



**THE PROJECT**

From 2000 until the present, Dober Lidsky Mathey has developed two campus master plans and several plan revisions for the McCallie School in Chattanooga Tennessee. The most recent campus plan was initiated by a new Head of School, new programs, and student housing needs as the School set a goal of increasing the number of boarders on campus.

Many of our recommendations from the previous campus plan have been accomplished: two new dorms, a dining and meeting center, and a new science center. In addition, several floors of the Maclellan Academic Center have been renovated, and the pedestrian mall has become, in fact, pedestrian.

**CHALLENGE**

One challenge was to identify potential sites for a new academic building to provide more appropriate classrooms for active and experiential learning. A new academic building will allow the existing academic building to be renovated or expanded for the arts, music, and theater. Another challenge was to help the School decide the best way to address adding beds to the campus—all new construction similar to Burns and Pressly, or an addition to an existing student dormitory: Belk or Hutcheson. The School wants to increase the number of boarders from 250 to 300 students. Additionally, there was interest in the creation of an indoor practice fieldhouse as well as moving the Campus Facilities and bus storage area at the front of the campus to a less public and visible location to the south of the campus.

**SOLUTION**

The best site for the academic building is on the site presently occupied by Maclellan dorm—an underutilized facility currently being used by the book store and storage. Once the new academic building is completed, renovation of the existing Maclellan Academic building can begin. The plan is to add a black box theater and music practice space to the building and renovate much of the north wing for arts, music, and theater programs.

The Belk site was too constraining and costly to expand for student housing, but the Hutcheson site is ideal. The combination of new and renovated will provide approximately 54 beds and several faculty apartments.

The campus plan recommended the transformation the campus along Dodds Avenue to green open space and playfields once the relocation of Campus Facilities occurs. The plan also recommended that the fieldhouse be sited central to the existing and future playfields to the south.

It is clear that the School should continue land acquisition expanding its campus south to Main Street.

**RESULT**

The Board has approved the campus plan and various initiatives and a fundraising campaign is being planned.

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