



Science building scaled back New eco-friendly design proposed for facility

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Taylor is getting a new science building—that much is certain. But the building's location, design, cost and construction date are still up for debate.

Nearly a year ago, Taylor announced plans to construct a \$44 million building that would serve as an expansion to the existing Nussbaum Science Center.

Last month, President Eugene Habecker met with the faculty of the natural sciences division to inform them that plans had changed.

Taylor's board of trustees has decided to scale back the scope of the proposed building. The announcement came amidst concerns about financial feasibility for the project, the largest fundraising initiative in Taylor's history.

"We were much further down the road planning a building than we were in planning the process for raising the money," said Ben Sells, vice president for university advancement. "We're

optimistic it's going to happen. We were probably just overly optimistic about when it would happen."

More than \$6 million has already been raised for the new building, Sells said, and the fundraising team is targeting constituents who are both capable and willing to give. The current thrust of the fundraising is to increase the notoriety and prestige of the science department, Sells and Provost Steve Bedi said.

"We have a wonderful (science) program," Sells said. "We're trying to articulate that in a way that will capture (donors') interest."

Although Taylor has not finalized design plans, Bedi said he expects the cost for the redesigned building to be in the \$20 million range, including \$4 million to \$5 million for an endowment to maintain the facility, about \$20 million less than the first proposed design.

"What hasn't changed ... is that the science building is still the No. 1 priority for facilities at Taylor," Bedi said. "We know that we've got to

put a lot of effort ... to make this dream a reality."

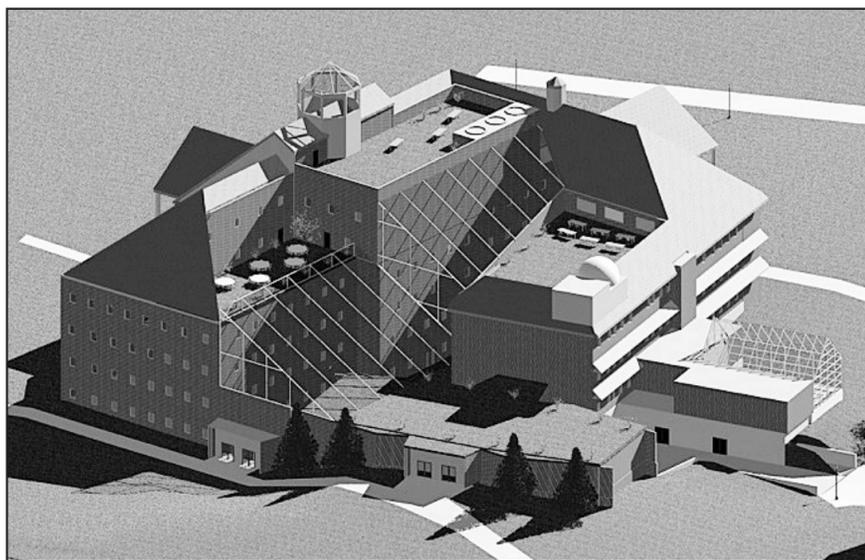
One proposed design comes in part from the efforts of Hank Voss, physics professor and acting director of the science research training program. Voss and a team of students worked on the alternate building design this summer.

Voss presented his plans for an eco-friendly, cost-saving building at the Aug. 21 meeting between Habecker and the science faculty.

Voss' design calls for the construction of a separate building next to Nussbaum, with an atrium connecting the two structures.

In contrast to the modern facility designed in the original \$44 million plan, Voss suggests constructing a colonial building with pillars that utilizes solar energy and other mechanisms to reduce utility costs.

"We were excited about Dr. Voss' plan because it could allow us to have a comparable amount of space to what the last plan was at a reduced cost," said Mark Colgan, as-



Artist rendering provided by Hank Voss

The proposed science building, which includes an atrium connecting the new facility to Nussbaum.

sociate dean of the division of natural sciences. "It would also be an exciting plan because of the 'green' building and the environmental savings. We could be an example to other schools of how to do this, and it would be a great educational tool."

The building Voss pro-

posed would cost about \$34 million, more than \$10 million higher than Sells' and Bedi's desired price range. But Voss believes the environmental features and unique design could help encourage donors and possibly garner grants for the project.

"If we innovate, we can still

get a very powerful building in terms of size and functionality and looks," Voss said. "If we are willing to step out into the next frontier then we can ... get a more advanced design at a lower cost."

Bedi wouldn't name a date for finalizing design plans, but said he hopes it's soon.

Rodeo gives spectators a wild ride

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What's better than a bull chasing a clown? Absolutely nothing.

With this level of fun in store, I found myself surprised that more Taylor students didn't avail themselves of the opportunity to go to the Lions Club Rodeo Monday in Upland. I appeared on the scene with a notepad in hand and the ol' West in my heart only to find that, The Echo's photographer aside, there were hardly any Taylor students in view.

Well, Taylor University student body, you missed out.

