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**Creating A 'World-Class' University Campus**



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## What Makes an Outstanding Campus?



**A cohesive academic setting that has visual harmony and a sense of place.**

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## What Makes It Happen?



Strong Leadership  
Top Down Support  
Futuristic Vision  
Pride & Dedication  
Execution  
Attention to Detail  
Inspect What You Expect

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## Campus Beauty, Warmth & Appeal

### Why Is It Important?



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### It's important, because...

1. 62% of High School Seniors make their choice of an institution based on the appearance of the campus buildings and landscape.

Dr Phillip Waite  
Landscape Architect  
Professor, Washington State



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## It's important, because...

2. Admission Directors report that prospective students form an opinion of the campus within 10 minutes of their arrival and decide whether to apply, or not, within their first 30 minutes on campus.

Dr Ernest Boyer  
Chancellor NY State, 1987



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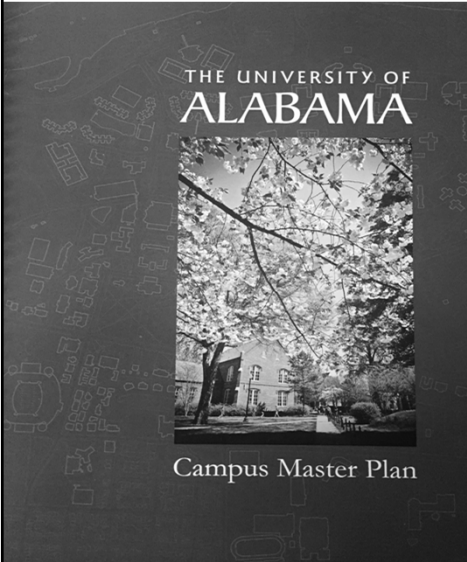

UA Leadership Believes the Appearance  
of our Campus has a Direct Effect on  
Recruiting, Retention & Branding of our School.

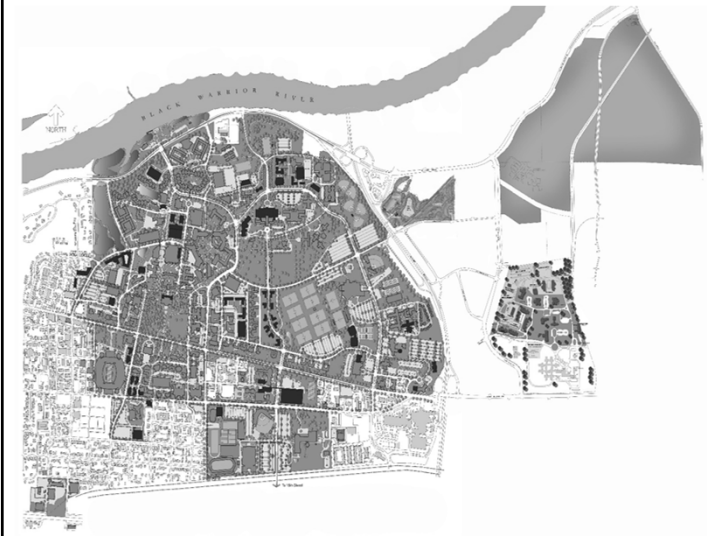



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Campus Master Plan	
	<p>Vision for Future Growth</p> <p>Architectural Design Guide</p> <p>Landscape Design Guide</p> <p>Signage and Way-finding</p> <p>Standard Specifications</p> <p>Utility Locations and Corridors</p>
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Campus Master Plan	
Vision for the Future	
	<p>Room for Growth</p> <p><b>577</b> Additional Acres</p> <p>Core Campus Size Total <b>1,374</b> acres</p>
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## UA Investment in Physical Campus from 2003 to Present

**\$2,779,343,731.00**

We have added **577** acres for a total of **1374** campus acres

**88** New Building / Totaling: **5,606,693** Sq. Ft.

**59** Major Renovations / Adding: **1,062,954** Sq. Ft.

\* Total Campus Sq. Ft. **15,549,847** Sq. Ft.

