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The **Kansas University** campus will undergo some changes, thanks to a master plan that calls for \$258 million in alterations and additions for the university's 7 million square feet of buildings on 950 acres.

KU to change, according to plan

• **Kansas University's** master plan, which saw a formal revision last fall, will begin having a significant impact on the Lawrence campus in coming years.

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Changing the face of Kansas University is no small task. As testimony to that, the master plan governing structural and landscape changes on campus

was formally revised last fall for the first time in 25 years.

In that revision were \$258 million in alterations and additions for KU's 7 million square feet of buildings and 950 acres.

Among the immediate projects are: a \$6 million completion of the levels beneath the newly renovated Budig Hall; a

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\$10 million parking garage north of the Kansas Union; and \$35 million in renovations for Memorial Stadium,

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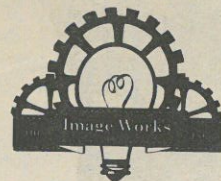
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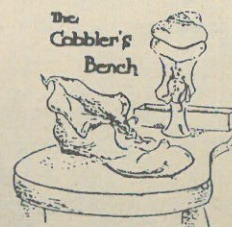
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Master plan means renovations to KU buildings

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Allen Field House and Hoglund-Maupin Stadium.

Down the road, planners envision campus walkways and gardens such as the under-construction Malott Plaza, expanded green space, and major renovations to a number of KU's essential buildings, including Watson Library, Wescoe Hall, Learned Hall and Murphy Hall.

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Lewis Hall on the list

A number of the projects will be included in KU's capital improvements list, submitted annually to the Legislature in early April.

"Another one we may add to the list is the housing renovation of Lewis Hall," said KU planning coordinator Tom Waechter, referring to improvements that would mimic those already completed inside Templin Hall.

Another planned project is a \$7.6 million library storage facility and a \$25 million undergraduate science teaching building.

"That's all future work," Waechter said. "There isn't any funding lined up either for the library or the undergraduate teaching facility."

Guiding goals

When the last comprehensive look at a master plan took place in the early 1970s, there was no Anschutz Science Library, no Dole Building, no Green Hall and the computer center was still under construction.

"When you look back over the past 20 years, you realize that this place will continue to change and evolve," Waechter said.

In 1992, a special task force on physical development was

appointed. The task force was made up of 30 students, faculty, staff and alumni, including a few Lawrence residents. Their recommendations were incorporated into the final plan.

KU's master plan essentially has two "guiding goals," as KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway has noted. The goals: preserving the beauty of Mount Oread and creating an environment that shows respect for learning.

"This is one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation, if not the world," Hemenway said. "We must preserve its beauty for those who come after us."

Crumbling Classrooms initiatives will bring \$16.7 million in improvements to electrical wiring and in bringing buildings up to ADA standards. Electrical substations throughout campus also will be retooled; the installation of a campuswide loop would protect buildings from power failures.

Although Potter Lake is more than safe, environmental and historical interests could be ranked by a few of

the proposed changes, including the new research lab facility slated for construction on the hillside below Wescoe Hall.

Also, the parking garage to be built north of the union would involve getting rid of the Continuing Education Division building, which long ago housed the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Visitor traffic and the good location prompted the site choice for the new parking garage.

The projects

The following projects also are among the projects either under way or in the works:


- Adams Alumni Center renovation — \$1.3 million
- Watkins Health Center addition and renovation — \$4.5 million

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- Campus landscape master plan implementation, including changes along Jayhawk

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- Boulevard — \$2 million
- Renovation and addition to JRP Hall, which is expected to house the school of education — \$14 million
- Murphy Hall improvements — \$10 million
- Construction of a child care facility west of Anschutz Sports Pavilion — \$3.3 million
- Templin Hall visitors center, including a relocated KU office of admissions, presentation space and a bus drop-off — \$1.1 million

- Construction of the Dole Institute of Public Service and Public Policy — \$6 million
- Lewis Hall renovations — \$5.9 million.

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Construction continues outside the south end of Allen Fieldhouse and inside the building. Renovations will include such things as new concessions stands and bathrooms inside.

Allen Fieldhouse becoming more accessible to all fans

● **Allen Fieldhouse** will see \$3 million worth of renovations, including additional restrooms, an elevator and improved doorways.

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Allen Fieldhouse, meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A \$3 million renovation project now under way at Kansas University's vintage 1955 hoops facility will bring it up to date with ADA requirements — improving doorways, walkways and restroom accessibility.

And other than the tower planned for the south end of the fieldhouse, the changes will be largely invisible from outside the building.

KU athletics director Bob Frederick said the changes will make the fieldhouse more ADA-friendly as well as more fan-friendly.

Construction bids went out this spring, and the bulk of the labor should be finished in late 1998.

"We hope to have that interior work done by November, before the first basketball game next year," said Warren Corman, university architect.

And no state taxpayer dollars are being spent on the construction, which is instead being financed with bonds issued by the Kansas Development Finance Authority. Debt will be repaid through private contributions, revenue from stadium luxury box rentals, and a \$6 surcharge tacked onto football and basketball tickets.

Foremost among the Allen

Fieldhouse renovations are across-the-board upgrades for the restrooms, and the construction of a number of new facilities. One of the main locations for the new restrooms will be a \$1 million elevator tower, to be built just south of the fieldhouse.

New men's and women's restrooms, as well as restrooms that lock and include diaper changing stations, and wheelchair accessible drinking fountains will be installed.

In addition, concession stands will either be modified with lower counter tops or removed, and every external entrance will be rebuilt.

The fieldhouse last saw changes in 1994. That year, a new sprinkler system and 541 new seats were installed. The seats pushed the capacity from 15,800 to 16,341.

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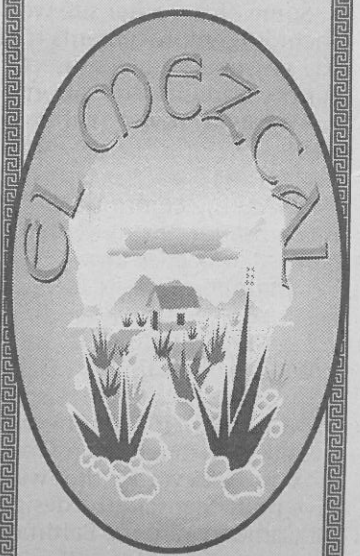
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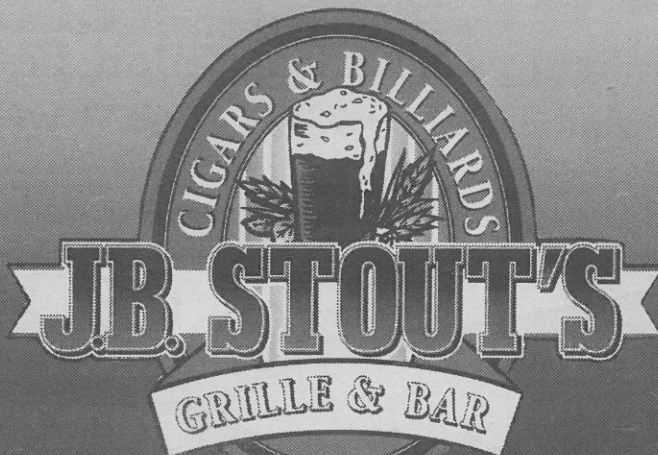
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