Jeff Carney, president of the Lions Club Upland chapter, started planning the 59th annual Upland Rodeo in October.

"We do it for the community so everyone can enjoy it," he said. "When it's over with, everyone knows summer is over."

Professor Stefan Brandle of Taylor's computer science department brought his family to the end-of-summer celebration.

Although he thoroughly enjoyed the show and was looking forward to more bull riding, he said the Upland rodeo wasn't a tradition for his family. In fact, this was the first time he had ever attended the event.

Earlier in the day, he had participated in the Upland Labor Day parade. What was Brandle's favorite part of the weekend?

"No class on Monday," he said.

Setting journalism aside, I decided to sit back and enjoy the epic struggle of man versus beast versus clown.



Photo by Ellen Koch

Spectators watch the bull riding at Monday's rodeo, an annual Labor Day tradition in Upland.

Bull riding formed the first event. Brave, intrepid young cowboys hung on for dear life for a few seconds before being thrown violently to the ground.

The second event I have affectionately named "cowboys' revenge": A team of cowboys ropes a young steer around the head and the back legs and brings him to the ground by force.

M&M Rodeo, a Celina, Ohio, company operated by Amy McQuillan and her husband, Jeff, hosted its eighth Upland rodeo this year. M&M, a business sanctioned by the North American Bull-riding Association, holds traveling rodeos that offer contestants a chance to compete for money, points and a chance to qualify for the NABA national competition.

M&M's staff of 25 includes horse handlers, drivers and clowns, but not riders. The riders are independent competitors who travel from rodeo to rodeo.

One such rider, Austin Moore, hails from Missouri and has ridden bulls for as long as he can remember.

"I told my parents I wanted to be a bull rider when I was 4 years old," Moore said. "I was born with bull riding in me."

But bull riding is the only event he wishes to try.

"Getting kicked off a bull doesn't hurt as bad as getting kicked off a horse," he said.

I noted as he said this that his arm was in a cast. I also noted that conducting this interview sitting on the edge of a quivering bull pen was a bit life threatening.

Moore isn't the only cowboy who got into the business at a young age. As we were talking, 6-year-old Tim Taylor saddled up and rode out into the ring on a much smaller but no less fierce bovine.

"I like to help the young kids whenever I can," Moore said. "Their dreams are the same as mine."

Feeling small and emasculated, I left the rough and tumble "wranglers" and headed back to the safer spectator seats to observe more 6-year-olds risking their pre-pubescent bodies for sport.

After an entertaining afternoon, I'm considering changing my major to cowboy, as soon as I see if it fits into my four-year plan. Visit the rodeo next year, and I'm sure you'll want to do the same.

Taylor remembers Muselman legacy

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A car crash last week tragically ended the lives of Taylor trustee emeritus Art Muselman and his wife, Gloria.

But the days following the collision have brought new understanding of the Muselman's often anonymous generosity, family members and friends say.

The Berne couple was returning home Aug. 30 after spending the day with family when their minivan, driven by Gloria E. Muselman, 76, turned into the path of a First Fleet semitrailer, resulting in a nearly head-on collision and instantaneous deaths for Gloria and Arthur K. Muselman, 77, Wells County Sheriff Robert Frantz said.

"It doesn't appear to be anybody was speeding, just for some reason they didn't see that semi coming and turned out in front of it," Frantz said.

The semitrailer's driver, Eugene Hackler, 51, of Union City, was "shaken up," Frantz said, but suffered no major injuries.

The Muselmans served on Taylor's parents cabinet in the 1980s, earning the "Parents of the Year" award in 1987. Art Muselman also served on the board of trustees for more than 20 years.

"As a couple, their life together was one of total commitment to their Lord, as well as to one another," Provost Steve Bedi said.

The couple provided anonymous scholarships to Taylor students and made rent payments for those they knew were struggling, Bedi said.

Two of the Muselmans' great-nieces attend Taylor: senior Alexis Steury, who is student teaching in Wabash, and sophomore Megan Culbertson.

The Muselmans' love for Taylor helped Culbertson decide to attend the college, she said, and they contributed to her tuition and funded her parents' trip to visit her in Ireland last fall.

But her relatives' Taylor connections made it hard to be on campus after their deaths, she said.

"This was the place I wanted to be, but it was also one of the worst places to be," she said. "Everybody knew about it, and there was a huge deal made about it ... but for that reason, I felt like I had so much support."

Monday's two-hour funeral helped Culbertson better understand the Muselmans' legacy, she said.

"We were able to see how much they really affected the community and the people around them," she said. "So much of their stuff was done anonymously."

In addition to the Muselman's Taylor involvements, Art Muselman had served as president of the Berne Rotary Club. Gloria volunteered as a leader of the Wabash Cloverleaf 4-H club, earning Berne's "Angel of Mercy" award in 1978 for her service.

Bedi, who also attended the funeral, said attendees were able to see the Muselman's legacy firsthand: When a speaker asked audience members to indicate whether they had experienced the generosity of the couple, nearly every person in attendance raised a hand.