



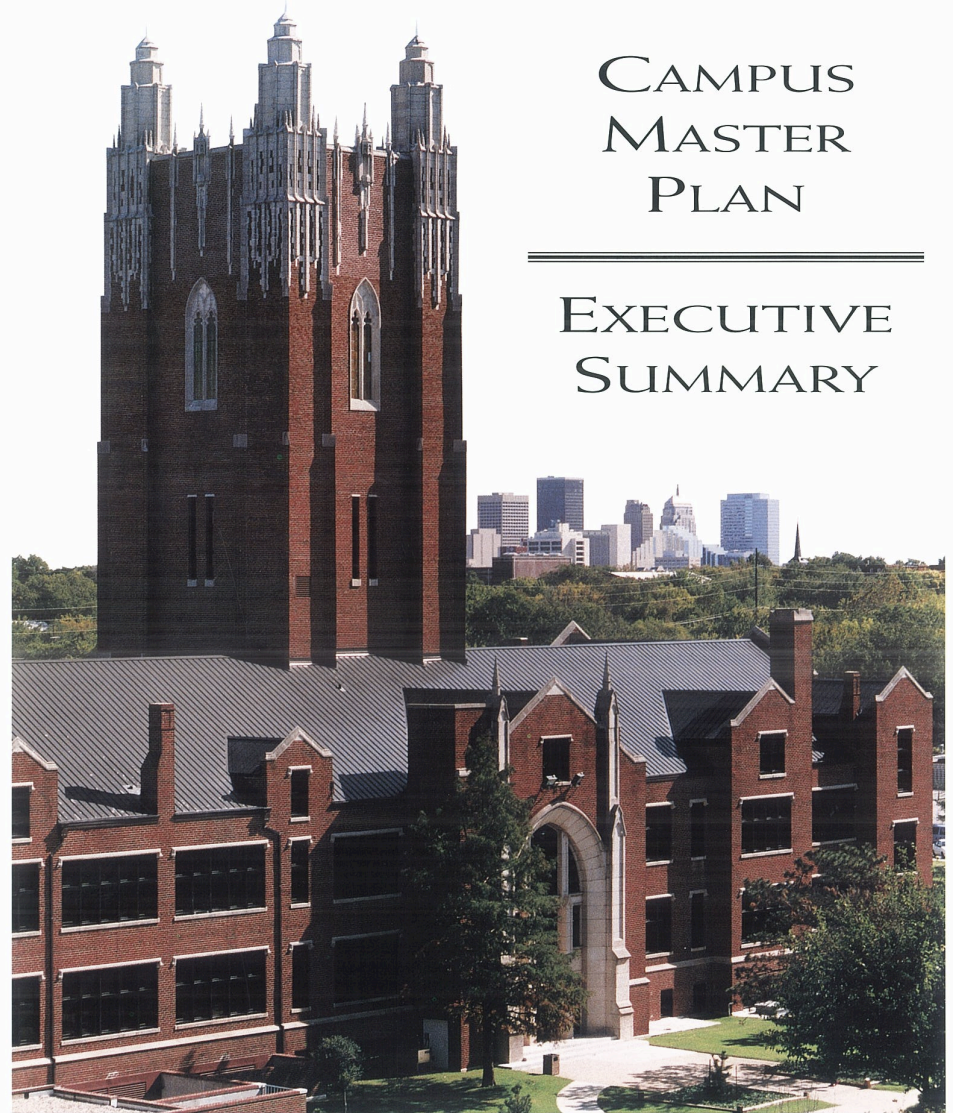
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CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Oklahoma City's University for the 21st Century

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The success realized in recent years at Oklahoma City University is the result of efforts and foresight of the many friends, alumni, foundations and corporations who have supported the University in all its endeavors. For example, since 1979, Oklahoma City University's endowment has increased from \$3.6 million to over \$35 million. Six major academic facilities have been constructed on the OCU campus during that same period. This commitment has afforded the University long term financial security and an opportunity to better realize its fundamental commitment to personalized learning and teaching situations, where a continuing search for understanding and productive experience becomes a way of life. Personalized learning also includes maintaining an active and aesthetically pleasing learning environment.

OCU will celebrate its centennial in 2004 with the conclusion of the \$100 Million Era of Emergence Campaign. In the year 2004, the University will have invested in additional facilities in accordance with the Campus Master Plan, raised \$58 million in endowment funds, increased faculty salaries and scholarships for students, re-equipped classrooms and labs with the latest technology, and assured ongoing fiscal stability for the University.

As we move closer toward the 21st century, Oklahoma City University must be visionary with its planned growth and developments. The master planning efforts upon which the University has embarked should enable us to continue to build the University of the future while realistically reaching our goals.

Oklahoma City University has made exceptional gains in defining its size, scope and direction of its future activities. The University's strength at present is solid. Given the continued loyalty and commitment of friends and alumni, the promise of the future is awesome.

Sincerely,


Jerald C. Walker, President,
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Cover Photo - A recent renovation of the Clara E. Jones Administration Building has recaptured the beauty of this classic gothic structure.

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INTRODUCTION

Oklahoma City University was established in 1904 as Epworth University, an institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church. For these many years the University has combined excellence in education and a strong liberal arts tradition with professional, pre-professional and graduate studies. This combination has resulted in what is now the largest private university in the State of Oklahoma. Furthermore, OCU was recently recognized by the prestigious National Review College Guide[®] as one of America's top 58 liberal arts colleges and universities.

Oklahoma City University is committed to providing quality programs and facilities within an educational setting that encourages students, faculty and staff to actively participate in the life of the University and community at large. An active process aimed at the continual improvement of the present 15 acre campus is in place to ensure that opportunities for a distinctive learning experience encourage the learning process.

