

KU Library Annex Expansion

Mar Lan Construction was selected and to build the original KU Library Annex in 2005. Six years later, KU found themselves short on space and once again turned to Mar Lan to construct an addition onto the original Library Annex.

The addition began in 2011 and was completed in September of 2012. Upon finishing the project, KU decided to construct a film storage module that would begin in October of 2012. The project was finished in May of 2013.

The film storage module is a small climate controlled space used to store rare university film. The room is set at a constant temperature of 35 degrees Fahrenheit and a humidity of 30%.

This 7.5 million dollar job concludes the third phase in Mar Lan's KU Library Annex project.

The picture to the right shows the original Library Annex building as well as the recent addition and the Film Storage Module expanding out to the right.



& Film Storage Module



The inside of the climate controlled film storage module.

The entrance to the original KU Library Annex

The entrance from the original library annex into the expansion

Ekdahl Dining

Ekdahl Dining, or more commonly known as Mrs. E's by students, is located in Lewis Hall on KU campus perched on top of Daisy Hill. This 3.5 million dollar renovation of 17,000 square feet began swiftly after graduation with demolition beginning on May 19.

When the diner opens its doors for the new school year, it will hold a wider variety of food choices, a better flow of traffic, and beautiful atmosphere for eating and meeting with friends.

New food selections available in the dining area include noodles, brick oven pizza, ethnic favorites, classic comfort food, deli selections, grilled items, desserts, and more.

The food choices aren't the only thing that's changing this summer as the layout of the facility will go through a drastic change in hopes of making eating quick and efficient as well as enjoyable and comfortable. The renovation includes relocating popular food stations as well as adding several new ones. It also includes replacing walls with railings, community tables, new chairs, flooring, and lighting. KU hopes the renovation will give the space a "bright, open, and airy" feel.

The project must be completed by August 7 ready to serve the hungry students that will be returning. Many employees are working long days, six days a week, or even double shifts. Though it is a lot of work, project manager, Gale Lantis, assures us that the renovation will be done on time and be ready for the new school year. Mar Lan is grateful for the special efforts of Marty Criqui, Job Superintendent, who has been working countless extra hours, including weekends, to insure that the project is completed by it's deadline.

The photos to the right show some of the progress inside the dining facility.



Naismith Hall

Naismith Hall is owned and operated by the Bromley Companies. Soon after acquiring the multi-story private student living center, they began to plan a renovation to the Amenity level of the space. They worked with Sabatini and Associates locally to redesign the space to create a design that is conducive to today's student life. Mar Lan Construction was chosen as the contractor they would work with to provide the demolition and construction of this space.

The new space has a much more open feel. It includes a brand new Fireplace Lounge which features a fireplace wall with a custom Montego Fireplace. The hearth is custom cast concrete pieces and the surroundings of this feature wall include bamboo wall panels, large format tile, and accented lighting that make this wall spectacular.

A separate TV Lounge, a Fitness Center that is attached to the existing outdoor pool, support offices for the staff, new toilets, a new reception desk and mailroom, a full-size apartment, and an efficiency apartment equipped with a full kitchen to be reserved for use of the students are all incorporated into the new layout. The ceiling systems are very specialized in the public spaces and will certainly add to this new look and fresh feel.

The photo below shows the digital image of what the final project will look like.



BTBC

July brought good news to Mar Lan Construction as we were the successful bidder for the BTBC (Bioscience & Technology Business Center) Project. Mar Lan was recently given notice to proceed on this wonderful project.

The project, known as Phase II, is an expansion of the existing facility. This expansion will add over 30,000 square feet of private tenant space. We couldn't be more excited to get started.

Stay tuned for future updates on this wonderful project.

The three photos to the right show the digital image of the rendering for the new project. We are looking forward to seeing the end results!



Formerly known as Tellers, the renovations for Merchants Pub & Plate are well on their way.

The new restaurant, named after Merchants Bank that used reside in the same building, will now have a completely new look as well as a new menu.

The brick ovens that have long time been a customer favorite have been taken out and will not be put back in. After tearing the oven out, 79,000 pounds of concrete and brick debris was hauled off from the jobsite.

The new restaurant is making progress quickly and should be done around September 1st.

The photos above show the kitchen during and after the demolition phase.

Merchants Pub & Plate