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 with the envelope weather tight, and the primary focus has shifted to interior finishes. Painting is underway on every floor; ceiling tiles and light fixtures are being installed; flooring installation, including wood base, tile, and carpet is ongoing; and casework is being installed. Several punch lists have been completed for a portion of the first floor. The mechanical/electrical/plumbing contractors are completing system installations on all floor levels, and the functional testing/commissioning phase will start soon. New site work planned for the area between Griffin Hall and Nunn Hall, and the new south drop off area west of the Student Union are continuing and should be complete in late April. The university’s internal project team is continuing efforts to coordinate and organize the significant 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 substantial completion in spring 2011, with occupancy to occur in June 2011.

Architect: Goody Clancy  
Engineers: Consentini Associates, Inc.; Richmond So; Kohrs Lonneman Heil Engineers  
Construction Manager: Turner Construction  
Scope: $52,550,000  
Anticipated Building Occupancy: Summer 2011
2. Johns Hill Road

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has awarded the contract for the Johns Hill Road construction project to Eaton Asphalt. Construction will begin in April with site clearing. A substantial amount of fill material is needed for construction of the extension of University Drive from the current ‘stub’ near The Bank of Kentucky Center to Johns Hill Road and for the new sections of Johns Hill from the new roundabout westward to the point where the new road will reconnect with existing Johns Hill, just west of Kenton Drive. Trucks carrying fill material to the construction sites will travel US 27 to Martha Layne Collins, avoiding Nunn Drive. The major impact on traffic, other than congestion due to construction vehicles, will occur when new sections of roadway are tied into existing road surfaces. Current projections call for the temporary driving surface for all new roadway sections to be in place prior to next winter; note that actual progress depends on weather conditions throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Anticipated Completion: Spring 2012
3. **Campus Space Changes**

With the pending completion of Griffin Hall, the university has the opportunity over the coming months to resolve a variety of space issues across campus. Once the College of Informatics moves into Griffin Hall, numerous moves will occur to backfill the space they vacate. Most notable will be the dedication of the AS&T Building to the College of Business. The Department of Mathematics and Statistics will move to space vacated by the College of Business in the BEP Center and be joined by the Kentucky Center for Mathematics and Developmental Mathematics. The College of Education and Human Services and the Department of Psychological Sciences will expand into the balance of the space in BEP. Numerous other moves will occur in Landrum, Steely Library and Founders Hall as well.

As approved at the March Board Meeting the name of Applied Science and Technology Center will change to “Business Academic Center” and the name of the Business Education and Psychology Center (BEP) will change to “Mathematics Education and Psychology Center”.

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. The project is 85% complete overall with a remainder of 20% of the basement walls still to be removed. The project was completed in April. Seeding will be done as weather allows.

**Architect:** Wolnitzek Architects  
**Contractor:** All Ways Trucking, Inc.  
**Scope:** $225,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** Mid-April 2011
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. During Phase Two, the faculty office area at the north end of the fifth floor will be renovated, resulting in an increased number of faculty offices. The project was awarded to Carrera Construction, Inc. from Cincinnati, Ohio. Demolition began on March 29, 2011, and the anticipated completion date is late June 2011.

**Architect:** Wolnitzek Architects  
**Contractor:** Carrera Construction  
**Scope:** $213,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** June 2011
6. **Data Center HVAC and Electrical Upgrades**

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.

**Architect:** KZF Design  
**Contractor:** Peck, Hannaford, and Briggs  
**Scope:** $158,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** May 2011

7. **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 seating platforms, carpet, paint, additional electrical outlets, and HVAC modifications. New tables and chairs will be purchased to fit the space.

The project will be bid in April and construction is anticipated to begin in mid-May 2011. The project is being managed by NKU Facilities Management staff. The anticipated completion date is August 2011.

**Architect:** Alan Scherr Associates  
**Contractor:** to be determined  
**Scope:** $350,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** August 2011
8. **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. Construction bidding is scheduled to occur in May 2011. Completion will occur during the fall 2011 semester.

**Architect:** Champlin Haupt  
**Contractor:** to be determined  
**Scope:** $437,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** Fall 2011
9. **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 was performed in January, 2011. The new system design is complete. The new sound system implementation will begin in May 2011, followed by the lighting improvements in late summer 2011.

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

10. **Plaza Renovation: Near Lucas Administrative Center and University Center**

The plaza surface between the Lucas Administrative Center and the University Center is deteriorating due to age, causing water infiltration into the adjacent buildings and hazardous walking conditions. The existing plaza area will be completely removed. New waterproofing membranes will be installed as well as a new concrete walking surface, lighting, and landscaping.

**Engineer:** THP Engineers  
**Contractor:** to be determined  
**Scope:** $457,000  
**Anticipated Completion:** Fall 2011
11. Plaza Renovation: Near Corbett Theater

The paved plaza near the entrance to Corbett Theater is deteriorating due to age, causing water infiltration into the Fine Arts rooms located beneath this section of plaza. The existing plaza paving will be completely removed. New waterproofing membranes will be installed as well as a new concrete walking surface.

- **Engineer:** THP Engineers
- **Contractor:** to be determined
- **Scope:** $200,000
- **Anticipated Completion:** Fall 2011

12. University Drive Garage Renovation

The University Garage is in need of repairs due to age related deterioration of the surfaces. Extensive work is necessary to repair the driving surfaces and to water seal the concrete. Engineering design began at the end of March and construction bidding will occur in May. Construction work will begin in June 2011 with expected construction duration of approximately 10 weeks. The garage will be closed while construction is underway.

- **Engineer:** THP Engineers
- **Contractor:** to be determined
- **Scope:** $700,000
- **Anticipated Completion:** Summer 2011
13. **Sustainability**

In December 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.

- 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 including an “Environmental Ed Day” for middle school students as well as several lunch time panel presentations. The week will culminate with a combined celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day on Friday, April 22 on the NKU Plaza.

**Steely Library, Spring 2011**