Oklahoma City University is... "A university whose time has come." Its commitment to academic excellence and student development places emphasis

on being a university large enough to provide quality programs within a setting focused on the individual. Evidence that this goal is being accomplished can be seen in the new facilities, campus improvements and activities on campus.

PURPOSE AND ROLE OF THE PLAN

Accomplishing its mission while maintaining the type of quality campus a private university such as OCU requires is an ongoing responsibility. It requires the administration to work closely with many groups, including the city of Oklahoma City and surrounding neighbors, as well as University alumni, faculty and students. This Campus Master Plan delineates future campus boundaries, establishes the locations for campus entrances and locates planned future buildings and improvements. The plan provides an organized approach to the issues facing the University as it moves towards its centennial. It is a blueprint for the future growth and development of Oklahoma City University.

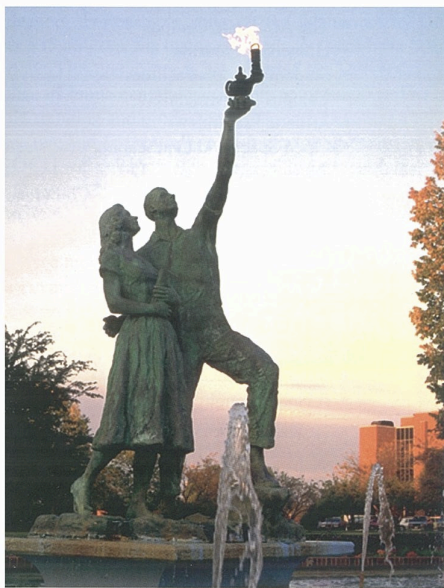
The master plan incorporates a systematic approach to problem solving by identifying the development that should occur on campus, based upon the needs and goals of the University. To be successful and effective, the master plan should be:

- Created using consensus-based decision-making;
- Representative of the needs of the entire campus;
- Implemented by the University;
- Used to direct development of the campus;
- Reviewed and updated on a regular basis; and
- Flexible as changes or updates become needed.

Once the Campus Master Plan is complete, it becomes the administration's responsibility for facilitating its implementation by the following actions:

- Formal adoption of the plan;
- Continue active participation by planning committee;
- Continue active participation by campus planners;
- Annual review of the master plan, usually during capital budgeting process; and
- Updating the plan, usually every five years.

The Eternal Challenge Fountain located in the Quadrangle



Aerial view of the existing Oklahoma City University campus looking northwesterly.

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OCU

Oklahoma City University plays an important role in Oklahoma City as a source of local business activity, employment and income. According to the University's 1994-95 economic impact study, OCU's direct and indirect economic impact upon Oklahoma County for fiscal year 1994-95 totaled more than \$189.5 million. The University currently employs over 550 people in Oklahoma City, placing OCU among the top 35 non-manufacturing, private employers in the metropolitan area. OCU's employees are a highly educated and skilled work force, 65 percent of whom hold the highest educational degrees awarded in their field. The total payroll at OCU for 1995-96 will exceed \$17 million. As Oklahoma City's Mayor Ronald J. Norick has noted, "OCU's role is vital, not only in educating young people, but also for the future development of Oklahoma City."

IMAGE OF THE UNIVERSITY

The existing University campus has more than 25 buildings designed in an attractive combination of collegiate gothic and contemporary architecture. The urban campus is sheltered in a quiet, natural setting that retains the traditional university environment so conducive to learning. With the primary buildings oriented around a center campus green, OCU has the aura of some of America's oldest and most traditional college campuses. Students note the secure feeling the

campus offers with most buildings oriented inward toward pedestrian areas and with vehicular access limited to the exterior boundaries of the campus. It is the intent of this master plan to emphasize and expand on the strengths of the existing campus so that, as the campus grows in size, it will not lose its sense of community.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The University's goals and objectives form the framework for campus planning for the short and long term. Two decades of steady growth have not only resulted in demands on the campus and facilities owing from increased enrollment, but also from the broad range of educational, international, church and community programs hosted by OCU. As a result, the need to expand the campus to adequately support current and future programs and activities is the primary physical challenge facing OCU. Goals and objectives used in guiding the formulation of this Campus Master Plan include:

To provide the framework for the expansion and improvement of the OCU campus:

- Establish a base for more detailed future planning
- Identify design guidelines for future campus buildings and improvements

To improve the appearance of the OCU campus

- Improve campus borders, entrances and open spaces



Constructed in 1955, the Gold Star Memorial Building towers 17 stories above the central campus green.

To improve pedestrian and vehicular circulation within and around the OCU Campus

- Identify and improve entrances to the campus
- Identify circulation needs and reduce conflicts
- Establish emergency circulation routes
- Consider the needs of adjoining neighborhoods

To improve campus parking

- Identify location of greatest parking needs
- Locate new parking facilities in peak need areas
- Consider more restricted parking where needed
- Review campus parking needs annually

To provide increased safety and security within and surrounding the campus

- Improve signage for greater sense of organization
- Standardize and improve campus lighting
- Separate pedestrian and vehicular circulation
- Improve future building-parking area relationships

VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

OCU's administration, alumni and friends have made a commitment to expand and improve campus facilities. To accomplish the goals and objectives established by the University, the master plan has incorporated locations for the following new campus facilities:

Academic Facilities - Present facilities for academic studies have inadequate classroom space to accommodate the existing student population. Additionally, it is the University's intent to expand certain programs and create others. The master plan includes locations for the following new and expanded academic facilities:

- Dance Center (presently in three campus buildings)
- Music and Performing Arts Center (additional rehearsal space is needed)
- Communications and Media Center
- Basic Studies Center
- Computer Science Center
- Aerospace Science & Technology Education Center
- International Studies and Language Center
- Arts Addition