**Note:** **84** Buildings Razed during this period – Result ...  
Over **\$80,000,000** of Deferred Maintenance Eliminated!

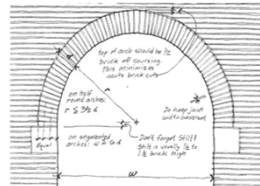
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## Design Guide

Brick arches have been constructed to maintain more consistent mortar joints when the brick is given a wedge like shape.

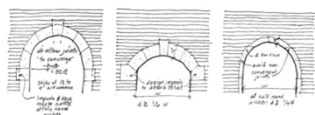
The following sketches illustrate some of the principal "do's and don'ts" of masonry arches.



Stone is used as a surround to embellish round arches on campus buildings. The following photographs illustrate the use of stone in this manner.



The following sketches illustrate principles in designing stone arches.



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### Blending "Old" With "New"



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## Signage and Wayfinding



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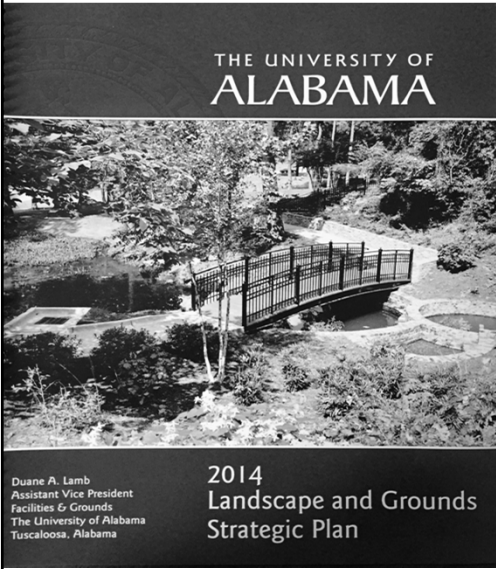



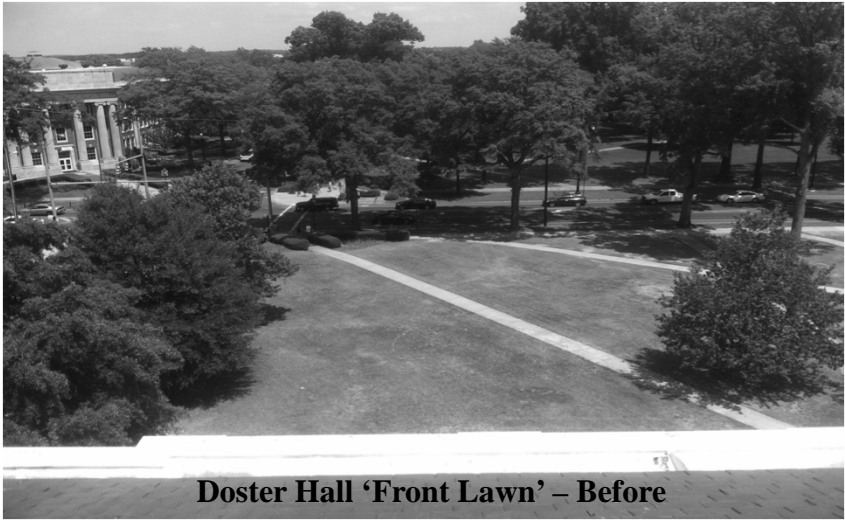

## Standard Specifications 'With Class & Charm'



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Landscape & Grounds Strategic Plan	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Landscape Standards Requirements/Advisory Group</b></li> <li><b>Irrigation Systems Campus Master Control</b></li> <li><b>Seasonal Planting Flowers, Shrubs &amp; Trees</b></li> <li><b>Tree &amp; Turf Care - Policy Fertilizing/Maintenance Cycles</b></li> <li><b>Landscape Special Projects</b></li> </ul>
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Functionality, Safety & Appeal
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Doster Hall 'Front Lawn' – Before</b></p>
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## Functionality, Safety & Appeal



