Major Construction Program Underway at UNC Charlotte

UNC Charlotte’s campus is undergoing major new developments this year and next. Construction of a number of significant facilities has started and will continue over the next two years.

During the next year, the Charlotte Research Institute will see the completion of the Energy Production and Infrastructure Center (EPIC), a 1300 space parking deck, and new entrance road at J.W. Clay Boulevard and the Football Complex. Construction of the Partnership, Outreach and Research for Accelerated Learning (PORTAL) will start in March 2013 and complete in 2014.

Phase X Student Housing, a 430-bed apartment style upper-class residence hall started construction in February and will complete in July 2013 on the site of parking lot 22 near the new Miltimore Hall (Phase IX).

Perhaps the most dramatic changes will occur on the south side of campus on what is now known as “South Village”. This area of campus will become our freshman living and learning community. The first phase of this transformation started in February with the construction of a new freshman residence hall – Phase XI, followed in March with the start of a regional utility plant (RUP 4), and in June with the construction of a new parking deck (Deck J). In the fall, construction will start on a new Residence Dining Hall. High Rise Road will be realigned as part of this effort. In the process, Parking Lots 9 and 9a will be demolished along with Hunt Village. Scott Hall will also have fire sprinklers added during the summer of 2012.

Some smaller but equally important repair projects will take place over the spring and summer of 2012 as well. These include repair of the front entrance round-about which will cause this entrance to be closed for about four weeks in May. Hechenbleikner Lake Dam has been dewatered and repairs will start in the late spring.

The value of all of this construction is over $330 million and it will dramatically change our campus. As always, there is a cost associated with progress. This volume of construction will cause periodic disruptions to traffic patterns, parking availability, and shuttle schedules. There will be construction traffic, dust, and noise. While we will do our best to minimize these problems, they will be unavoidable at times. Look for periodic updates on the UNC Charlotte website, Facilities Management website and other information sources throughout this process.