Athletic and Student Support Facilities - Certain athletic and student support facilities have been identified as less than adequate for the existing number

of students who attend the University. Other facilities do not provide a full range of activities or have not been updated in many years. It is the University's intent to provide quality facilities that would encourage students to attend OCU. The master plan includes locations for the following new and expanded athletic and student support facilities:

- Health, Physical Activities & Wellness Center (to replace the existing fieldhouse and to provide additional facilities for all students)
- Dulaney-Browne Library expansion (library is near maximum capacity)
- Intercollegiate soccer fields (existing field to be lost with construction of the health center)
- Softball field (lost with the construction of the Cokesbury Apartments)
- Football field and intercollegiate track with stands
- North Campus Green (around which new buildings will be located)
- Student Admissions and Orientation Center

Campus Housing Facilities - Although campus housing has been enhanced greatly in recent years by the construction of Cokesbury Court, additional housing is still needed. Additionally, many of the existing campus dormitories have not been renovated in several years. The master plan recommends the following new and expanded campus housing facilities:

- Cokesbury Court Apartment expansion
- Panhellenic Quadrangle (accommodating four sororities)
- Fraternity Row (accommodating four fraternities)
- Remodeled student dormitories
- Faculty housing
- Location for future residence halls

Campus Transportation and Infrastructure - Additions to infrastructure must be made in conjunction with growth and improvement of the overall campus. The master plan recommends the following campus improvements:

- Signage and lighting to improve campus security
- Improved pedestrian and vehicular circulation
- Enhanced campus borders, entrances and roadways
- Additional parking (surface and structured)
- Analysis of the existing utility infrastructure
- Satellite physical plant
- Relocated storage building

United Methodist Facilities - With the strong historical and legal connection between OCU and the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church, facilities that need to be relocated and enhanced should be encouraged to locate on or near the OCU campus. The master plan includes locations for the following new United Methodist facilities:

- Relocated and Expanded Conference Offices
- Convention/Conference Center
- Hotel and/or Lodging facilities
- Child Care Center
- Bishop's Home

Neighborhood Improvements - In order for OCU to enjoy the kind of surrounding neighborhood and accompanying security that could be realized, efforts to strengthen and stabilize the area surrounding the University campus are encouraged. The master plan recommends the following actions:

- Coordination with the 23rd Street Corridor Plan
- Establishment of an area for neighborhood housing stabilization and redevelopment



The Walker Center for Arts and Sciences is home to OCU-TV, the University's wireless cable television broadcasting station.

THE PLAN

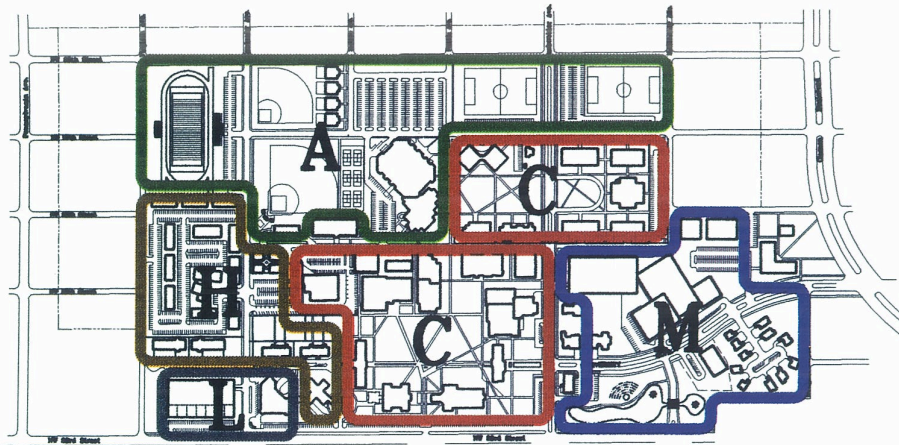
The functional organization of the OCU campus is comprised of clustered academic, student support, housing and athletic facilities interconnected by landscaped pedestrianways. The existing campus is compact and structured around a central campus green. The master plan envisions an expanded OCU campus that would continue the relationship of a compact campus structured around a central campus green. The plan proposes removal of pavement and restoration of landscaping for portions of the South Campus Green. Additionally, the plan seeks to replicate the central campus green concept with the establishment of a new North Campus Green. The North Campus Green would extend east from the Health, Physical Activities and Wellness Center approximately two blocks to the Aerospace Science & Technology Education Center. This new campus green would provide open space for the expanded campus while maintaining the integrity of OCU's unique campus design.

THE ACADEMIC CAMPUS

South Campus Green - South Campus Green provides the location for most of the existing academic portion of the campus. Those academic buildings that do not actually front onto the South Campus Green are

connected to it with spacious sidewalks and open spaces. Academic buildings located in the South Campus Green area include the following existing and proposed facilities:

- **Noble Center for Competitive Enterprise** - Completed in 1984, this facility houses the Meinders School of Business, the Computer Science Department and B.D. Eddie Business Research Center. The building features an energy conscious design and central atrium.
- **Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel** - The Wimberly School of Religion is housed in this award-winning chapel designed by Pietro Belluschi. The chapel includes classrooms and a main sanctuary seating 650.
- **Gold Star Memorial Building** - This landmark building, occupying the most prominent location on campus, includes a 17-story tower visible from all parts of the city. The building presently houses the law library.
- **Sarkeys Law Center** - Constructed in 1993, this state-of-the-art facility houses the OCU School of Law, courtrooms and the Native American Legal Resource Center.
- **Dance Center (Proposed)** - This totally remodeled and renovated facility (presently Frederickson Fieldhouse) will feature the latest in dance rehearsal facilities, including dressing rooms and dance studios of various sizes.



