TULANE LANDSCAPE RENEWAL

trees & benches

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Acknowledgements

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The Trees and Benches project saw approximately eight projects completed under its auspices. Several projects, including the Alumni House landscape, Brown Field, Sharp Quad, the Loyola/Tulane Gate and upcoming phases of the Newcomb McAlister Unified Green will be completed in the near future.

GIBSON CIRCLE & GIBSON QUAD.....PIERSON PATIO.....MONROE QUAD.....LAVIN-BERNICK CENTER QUAD & POCKET PARK

CASSATT COURTYARD.....NEWCOMB POTTERY GARDEN.........GLAZER GARDENS AND BOCCE COURT
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Gibson Circle
Monroe Quad
Bruff Quad
Zimple Quad
Newcomb Gate
Pierson Patio
Warner Patio
Gibson Quad
Cassatt Courtyard
Seventeen red bud trees were planted along the curve of Gibson Circle. A pair of flowering chaste (vitex) trees were planted against the rusticated limestone façade of Gibson Hall. The vitex blooms in summer with a purple flower to complement the exterior of the building. Replacement of the sycamore tree in the planting area to the right of Gibson Hall now balances the composition with the large sycamore on the other side of Gibson Hall.

Completed additions:

- 1 Sycamore tree
- 1 pair of Chaste (Vitex) trees
- 17 Redbud trees
Two live oaks have been planted to balance the allee and extend the canopy of oaks along the central walk through Gibson Quad. Two other Live Oaks have been added to complete the Norman Mayer edge and the Richardson Memorial edge of the quad respectively. A Bald Cypress tree was planted to balance the existing cypress in the Gibson Quad. The five large trees were brought in 300 gallon containers.

Completed additions:
1 Bald Cypress
4 Live Oaks
Three “Grancy Graybeard” trees on the Tilton Hall side honor Cathy Pierson, Tulane Board Chair during Katrina. Placement of bench-and-table seating on Pierson Patio has created an inviting and much desired gathering space for students. A grouping of three Crape Myrtles have been planted adjacent to Norman Mayer Hall. Three dogwoods have been planted behind the stone benches to encircle the seating area.

Completed additions:

- 3 Fringe trees “Grancy Graybeard”
- 3 Crape Myrtles
- 3 Chinese Dogwoods
- 3 stone tables and benches
Fifteen Chestnut Oaks have been planted to create a balance in what was an oversized dirt expanse. Benches have been provided for seating at the perimeter of Monroe Quad. Thirteen light poles have been placed within the perimeter of the Quad to illuminate not only the walks to building entrances but also the quad itself and provide reassurance of safety.
The completion of the Lavin-Bernick Center incorporated twenty-nine Crape Myrtle trees on the edge of the University Quad and nine Tulip Poplars in the Pocket Park. Various plantings add diversity and distinctive layering around the building. Benches have been constructed as landscape elements around the live oaks along the University Quad and in Pocket park.
Redevelopment of the Jones Hall Patio into the newly dedicated Cassatt Courtyard includes the reconstruction of the Fountain and the trellage in this quiet, secluded court. Next to Jones Hall on Newcomb Place this space once again draws students into an intimate setting on campus. The addition of kumquat trees, palmettos, bamboo, and other lush plantings enhance the seating areas of the courtyard.

Completed additions:

1. Palm tree
2. Restoration of fountain and trellage
3. 5 glider benches

Various tables and chairs
Twenty-one trees were planted in the spring of 2009 along the edge of the Newcomb Lawn, JL Hall and Woldenberg Art Center. In this garden swatch through the Newcomb Campus, the new trees and a diverse collection of plantings reintroduce the flora depicted in Newcomb Pottery. Wooden and concrete benches are placed along the garden path to add quiet places of repose in this green setting.

Completed additions:

21 Trees, including Magnolias, Red Cedars, Golden Rain Tree, Pomegranate Trees and Fig Trees

1000+ plantings to include caladiums, swamp lilies, oleanders, coneflowers, loquat, and trumpet vine.

1 Water pond and garden in Sculpture area

8 Benches
Currently in construction, the Glazer Gardens and Bocce Court are an exciting addition to the campus landscape that establishes a student gardening area and a lawn encircled by an array of native and naturalized plants. With many edible plants, the garden will be full of color in fall and spring. The Glazer Gardens and Bocce Court will contribute to campus species diversity with such plantings as Honey Locust and Sugarcane. Included in the garden will be a Bocce Court as well as seating areas for quiet reading and reflection.