

Albright Health Center room 308, a traditional sloped floor lecture hall with fixed seating, is in need of renovation. The seating is uncomfortable, the spacing is too close, and the room is not conducive to an active learning environment. The College of Health Professions is in need of classrooms with seating for about 45 students as well as additional faculty offices. The new design will eliminate the sloped floor surface, providing two flat-floor classrooms and four offices, allowing improved instruction and flexibility. The scope of work is quite extensive and includes total demolition and reconstruction of the walls, ceiling, mechanical and electrical systems. Completion will occur during the fall 2011 semester. The project is being managed by NKU Facilities Management staff.

Architect: to be determined  
Contractor: to be determined  
Scope: $437,000  
Anticipated Completion: Fall 2011

11. Budig Theater Sound and Lighting

The Otto M. Budig Theater in the University Center is a primary conference and event venue utilized for academic meetings and events, student events as well as other important uses, including conferences. Difficulties with the room’s sound and lighting systems, including poor system performance, and the age of components, are impacting use of the room. Engineering testing and analysis were performed in January, 2011 and the new system design is in process. The new sound system implementation will begin in May 2011, followed by the lighting improvements in late summer 2011. This project is being managed by NKU Facilities Management staff.

Engineer: KLH Engineers  
Contractor: to be determined  
Scope: $160,000  
Anticipated Completion: Summer 2011

12. 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 worked with Institutional Research to prepare and implement a campus-wide commuter survey distributed to students, faculty and staff in January.
- Response to the survey was strong with 30% of students and 64% of faculty and staff returning the completed survey. The results of the survey are being tallied by Institutional Research and will inform future decisions about commuting, which constitutes 42% of NKU’s carbon footprint.
Sustainability – Continued

- In August of 2011, 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 and NKU Green developed a campus-wide recycling program for rechargeable batteries and cell phones. The program has been publicized across NKU via the campus media outlets. Each major campus building has a battery and cell phone recycling station.

- NKU Green is working with ECOS (Environmentally Concerned Organization of Students), the Center for Environmental Education and APB (Activities Planning Board) to plan this year’s Earth Day celebrations. This year’s celebration will be week-long in April including an “Environmental Ed Day” for high and middle school students as well as several panel presentations. The week will culminate with a combined celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day.

- NKU’s participation in RecycleMania 2011 began on February 6 and runs through April 2, 2011. NKU Green is partnering with the NKU Recycling Program and APB on several events, including Recycling Olympics scheduled for March 31, 2011.