The Campus Master Plan envisions that the expanded OCU campus would continue the clustered relationship of uses. (A-Athletic Facilities, C-Academic Campus, H-Student Housing, L-Law School and Parking, M-United Methodist Conference Facilities.



Constructed in 1984, the Noble Center for Competitive Enterprise houses OCU's Meinders School of Business.

- **Dawson-Loeffler Science and Mathematics Center** - Recently renovated at a cost of \$1.3 million, the building houses the biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics departments.
- **Kirkpatrick Fine Arts Center** - This facility houses the Margaret E. Petree School of Music and Performing Arts and is the site of numerous music and theater productions throughout the year. The building includes a three theater complex comprised of Kirkpatrick Auditorium (1,100 seats), Margaret E. Petree Recital Hall (500 seats) and Burg Auditorium (250 seats). The center also includes classrooms, costume shop, scene shop, dressing rooms and four large dance studios. An addition is planned as future needs arise.
- **Walker Center for Arts and Sciences** - Located adjacent to the proposed open-space connecting the South and North Campus Greens, this recently completed structure houses the humanities, education and mass communication components of the Petree College of Arts & Sciences. The facility is also home to the University's television broadcasting station.

North Campus Green - The North Campus Green provides an expanded open space area onto which many of the proposed new academic buildings may front. Academic buildings to be located on the North Campus Green include the following facilities:

- **Communications and Media Center (Proposed)** - Planned directly north of the Walker Center, this proposed facility will house the mass communications

and public relations departments. The center will include the campus newspaper and yearbook departments as well as the OCU-TV broadcasting station.

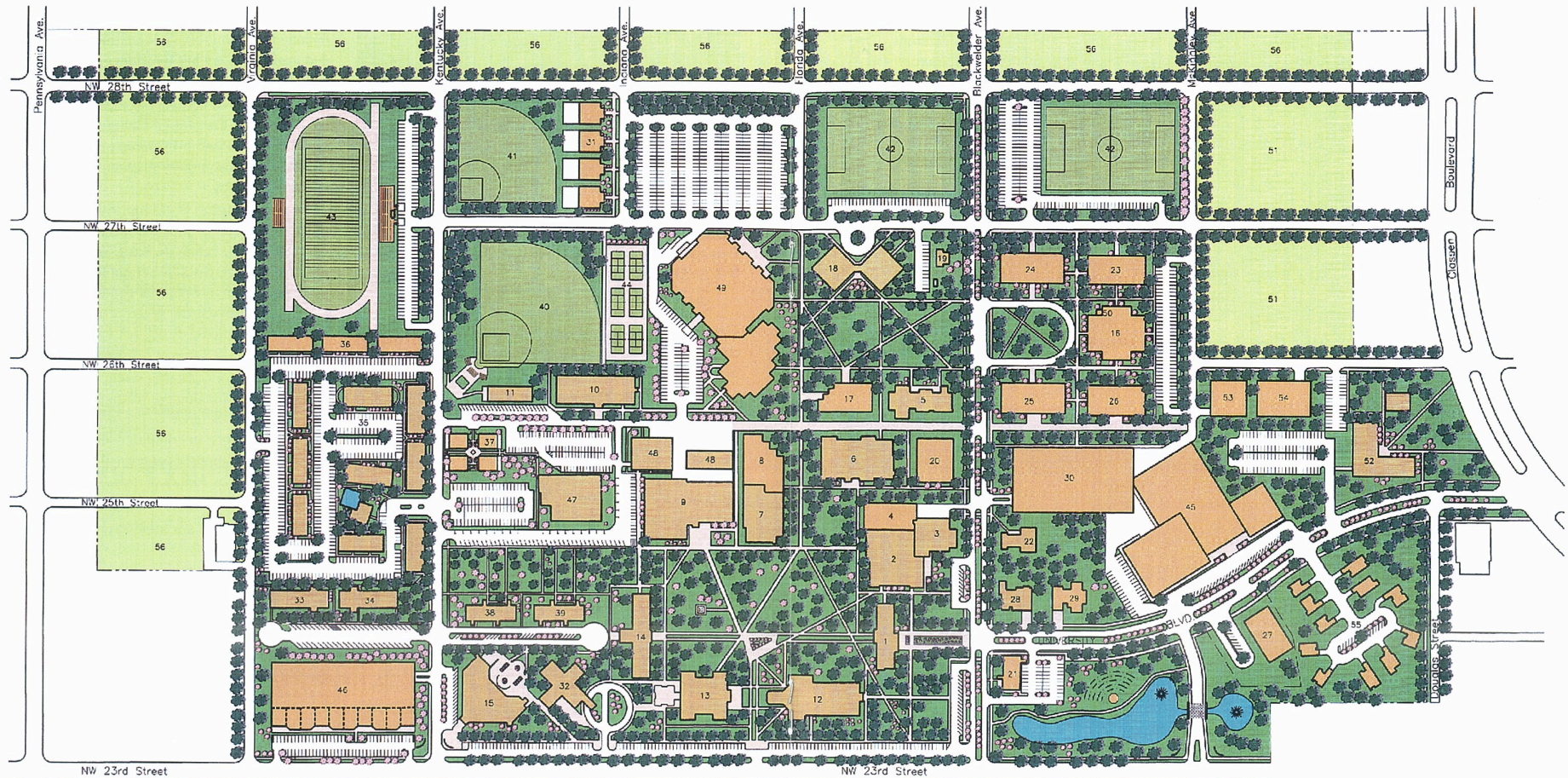
- **Norick Art Center** - Completed in 1985, this facility houses the Hulsey Gallery, featuring exhibition space designed to Smithsonian Institute specifications. The building also houses classrooms for art, ceramics and photography.
- **Basic Studies Building (Proposed)** - Located on the North Campus Green at Blackwelder, this facility will provide the home for Basic Studies classrooms presently spread throughout numerous campus buildings. The gathering of these classrooms into one facility will provide the greatest opportunity for student enrichment.
- **Computer Science Center (Proposed)** - This facility will offer computer science students a state-of-the-art facility for this ever changing environment. The Computer Science Center will feature classrooms, labs and the latest in computer science equipment. The student computer center will also be located in this facility.
- **Aerospace Science & Technology Education Center (Proposed)** - Oklahoma City University is positioning itself on the cutting edge of this most exciting field. This center will offer classrooms, labs, auditoriums and the relocated Wooten Observatory. The facility will also be home to the Youth Space Camp held each summer on the OCU campus.
- **Future Building Location (Proposed)** - For future needs unknown at the present time, a building site has been reserved adjacent to the aerospace center.



