

## **Capital Projects**

The University has a single campus with 44 buildings centrally located on 130 acres in Houston. Over the past several years, the University's total assets grew from approximately \$250 million in 1996 to more than \$315 million in 1999.

Recently, findings from surveys indicate the strong dissatisfaction of the faculty and students with the conditions of the buildings and grounds. Aging buildings in desperate need of repairs and renovations and the lack of funds for routine maintenance have long been major weaknesses of the University.

Several strategies have been used in recent years to ameliorate these unfavorable capital project conditions. They are: (1) re-allocation of HEAF Funds for capital projects, (2) securing authority from the Legislature to issue Tuition Revenue Bonds, and (3) developing a new master plan.

Currently, a new building has been completed. The Jesse H. Jones School of Business was opened in the Fall of 1998. This building is equipped with state of the art technology and accommodations that enhance the learning experiences of students. Additionally, the building was designed to provide more opportunities for mutual partnerships with the corporate sector.

Similarly, the Fairchild building, which houses the General University Academic Center, has undergone a major \$4 million renovation that was completed during the spring of 1999, while a \$3.4 million renovation of the School of Education was completed during the Fall of 1999. Renovations of Bell Hall, which now houses all enrollment management functions, were also initiated and completed during 1999.

Renovations of the Martin Luther King Building, which houses the humanities, are presently underway. The scheduled completion date for this renovation is September 2000. Also scheduled for renovations and the addition of a separate wing is Gray Hall, which houses TSU's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Completion of this renovation is scheduled for April 2001.

The construction of two new buildings is also in the process of being completed. The first is a Student Health Care Facility that is scheduled for completion in October 2000. The second project is a Student Recreation Facility. This structure is to be fully functional by May 2001.