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Improvements under way across campus

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needs of our students," said Crist.

will be used for the project.

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As the fall semester unfolds at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, workers are engaged in multiple projects to upgrade campus facilities, according to Bill Crist, director of Facilities Management.

The renovation and expansion of the Student Union is on schedule; the project is expected to be complete by the end of 2014. All of the structural work and roofing is complete. Workers are installing the building's brick exterior and will soon begin interior construction.

The \$36 million project includes the renovation of the University

Bookstore, ballroom and Bayou Bijou theater, and the addition of

about 30,000 square feet of space. The energy-efficient design is

expected to receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental

It will feature restaurants, administrative offices and the

Design certification for standards set by the U.S. Green Building

"We're creating the equivalent of a town square that's designed to serve the campus community, giving special attention to the

The project is funded primarily by self-assessed student fees. In

to the Union. They approved an additional \$20 per semester fee

for the Union in 2005. To date, the university has collected about

\$19 million in student fees. An additional \$23 million in bonds

Spring 2003, students approved a \$55 per semester fee dedicated

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project. It includes:

- rear of the building and adjacent to Cypress Lake;
- · addition of wrought-iron fencing around the Burke-Hawthorne courtvard: and
- improvements to the Burke-Hawthorne Theater (backstage renovations and additional paving in the loading dock area).

These improvements will cost about \$1 million. The building houses the Department of Communication, the Department of

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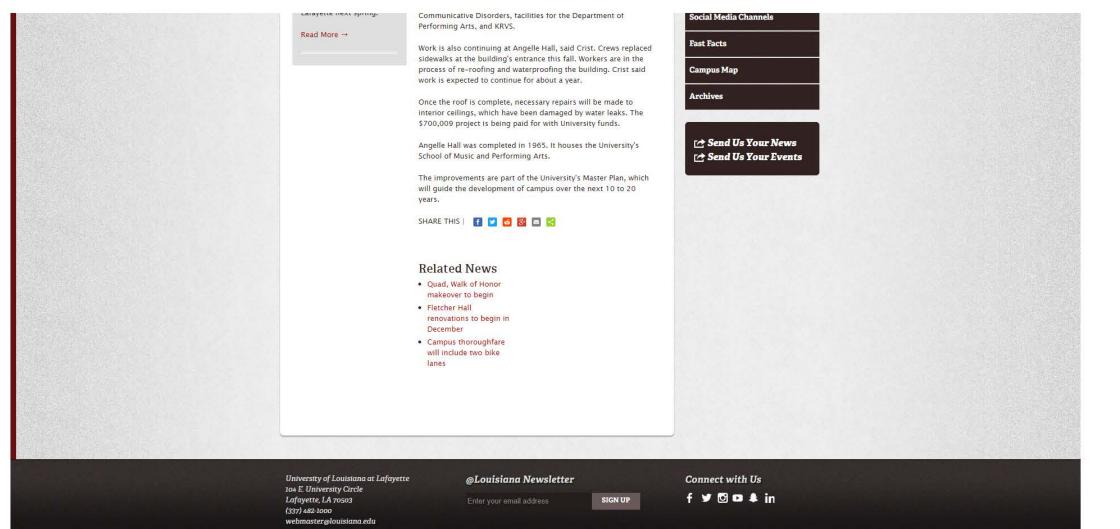
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Improvements are also under way at Burke-Hawthorne Hall. When the building was expanded and remodeled in 2009, it almost doubled in size. The project included additional classroom space, a major expansion of KRVS radio station and the renovation of Burke-Hawthorne Theatre.

Crist said the current work is a continuation of the state-funded · installation of a decorative screen around a cooling tower at the



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