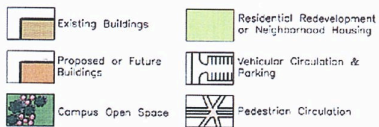
Sarkeys Law Center is a state-of-the-art facility offering a moot courtroom able to accommodate the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Graphics Legend



Building Legend

1. Clara E. Jones Administration
2. Kirkpatrick Fine Arts Center
3. Margaret E. Petree Recital Hall
4. Arts Addition - Proposed
5. Norick Art Center
6. Walker Center for Arts & Sciences
7. Dulany-Browne Library
8. Library Addition - Proposed
9. C. Q. Smith Student-Faculty Center
10. Dawson-Loeffler Science & Math Building
11. Sutton Baseball Center
12. Noble Center for Competitive Enterprise
13. Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel
14. Gold Star Memorial Building
15. Sarkeys Law Center
16. Aerospace Science & Technology Education Center - Proposed
17. Communications & Media Center - Proposed
18. Kramer School of Nursing
19. Farmer International House
20. Music & Performing Arts - Proposed
21. Student Admissions & Orientation Center
22. Children's Theater & Cultural Center
23. Future Building - Proposed
24. International Studies & Language Center - Proposed
25. Basic Studies - Proposed
26. Computer Science Center - Proposed
27. Child Care Center - Proposed
28. Wilson House - President's House
29. United Methodist Bishop's Home
30. Structured Parking - Proposed
31. Fraternity Housing - Proposed
32. Walker Hall
33. Harris Hall
34. Draper Hall
35. Cokesbury Court Apartments
36. Cokesbury Court Expansion - Proposed
37. Panhellenic Quadrangle
38. Smith Hall
39. Banning Hall
40. Sutton Baseball Field
41. Softball Field - Proposed
42. Intercollegiate Soccer Field - Proposed
43. Football Field & Track - Proposed
44. Intercollegiate Tennis Complex - Proposed
45. United Methodist Conference Offices, Convention Center & Hotel - Proposed
46. Structured Parking & Commercial - Proposed
47. Dance Center
48. Physical Plant Facilities
49. Health, Physical Activities & Wellness Center - Proposed
50. Wooten Observatory (Relocated) - Proposed
51. Residential Redevelopment - Proposed
52. Wesley United Methodist Church
53. Satellite Physical Plant - Proposed
54. Storage Building (Relocated) - Proposed
55. Faculty Housing - Proposed
56. Neighborhood Housing Stabilization & Rehabilitation

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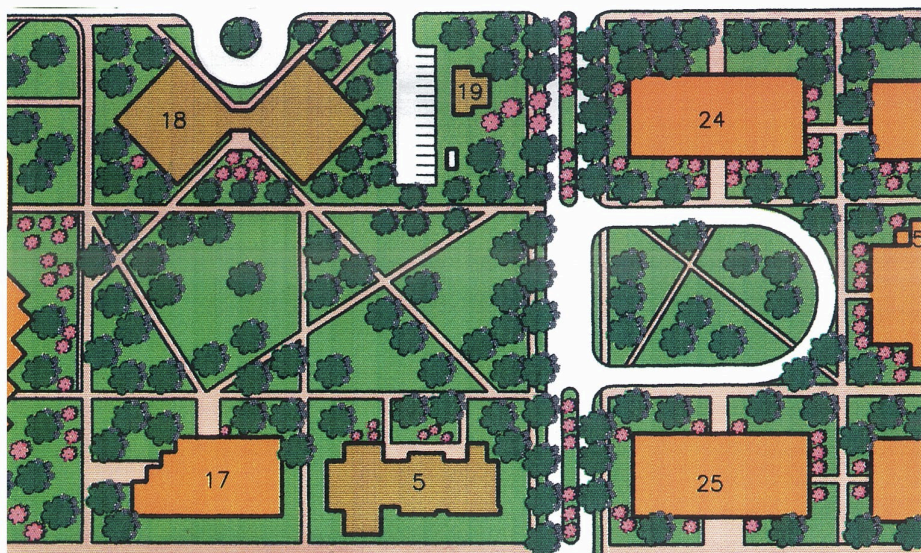


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- **International Studies and Language Center (Proposed)** - Oklahoma City University is recognized nationally and internationally as being on the cutting edge in preparing its students to participate in international business, cultural and social life. The University's educational involvement includes academic programs and activities in Singapore, Hong Kong, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Malaysia, Bulgaria, the Republic of China on Taiwan, Argentina, the People's Republic of China and the United Kingdom. This proposed facility will provide needed on-campus space for this growing educational experience.

- **Kramer School of Nursing** - Completed in 1995, this state-of-the-art building contains classrooms, a simulated hospital ward and a computer/audio-visual learning lab. The facility features television monitoring in each classroom so that demonstrations may be performed in a central laboratory and teaching may occur at various levels to different classes.



