
Campus Planning Newsletter

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Dear members of the Connecticut College community,

This summer has been a time of transformative progress on our campus. We've undertaken several infrastructure projects, ranging from completed bathroom renovations to ongoing work on the Crozier-Williams student center.

Facilities Management Campus Maintenance

We've successfully completed various maintenance tasks, including steam repairs, sidewalk repairs, residential hall painting, fire alarm upgrades and landscaping. Some projects may continue into the fall semester. Due to the high volume of work requests, we're experiencing slower-than-usual response times. As students return, our focus will shift to dorm turnovers and urgent requests. We apologize for any delays in non-urgent requests and appreciate your patience.

Academic Resource Center

The ARC has expanded to include the space outside its office on the second floor of Shain Library. This new area will serve as a tutoring hub for the ARC, Writing Center and Quants Center. The original ARC will become a dedicated testing center. The renovation, including new carpet and furniture, is expected to be completed in September.

Bathroom Privacy Improvements

Smith, Burdick and Larrabee have received significant bathroom privacy upgrades. Smith and Burdick now have floor-to-ceiling partitions, while Larrabee's bathrooms were completely renovated. Although the majority of the work is complete, residents in these buildings may see contractors finishing small tasks in the coming weeks.



Crozier-Williams Renovation

The student center is undergoing a major renovation, involving approximately one-third of the building. This summer's work included demolition, abatement and safety procedures. The building remains accessible through the north (facing the Plex) and west (facing the Sprout Garden) entrances. Please follow the signage as construction continues into February 2025. We will provide regular updates throughout the process.

Dining at Conn will offer a retail option out of Harris to accommodate students, faculty and staff. Late-night dining, similar to Oasis, will be available at JA as Oasis will be closed until February 2025.



Cro Boulevard and Enabling East Lot

Cro Boulevard has seen significant progress. Due to weather factors, the construction schedule may vary. Heavy demolition is complete, and substantial project completion is anticipated in November. Plant and Branford will maintain access with temporary walkways.

The current East Lot project is nearing completion and will be ready for use by faculty and staff on Aug. 26. This new lot, which has 86 parking spaces, absorbed the 84 spaces along Cro Boulevard. While the parking lot will be available, some items may have delays due to longer lead times. We will complete paving, line striping, signage and remove the fence this week. Temporary lighting will be in place until early September. Final plantings, EV chargers and the gate will be installed soon. Programming on the gate is delayed, but we will update the campus once this is completed. A soil pile will remain temporarily in the area as it will later be utilized for the Cro Boulevard project.



Facilities Conditions Assessment

Over the summer, a group of consultants has been inspecting more than two-thirds of the College's owned buildings. Thank you to those who responded to our feedback form or participated in interviews with the consultants. Once these inspections are completed over the next few weeks, our work will shift to collecting reports of their findings. This assessment will be critical in developing a roadmap for deferred maintenance.

Fanning Accessibility Improvements and Landscaping

Next week, we will complete the Fanning accessibility ramp connecting the Tempel Green side to Fanning and New London Hall and a landscaping project surrounding Fanning Hall. Collaboratively with the Arboretum, Facilities Management assessed building and pedestrian safety and the invasive and unhealthy overgrowth of trees and shrubs outside Fanning. New plantings will be in place later this fall.

To ensure the safety and well-being of our campus community, we regularly monitor the health of our trees, shrubs and other greenery. When necessary, we implement maintenance practices, including pruning, and removal, to support the overall health of our landscape and foster a thriving ecosystem that benefits both local wildlife and our campus community.

Holmes Hall

In collaboration with the children's program and government relations team in Advancement, Holmes Hall underwent a finishes and safety renovation this summer. Safety measures include a new fire panel, roof, emergency stairwell and walkway. In the process, we upgraded interior finishes to include paint, cabinetry, children's sinks and more!

Silfen Field and Track Renovation

The new Silfen Field is substantially completed with fencing and netting to be completed in the coming weeks. The project delivered a new artificial field surface for optimal athlete safety and upgrades to communications to support high-definition broadcasts.

The replacement of the track is scheduled to be completed in October. Over the next few weeks, the track surface will be installed and lining will occur shortly thereafter. This project will deliver optimal shock absorbency and return energy for daily running and competitions, and new track D zones will ensure optimum safety for high jump and pole vault athletes during practice and competition.



Thank you for your continued patience as we enhance our campus infrastructure. Throughout the 2024 academic year, the community may experience heightened noise levels, especially near the Cro Boulevard and Crozier-Williams projects. To maintain the project budget and timeline and to minimize disruption, we will start exterior and interior work in non-residential buildings at 7 a.m. Please be attentive to ongoing campus activities and adhere to sidewalk closures and building detours as indicated by signage and barricades. Our primary objective is to ensure your safety.

We will continue to update our [website](#) and send monthly progress reports. Previous newsletters are also available on the web.

We wish you an active start to another academic year. Go Camels!

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