

CLASSIFIEDS: JOBS CARS HOMES APARTMENTS DATING CLASSIFIEDS DEALS PLACE AN AD

Home News Sports Opinion Obituaries Lifestyle Photos Video Help

UniversityRx

FEATURED: Social Media HubBrides MomsLikeMe.com Outdoor American

Find what you are looking for ...

SEARCH



**hp** **SAVE UP TO \$425**

**HP Pavilion dm4x Series**

- Visibly Smart 2nd Gen Intel® Core™ Processor
- Microsoft Office Home and Student

intel inside **CORE i5**

**BUY NOW**

ADVERTISEMENT

# USM's College Hall to get \$6M makeover

## Bids to begin on construction project

9:31 PM, Jun. 7, 2011 | 15 Comments



Artist rendering of a restored College Hall at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Written by **ED KEMP**

FILED UNDER

News  
Local News

The University of Southern Mississippi's College Hall isn't quite what it used to be. Gone are the library, the auditorium and even the widow's walk. Many of the old windows are bricked over.

And sometime along the way, the main grand entrance became something other than an entrance - a mechanical room, in fact, with the doorway barred.

But the building's still there - west of the administration building, the overflow home of campus classrooms and offices.

Twitter

Facebook

Share

Email

Print

A A A



**Hattiesburg: Dermatologists Hate Her**  
Local Mom Exposes an Anti-Aging Miracle. Her \$5 Trick ERASES Wrinkles!



**Mississippi Refinance at 2.65%**  
\$160,000 Mortgage \$659/mo. No SSN req. Get a Free quote! (3.0% ...



**Car Insurance \$27/Month**  
Car Insurance Rates To Plummet In Bad Economy! Check Your Zip Code Now

ADVERTISEMENT

### MORE HEADLINES

- Camp Shelby scare: 77 airmen at hospital after lightning strikes
- Dry weather conditions ripe for fire dangers
- Man charged with wife's 2008 slaying

### MOST POPULAR

- Man charged with wife's 2008 slaying
- Camp Shelby scare: 77 airmen at hospital after lightning strikes
- crime report
- Sumrall catcher Knight drafted by Phillies
- Robbins good bet to stick with Eagles



Rhythms of the Wild and Instrument  
Petting zoo at



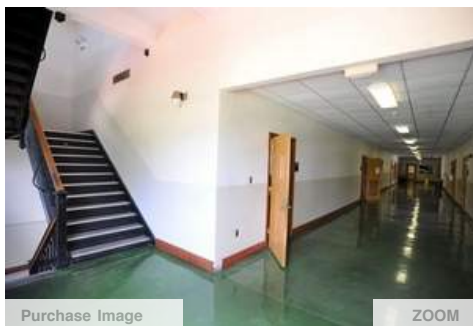
Camp Invention



Lightning strike at Camp Shelby sends 77 to hospital



Upcoming renovations are planned for College Hall at Southern Miss. College Hall is the oldest building on the Hattiesburg campus. / ryan moore | Hattiesburg American



Upcoming renovations are planned for College Hall at the University of Southern Mississippi campus. College Hall is the oldest building on the Hattiesburg campus. / ryan moore | Hattiesburg American

### At a glance

College Hall on the University of Southern Mississippi campus is set to undergo a \$6 million renovation. It is one of the campus' five original buildings and will be the home of the college's School of Mass Communication and Journalism.

still standing) in 1911-12.

The state appropriated \$178,000 for the construction of the first five buildings, not including heating, plumbing and wiring.

College Hall was the school's only academic building at the time - not overly taxing given that the school had 227 students at its inception.

But as South Mississippi mushroomed in size, so did the college, according to Southern Miss historian Chester "Bo" Morgan, who also has an office in College Hall.

Now, in the centennial year of the start of its construction, the building is about to get an anticipated \$6 million makeover.

The administration's plan is to restore it to former glory and make it the home of the Southern Miss School of Mass Communication and Journalism.

"We're quite thrilled about this," said school director Chris Campbell, whose program currently shares space in Southern Hall with the mathematics department.

That means, in addition to offices and classrooms on the first two floors, the third floor will be a recording studio for the student media center. WUSM and The Student Printz also will occupy the building.

Southern Miss is about to bid the construction project.

If all goes according to plan, renovation should begin in August with a completion date set for Spring 2013, according to Physical Plant Director Chris Crenshaw.

Funding the restoration is leftover money lumped together from several bond bills dating to 2002, Crenshaw said.

In its original incarnation as Mississippi Normal College, Southern Miss built College Hall with four other buildings (all

the Kamper Park Zoo

#### MOST COMMENTED

- Obama military use deceptive 16
- USM's College Hall to get \$6M makeover 13
- Missing Petal teen found 9
- Freedom's tools serving predators 6
- Eminent domain: Authority crucial 5

Most popular App

**MacKeeper**

★★★★★

Award-winning App to clean your Mac.