Campus Buildings clustered around the University's proposed North Campus Green include (clockwise from building #5): Norick Art Center (#17), Communications and Media Center (#18), Health (#19), Kramer School of Nursing (#24), Farmer International House, International Studies and Language Center, an undesignated building, Aerospace Sciences & Technology Education Center, Computer Science Center, and Basic Studies (#25).

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Cokesbury Court apartments offer on-campus living with the luxury of an off-campus, more independent life-style.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Oklahoma City University offers on-campus housing at various levels to suit the needs and desires of its students. Housing types include traditional three-story dormitories, a high-rise dormitory and independent living apartments. The housing facilities are as follows:

- **Cokesbury Court Apartments and Proposed Expansion** - Situated in a park-like setting, this on-campus apartment community is located just a few hundred yards from the heart of the University campus. Cokesbury offers the convenience of on-campus living with the luxury of an off-campus, more independent life-style. Since its construction in 1993, Cokesbury has been at or near capacity. The proposed three-building expansion of Cokesbury would allow additional students the opportunity to enjoy this unique facility.

- **Dormitories (Walker, Banning, Smith, Draper and Harris Halls)** - Situated in the southwest quadrant of the campus, OCU's dormitories range in size from housing as few as 70 to as many as 250 students. Each dorm has its own personality, from Walker's high-rise apartment feel, to the smaller, more intimate atmosphere of Smith or Banning.

- **Fraternity Housing and Proposed New Fraternity Row** - The OCU campus is presently the home to three chapters of nationally recognized

fraternities including: Lambda Chi Alpha, Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha. The chapter houses are situated on the west end of the campus along Virginia Avenue and typically utilize converted homes. The master plan proposes a new fraternity row along Indiana Avenue just south of N. W. 28th Street. The fraternity row chapter houses would provide ample space for the gathering of chapter members as well as limited housing. The parking lot to the east would provide ample parking for larger chapter functions.

- **Panhellenic Quadrangle (Proposed)** - Consisting of four freestanding townhouses, the Panhellenic Quadrangle provides a chapter house and meeting facility for the University's sororities. The four units are planned on the site of the existing Panhellenic Hall.



The Kramer School of Nursing uses the latest teaching aids, including a simulated hospital ward.



Vitthin Norick Art Center, Hulsey Gallery features exhibition space designed to Smithsonian Institute specifications.

STUDENT SUPPORT FACILITIES

The following existing and planned student support facilities are an important factor to the quality of life on the OCU campus:

- **Clara E. Jones Administration Building** - Constructed in 1922, this recently renovated building is home to the University administration, including the President's office.
- **C. Q. Smith Student/Faculty Center** - This student-faculty center is a focal point for campus life. The center houses the University Commons Cafeteria, snack bar, career planning and placement center, post office, international student offices and meeting rooms.
- **Dulaney-Browne Library and Library Proposed Expansion** - Completed in 1970, the Dulaney-Browne library features over 160,000 volumes in an environment conducive to study. The library is linked to a nationwide bibliographic service providing student access to volumes from libraries across the nation.
- **Student Admissions and Orientation Center (Proposed)** - Located in this existing building are the offices of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church. With its prime location near the main entrance of campus, this Admissions and Orientation Center would provide a focal point for student recruitment.

CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE

As the OCU campus grows, so too must the campus infrastructure, described as follows:

- **Physical Plant and Proposed Satellite Physical Plant** - The existing physical plant provides a central location for the dispensing of services. As the campus grows, a satellite plant east of Blackwelder is planned to serve OCU and United Methodist Conference Headquarters facilities.
- **Underground Utility Service** - As the campus expands, underground utilities will need to be enlarged and improved. A first step will be to prepare comprehensive database mapping of all utilities so that their status and capacities may be monitored.
- **Storage Building Relocation (Proposed)** - As Cokesbury expands, this building, housing many of the stage props utilized by the performing arts departments, will need to be relocated to a more remote site.

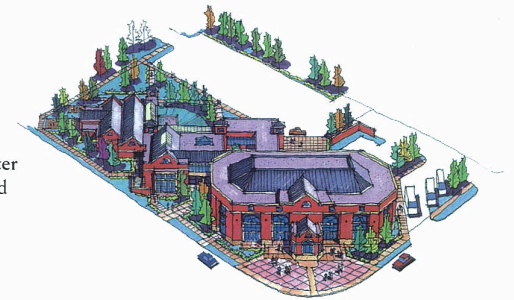


The Dulaney-Browne Library has over 160,000 volumes.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

With the addition of new and improved athletic facilities, OCU is positioning itself as a leader in the health and well-being of its student population. At OCU "well-being" means a healthy body, mind and spirit. The athletic facilities include the following:

- **Health, Physical Activities and Wellness Center (Proposed)** - This \$8.6 million facility is to be located at the west end of North Campus Green. It will be a multi-purpose facility accommodating recreation, intramural, fitness, intercollegiate competition, performances, conferences and outreach activities. The center will feature a 4,000 seat arena and a comprehensive health facility including: swimming pool, basketball courts, racquetball courts, weight rooms, locker rooms, indoor jogging track and lounge. Outdoor facilities include sand volleyball courts and six new intercollegiate tennis courts. The addition of this facility will allow for the offering of at least two new degree programs. It will also serve as the home to OCU's outstanding Chiefs and Lady Chiefs, NAIA National Championship basketball teams.
- **Soccer Fields (Proposed)** - With the addition of the Health, Physical Activities and Wellness Center, a relocated soccer complex will be constructed. The soccer complex is planned in the northern quadrant of the campus along either side of Blackwelder Avenue, south of N.W. 28th Street. The soccer complex will include two regulation intercollegiate soccer fields with accompanying parking facilities.
- **Sutton Baseball Complex** - This recently updated facility includes faculty offices, indoor practice and dressing rooms, and a baseball field designed to intercollegiate standards and accompanying spectator stands.
- **Football and Track Complex (Proposed)** - This facility will feature an intercollegiate oval track and football field with accompanying spectator stands.
- **Softball Field (Proposed)** - With the construction of Cokesbury, the campus softball field was eliminated. The plan recommends a new softball field designed to intercollegiate standards north of the baseball complex.