**Sidewalks, Lighting & Landscaping - Doster Hall – Today**

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## McLure 'Education' Library - 2007



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### McLure 'Education' Library - Today



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### Marr's Spring, Cisterns & Bridge - 2007



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## Marr's Spring, Cisterns & English Shrewley Bridge - Today



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## Marr's Spring, Cisterns & English Shrewley Bridge - Today



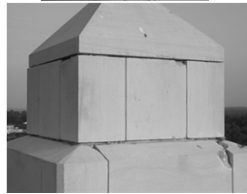
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## Denny Chimes – 2007

### Restoration – The Process



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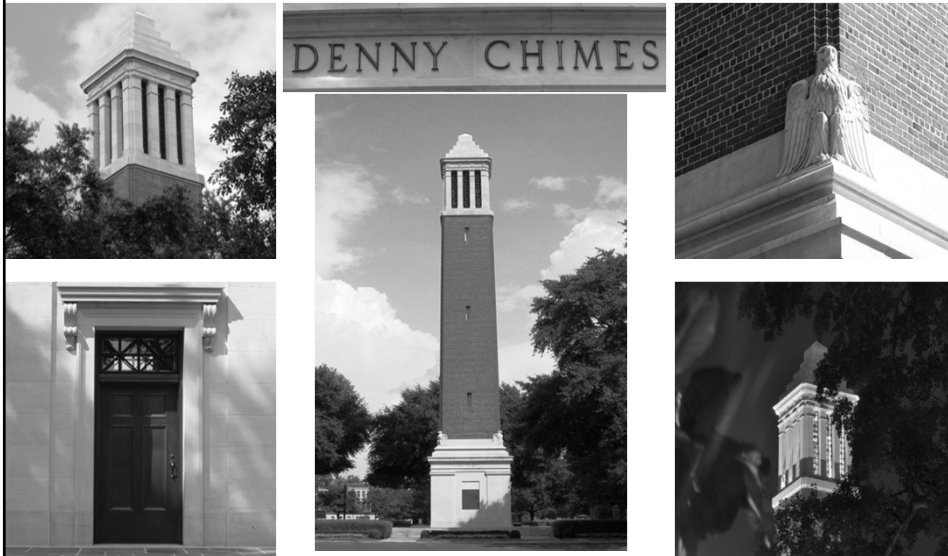
## Denny Chimes – Areas of Greatest Concern



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## Denny Chimes - Today



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## Denny Chimes Landscape - 2007



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## Denny Chimes Landscape - Today



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## Foster Auditorium - 2007



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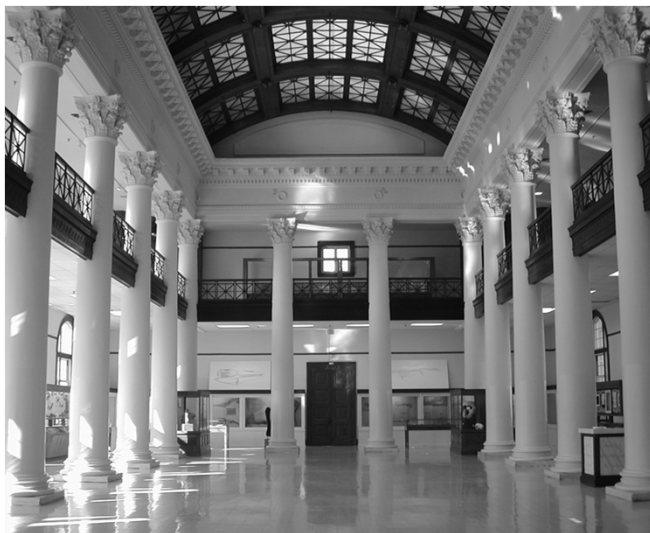
## Foster Auditorium, Plaza & Clock Tower - Today



