

INTRODUCTION:

RESEARCH: STUDENT RESIDENT RESEARCH

The first step for any project is the research to fit the needs for residents and staff alike. South Hall was built in the 1950s providing a historical aspect to it. It was built with a post-modern design using brick and concrete. Although it is important to keep the flavor of the original post-modern exterior design, the importance of renovating the building to accommodate security, bringing up to code, technology, security, better retention, and comfortable environment is crucial to this design.



METHODOLOGY:

Step 1: UNT Campus Tour to learn about different materials/furniture used and why.

Step 2: Meeting with Hall Director to get first hand insight on pros and cons of her apartment and pros and cons she hears from residents.

Step 3: Meeting with Residence Life Board to get understanding of expectations for project.

Step 4: A representative from Southwest Contract Furniture came and talked to us about products as well as brought things for us to look at.

Step 5: A representative for Boral Bricks showed us an alternative to brick building for new exterior options.

Step 6: Information was gathered from a survey conducted for current residences, the survey asked them to rate their current situations with the room and bathroom layouts, what areas they do and do not utilize, and what areas they would like to be able to utilize in the residence hall.

RESOURCES:

Survey sent out to current residents of South Hall
Several article research on various dorm topics
Several meetings with various people on topics for dorm remodel

CASE STUDIES:

A healthful environment is an important aspect to add, applying positive effects to the mind and body, such as incorporating natural light, choosing materials that improve indoor air quality, and selecting furnishings designed to support the body.

ARTICLES

15 College Dorms with Crazy Awesome Amenities
6 Trends Today's College Residence Halls
College Dorm Life
Major Trends in University Residence Halls