The proposed \$8.6 million Health, Physical Activities & Wellness Center demonstrates the University's commitment to the well-being of the student.

OPEN-SPACE AND LANDSCAPING

One of the physical features that makes the OCU campus so unique is the open-space provided by the existing central campus green. The North Campus Green will provide another park-like setting around which planned campus buildings may cluster. In recent years OCU has expanded its existing campus landscaping. Additional landscaped open-space is encouraged throughout the campus by including the following:

- Introduction of landscaped islands into parking lots
- Landscaping all major and minor campus entrances
- Landscaping to screen undesirable views
- Introduction of landscaped open-spaces and medians along campus borders
- Creation of a significant entrance to the United Methodist Conference facilities with the establishment of a landscaped park with pond, and rock bridge.

The siting and landscaping of all future campus development is recommended. Campus planners should consult with project architects in the siting and landscaping of new facilities. By these means, cohesive campus planning may be an on-going process, and new facilities will be consistent with the intent of the master plan.

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Planning for both automobiles and pedestrians is paramount to a quality university environment. The plan envisions improved facilities designed to satisfy circulation requirements, described as follows:

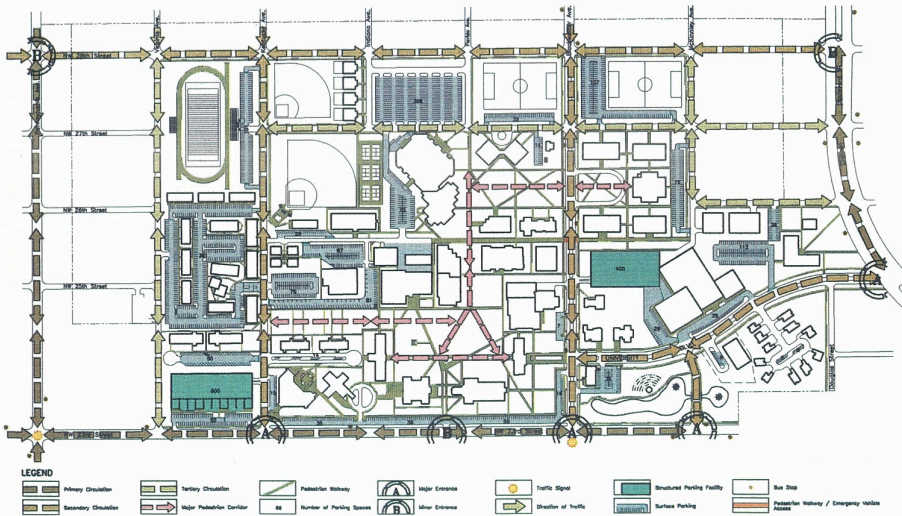
- **Pedestrian Linkages and Circulation** - The existing campus has a sidewalk system offering direct access between most buildings. To expand the existing pedestrian system, some streets should be closed to vehicular traffic, and sidewalks installed. Combination sidewalks, adequate to handle delivery and emergency vehicles, will be utilized as needed. New sidewalks will extend north, providing access to North Campus Green.

- **Vehicular Circulation** - Vehicular circulation is important when considering growth and development of a university located in the midst of a traditional urban setting. The establishment of major and minor campus entrances as well as primary, secondary and tertiary circulation routes is essential to the integrity of the campus plan. The plan envisions new major campus

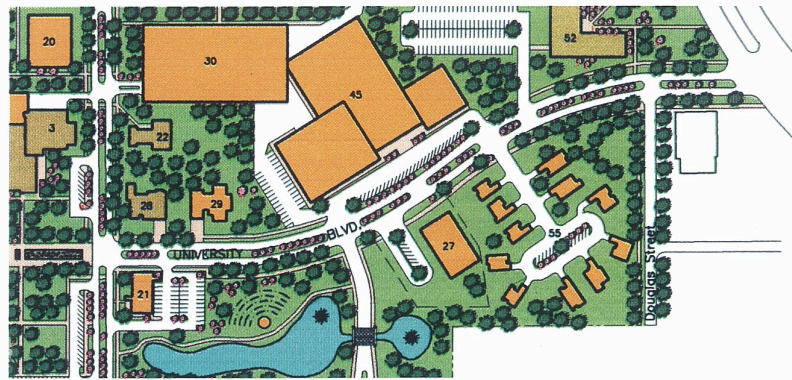
entrances at Classen Boulevard and the new University Boulevard. Remaining campus entrances and circulation routes will be improved. Portions of streets will be closed and portions of others relocated.

- **Parking** - A combination of fringe surface lots and strategically located surface and structured parking facilities located near peak parking generators (i.e. law school, business school, performing arts and United Methodist Conference Center) will improve campus parking. Because of shared parking between non-competing uses, universities, by their nature, tend to need less parking than might typically be required by city codes. Parking should, however, be provided in adequate locations and numbers to allow for normal university activities, without the need for on-street parking in surrounding neighborhoods.

Two structured parking facilities are envisioned, one west of the law school and the other near the performing arts and United Methodist Conference facilities. Together with other new and existing surface lots, a total of over 3,000 parking spaces will be provided.



The transportation plans for the Oklahoma City University campus.



Facilities plan for the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church include: conference offices, conference center and hotel (#45), a child care center (#27), landscaped park, pond and rock bridge and the Bishop's home (#29).

