

Good afternoon and welcome to the start of yet another project that helps Shippensburg University meet the needs of its students and faculty, and helps students prepare for an ever-changing 21st Century.

In 1931, this building was built and for 37 years served as the campus library until the opening of Ezra Lehman Memorial Library, which itself just recently had a major renovation of its first floor.

This project, and the many other projects that we have completed or will soon start, symbolize the university's efforts on behalf of our students.

This is also a truly collaborative project as members of the art department have been involved from the initial discussions through the design and planning stages. In fact, the department commissioned studies on what was needed from a facilities perspective to assure the department is supporting its students and is in line for program accreditation. When this building reopens for use in the Spring 2011 semester, it will be the culmination of many dreams and much hard work by the department, as well as many others here who were involved in the project.

Let me tell you a little bit about the project.

- Complete renovation of the original building, demolition of the annex and construction of a new three-story addition tied into Huber Art Center at each floor.
- Increases sizes of the existing art laboratories and adds student gallery and locker space. The floor plan layout is improved significantly and all mechanical, heating, air conditioning, ventilation, plumbing, electrical, and technology systems will be replaced.
- Provides a facility that allows the art department to meet academic program accreditation standards.
- Building was originally built in 1931 and last modernized in 1970. The completed project will provide approximately 6,000 more usable square feet than is available in the existing buildings.
- Project is funded with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania capital funding and augmented with some University funding at a cost of \$5,728,000.
- Contractors will be:
 - General contractor - eciConstruction, Dillsburg PA
 - Plumbing contractor - Herre Brothers, Enola PA
 - Mechanical contractor - Frey Lutz, Lancaster, PA
 - Electrical contractor - Lobar, Dillsburg, PA
 - Architect is USA Architects—Easton, PA
- Green building practices been incorporated into the design including:
 - Orienting the building on an east/west axis to prevent unwanted solar heat gain and to capture diffuse daylight
 - Use of horizontal shading devices to diffuse the summer sun
 - Recycled materials, such as aluminum and metals which compose the majority of the new building, will be used

- Water use reduction through use of low flow plumbing fixtures to reduce the demand on the water supply
- Use of products that are naturally re-occurring in nature, such as linoleum flooring made from linseed oils and other plant matter
- All sealants, adhesives, and paints are to have low volatile organic compounds
- Wastes from construction will be separated and delivered to proper recycling plants, reducing the amounts that are diverted to landfills
- All spaces will have different levels of lighting for the comfort of the user and to prevent over lighting of spaces when daylight is available
- All spaces will have adjustable temperature controls for the comfort of the user and to prevent over heating or cooling of spaces
- The mechanical systems will be designed to function efficiently and to be controlled through our central energy management system

Today is the start of another milestone in the university's history and a step toward a wonderful future of success and, no doubt, some great art. Thank you for joining us.