

More Lipstick, Same Pig

Dedicated readers will remember some of the cosmetic changes (lipstick) put on the College of Business (the “pig” in question); these have included vanities in the bathrooms in JAG (when it was JGH) and new paper towel dispensers, tile in the ancient elevator, and painting everything that was not mobile under the Shelby Thames regime. Now the JAG is receiving more lipstick: the worn carpet in the first floor by the bathrooms, elevator and seating area has been removed and is supposed to be stripped and polished to match the rest of the industrial floor tile in the JAG. Won’t that look say “top 100 business school”?

With the University needing to make budget cuts, is this move necessary right now? It cannot cost very much – even under fantasy-like university pricing – but it would be some money saved. Moreover, what does this move mean? Is the JAG being told it will remain a “pig” for a lot longer than it believed? If Dean Lance Nail asked for a new building and received some carpet removed, that is not a positive sign. Maybe President Martha Saunders will throw in a new swan. To the top!