

# makeover

## HALL RECEIVING RENOVATION

*Nearly all of the long-standing Whitney Hall will be transformed in Phase Two of renovations*

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This summer Whitney Hall is experiencing its very own “extreme makeover.” Nearly 50 years after its original cornerstone was laid in 1959, Whitney Hall is receiving a long overdue renovation. The Whitney renovation represents Phase Two of residence hall renovations at Defiance College. Phase One involved the renovation of the bathroom, shower, and laundry facilities in both Whitney and McReynolds halls. Phase One also included new windows for a portion of Whitney Hall.

Phase Two focuses completely on Whitney Hall. Nearly all aspects of the building will be upgraded. The entire building will have new flooring, ceilings, and a fresh coat of paint. The student rooms will have new modular furniture. The renovated and newly air-conditioned lobby will have new furnishings including a “pass-through” fireplace, a new open reception desk, and an office for the resident director. The lobby also features a separate library area with space for quiet reading and study. Each floor of the building has a lounge with a designated use. First floor includes a fitness room, second floor will have a kitchenette, and there will be a quiet study lounge on the third floor.

Infrastructure upgrades will include a new roof, new boiler, renovated lobby restrooms,

and an upgrade of the electrical service. The entry to Whitney Hall will also receive some treatment from the architects, bringing the design more in line with other campus buildings.

Design Collaborative, an architectural firm from Fort Wayne, IN, has been leading the design work on the residence hall renovations projects. Mel Lanzer Co. of Napoleon is serving as the general contractor on the renovation. The project will be completed by the end of July 2008.

Students are excited about the pending improvements. Allison Johnson, a junior from Holland, OH, described her feelings about the project: “I really look forward to going back to college in August because I know I will no longer be staying in “dorms” but in a home.”

If you have a chance to come to Homecoming this October, stop in and check out the newly transformed Whitney Hall. We would love to show you around! ♦