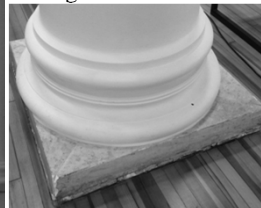
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## Smith Hall – Ball Room Before 2007



Smith Hall – 1910  
Original Wood Floors



Column Deterioration

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## Smith Hall – Ball Room

Today After Renovation



Wood floors Restored

Columns Restored

Sky-glass  
Cleaned  
Restored

Rod-iron Restored

Room Painted



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## Russell Hall

Before Renovation



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## **Russell Hall**

**Today After Renovation**



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## **Doster Hall**

**Before**



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## **Doster Hall**

**Today After Renovation**



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## **Doster Hall**

**Today After Renovation (With Up-Lighting)**



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## Up-lighting Standard

### Night Safety & Appeal



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## Safety & Pedestrian Friendly Issues Campus of Yesteryear



*Enhance Views of Quadrangle*

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## Pedestrian Friendly - Today



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## Seasonal Color



2 Each:  
Horticulturists  
Landscape Architects  
Foresters

Approximately  
10,000 trees on  
1,374 acres

130+ Flower Beds

60+ Hanging Baskets

10 Floating Baskets

50+ Deployable Potted Plants



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## Flower Beds



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## Hanging Baskets & Pots



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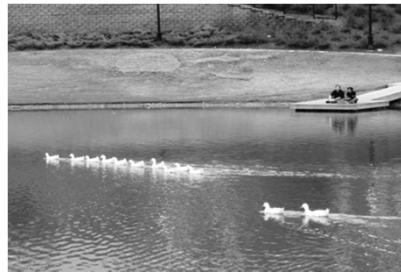
## Fountains & Plazas



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## Ponds & Springs



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## Gorgas House – 2007



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## Gorgas House – Today

**Total Historic Renovation**



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### **Alumni Hall Walkway - 2007**



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### **Alumni Hall Walkway– Today**



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## **Landscaping**

**Without Standards and Borders**



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## **Landscaping - Today**

**With Standards and Borders**



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## Landscape

Screens and Buffers



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## Landscape

Screens and Buffers



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## Quad - 2007



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## Quad – Today

Winter Over-seeding



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## Marr's Pond - 2007

Re-Forestation & Beautification Project



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## Marr's Pond – Today

Re-Forestation & Beautification Project



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## Reclaiming Green Space Projects - 2007

For a More Sustainable, Beautiful & Friendly Campus



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## **Future UA Jack Warner Parkway Campus Entrance BEFORE**



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## **New UA Jack Warner Parkway Campus Entrance Today**



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## What is new?



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## UA Most Beautiful Campus Rankings/Accomplishments

- 2003 - 06** - Campus Not Ranked Nationally
- 2007** - **#22** in the Nation (USN&WR)
- 2008** - **#17** in the Nation (Campus Squeeze)
- 2009** - **#12** in the Nation (Campus Finder)
- 2010 - 13** - **#3** in the Nation (Newsweek)
- 2014** - **#2** in the Nation (Business Insider)
- 2015** - **#1** in the Nation (Sightlines)
- 2016** - **#1** in SEC (P. Briggs); in the Nation (Sightlines)
- 2017** - **#1** in the Nation (Sightlines)

Note: **2016** – Sightlines ranked UA Grounds **#1** among **peers**  
& **Top 100** Universities in the nation.\*

**Scores: Alabama (4.73) Peers (4.13) Top 100 (4.17)\*\***

\* Sightlines is a third party Facilities & Grounds evaluation company

\*\* Scores are on a 1-5 scale, with 5 being the highest score

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## Tree Campus USA Award

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**2015 & 2016 Award Winner**  
**National Arbor Day Foundation**



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## Every Campus makes a Statement



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*"The obvious choice for the best and the brightest!"*





## Questions?



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