Learn more

ADVERTISEMENT

ADS BY PULSE 360

Get Listed Here

#### New Issue Alert - OBJE

Hot Stock Obscene Jeans Inc. Explosive Investment Potential  
www.ObsceneJeans.com

#### Top Stock for 2011 - GTSO

Desperate Search For Rare Earth Minerals Solved. Rare Opportunity.  
www.RareEarthExporters.com

#### Hattiesburg: Mom is Hated by Dermatologists

Clever Mom Reveals \$4 Trick to a Wrinkle Free Face - Shocking Results!  
ConsumerLifeOnline.com

### View Comments (15) | Share your thoughts »

#### TOP VIDEO PICKS

selected by Taboola

Ty Stewart swims during Hub Fins practice  
Jun 4, 2011

Lt. Col. James Ainsworth speaks about the lightn...  
Jun 8, 2011

Accident at Broadway  
Tire breaks water line  
May 18, 2011

#### YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

Teen found dead in Natchez cemetery

Missing Petal teen found

USM, MSU headed to Atlanta Regional

Mitchell Williams to leave WDAM

Shaq, Southern Miss go back a long way

#### SPONSORED LINKS What's this?

5 Types Of Women Men Avoid (iVillage)

There's more in a barrel of oil than just gasoline (ExxonMobil's Perspectives)

Wife can nab bigger Social Security cut (BankRate.com)

Cracking Us Up: Awkward Pregnancy Photos (iVillage)

Tim Taylor (Home Improvement) vs. Richard Castle (Castle) (Man of the House)

#### 5 Foods you must not eat:

Cut down a bit of stomach fat every day by never eating these 5 foods.

Naviibk.com



#### ARCHIVES

View the last seven days

- Yesterday, Jun. 08
- Tuesday, Jun. 07
- Monday, Jun. 06
- Sunday, Jun. 05
- Saturday, Jun. 04
- Friday, Jun. 03
- Thursday, Jun. 02

See our [paid archives](#) for news older than a week.

#### THINGS TO DO

THU 9	FRI 10	SAT 11	SUN 12	MON 13	TUE 14	WED 15
----------	-----------	-----------	-----------	-----------	-----------	-----------

**Alzheimer's caregivers support group**  
Forrest General Hospital

**Autism Spectrum support group**  
Hattiesburg Family YMCA

**PBYP Off the Clock**  
206 Front Hattiesburg, MS

**MORE EVENTS | SUBMIT AN EVENT**

#### HELP

- Subscribe Today!
- Pay My Bill
- Manage Subscription
- Delivery Problems
- Vacation Stop
- Place Classified Ad
- Ad Information
- Contact Us
- MORE HELP**

#### BUY AND SELL

**careerbuilder.com**

FIND A JOB - POST RESUME - MY CAREERBUILDER



FIND A CAR - SELL A CAR - RESEARCH AND VALUE



FIND A HOME - SELL A HOME - APARTMENTS

**hp** **SAVE UP TO \$425**

**HP Pavilion dm4x Series**

- Visibly Smart 2nd Gen Intel® Core™ Processor
- Microsoft Office Home and Student

**intel inside**  
**CORE™ i5**

**BUY NOW**

ADVERTISEMENT

Site Map | Back to Top

#### HOME

LIFESTYLE  
Life

#### NEWS

Local News  
Nation & World

#### SPORTS

Local Sports  
High School Sports

#### OPINION

Opinion Page  
Forums

#### HELP

Contact Us  
Customer Service

#### FOLLOW US

Twitter  
Facebook

[Entertainment](#)  
[HubBrides](#)  
[MomsLikeMe.com](#)  
[Cozi Calendar](#)  
[Movies](#)  
[Puzzles](#)

[Weather](#)  
[Business](#)  
[Fix It](#)  
[Data Links](#)  
[Archives](#)  
**OBITUARIES**

[Southern Miss](#)  
[Outdoor American](#)  
**PHOTOS**

[Blogs](#)  
**VIDEO**

[Subscribe](#)  
[Staff Directory](#)  
[Archives](#)  
[Photo Reprints](#)

[Mobile](#)  
[RSS](#)  
[E-mail Alerts](#)

---

[News](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Cars for Sale](#) | [Homes for Sale](#) | [Apartments for Rent](#) | [Real Estate](#) | [Shopping](#) | [Mom Groups](#)

---

## GANNETT

Copyright © 2011 www.hattiesburgamerican.com. All rights reserved.

Users of this site agree to the [Terms of Service](#), [Privacy Notice/Your California Privacy Rights](#), and [Ad Choices](#)

ADVERTISEMENT