OKLAHOMA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE FACILITIES

An independent United Methodist university, OCU is linked to the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Conference's offices are located across the street from the administration building. The Conference's involvement with the University is not only historical but legal as well.

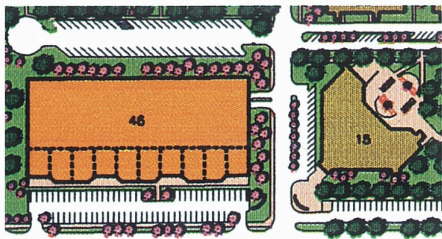
The Conference's needs have outgrown the existing facility it presently occupies, and in the near future, additional space will be required to meet those needs. With such a strong connection between the Conference and the University, an area for expanded and enlarged facilities for the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church has been planned within the campus community. The proposed, expanded United Methodist Conference facilities include the following:

- Relocation of Oklahoma Conference Offices
- Convention/Conference Center
- Hotel and/or Lodging
- Child Care Center
- Bishop's Home

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION

To improve the surrounding neighborhood of which OCU is a part, the University has, in recent years, embarked on a program to stabilize and revitalize the area. The program includes the recent renovation of more than 27 existing homes in the area, the appointment of a property manager, and affordable housing made available to families with moderate incomes. These measures have become apparent in the neighborhood, resulting in a more secure and scenic campus environment. Continued active participation by the University in neighborhood housing stabilization and rehabilitation efforts is encouraged. These efforts should result in increased neighborhood pride and involvement. University efforts should include the following: 1) Commitment to a consistent campus boundary; 2) Active participation by the University in the rehabilitation of housing in the immediate area surrounding the campus; 3) Cooperation in leading an effort to organize the surrounding neighborhoods into cohesive neighborhood associations; 4) On-going commitment to participate in surrounding neighborhood improvements (i.e. lighting, signage, and the improvement of other such neighborhood infrastructure); and, 5) Establishment of a University-Neighborhood liaison officer to actively participate in surrounding neighborhood associations.

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN



The proposed structured parking facility (#48) to be located immediately west of the Sarkeys Law Center (#15) may also include commercial rental space.

ACTION PLAN

No amount of campus master planning and planning expertise will create a well-planned university campus community unless there is a real commitment by the University's administration to the planning effort. Oklahoma City University is blessed with officers and administrators, from the President and Board of Trustees to University vice presidents and staff, who are committed to the master planning process. The implementation of the OCU master plan and the ongoing commitment to its updating is a natural result of University so committed. OCU is also blessed with alumni, friends and supporters who have committed themselves, and their financial resources, to the University. Their support ensures that OCU will continue to provide the positive enrichment to mind, body and spirit with which it has been associated.

PROJECT SEQUENCING AND COSTS

The planned sequencing of projects will allow the University to coordinate the spending of capital improvement dollars on projects of greatest importance. In some instances, a decision to construct one facility will require one or more accompanying projects to be undertaken at the same time. Preliminary cost estimates should be established for near term campus projects. In some instances

public/private joint ventures should be considered as a way of stretching capital improvement dollars. Such public/private projects might include much of the needed infrastructure for the campus including: streets, water, sanitary sewer, storm water drainage and parking projects. Joint-venture projects might include the opportunity for one entity to provide construction plans and/or project "seed money" with the other entity providing the more intensive capital funding needs. By these means, the improvements to the University, and the community as a whole, can be made long before they might otherwise be financially feasible.

STRATEGIES

The University should examine all possible strategies available to facilitate the implementation of the master plan. While the University is actively involved in acquiring land adjacent to the campus as it becomes available, the fact that OCU is a private institution does place limitations on this process. A recommended strategy which might be considered would be utilization of the statutory provisions of the so-called "Urban Renewal Statutes." These provisions could facilitate the University's ability to acquire remaining parcels of land, essential to the implementation of the plan, without individual owners jeopardizing an entire project. Urban renewal plans should be comprehensive in their scope, and undertaken only after meeting all statutory requirements.

A FINAL THOUGHT

The Campus Master Plan for Oklahoma City University is a blueprint for the future providing for the orderly development of facilities in a compatible and mutually supportive manner. The embracement of the master plan is essential to its ultimate success. It should be considered "the point of beginning". With the continued support of the University community, its implementation will ensure OCU's role as Oklahoma City's University for the 21st century.

OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY'S MISSION STATEMENT

The life of Oklahoma City University is guided by the following concepts:

- The total university environment educates and should seek to do so;
- Personal involvement is essential to learning;
- A religious dimension in human experience is inescapable and that students be encouraged to be conscious of the value of humane and ethical behavior; and
- That a broad base of knowledge provides a basis for integrative thinking and creative solutions to complex issues.

The University is committed to the following purposes:

- To seek, advance and transmit truth as its primary responsibility.
- To cultivate ethical and aesthetic sensitivity, enhance value judgement, stress the moral use of knowledge and skills, and nurture the unity of competence and conscience.
- To stress the importance of the spiritual as well as the intellectual and physical development of the student.
- To provide leadership for an enhancement of the cultural experience in Oklahoma City and beyond.
- To become a center of excellence in global studies and to provide leadership in education programming in the world community.
- To encourage members of the Oklahoma City University community to avail themselves of the continuing resources available in the Judeo-Christian traditions and religious life.

Oklahoma City University is committed to the fulfillment of these purposes by providing:

- Undergraduate, graduate and professional academic programs that emphasize, examine and encourage intellectual, religious and aesthetic experiences and growth;
- Lifelong learning programs for personal enrichment, knowledge and special skills, enabling all individuals to continue in productive and creative lives; and
- A range of activities that support and enhance the University's academic programs.

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