Old O’Connor Johnson Renovations

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This project involved the total renovation of two of the oldest residential halls and construction of a link/connector. More than 78,500 square feet of space was involved.

The scope of work included:
- Asbestos removal and complete demolition of all interior partitions and building systems
- New interior (fully insulated) walls, ceilings, floors, equipment, furnishings and doors
- Complete removal and renovation of existing restrooms
- New mechanical, electrical, lighting, communication and IT infrastructure and emergency generator
- Construction of a three-story link between the buildings adding about 7,500 square feet
- Site work and landscaping
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- Architect: Bearsch Compeau Knudson
- General contractor: Welliver McGuire
- Budget: $21 million
- Work began in fall 2013 and with total completion in summer 2015
- The project was done in phases with Old Johnson renovation first. This work was substantially completed and Old Johnson occupied in January 2015. Old O’Connor work was completed in summer 2015 and occupied in August 2015.
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• Before and after. The new link connecting Old O’Connor, on the left, and Old Johnson, on the right, added an additional 7,500 square feet of space.
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• The link from the other side of the buildings.
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The link space can be used for a variety of purposes.

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A recreation room on the ground floor of Old O’Connor is now a multi-purpose classroom.
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Corridors were dark prior to renovation. New lighting ceilings and flooring brightens the space.
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Old “gang” bathrooms were converted into updated restrooms.
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These photos show a wing of Old O’Connor. Windows were replaced throughout both buildings improving the building envelope and energy efficiency.
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- Former dorm rooms have been turned into office space. In this case the photo on the right shows a University Counseling Center office.
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• Lounge space converted into classroom space in Old Johnson.

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- Former lounge in Old O’Connor transformed into the Alumni lounge.
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- In some areas, the space was gutted and a combination of open office space and private offices were created.
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• The main reception area.
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- Corridor on the ground floor. Old pub benches provide a seating area.

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