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# UT has 50 buildings after 15 years and nearly \$300M spent on renovation

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**TAMPA** — The **University of Tampa** has spent \$280 million in renovation and new construction since 1997.

Much of the construction was paid for through gifts and university funding, but UT only discusses the cost of projects that use public funding such as bonds, said [Rick Ogorek](#), vice president of administration and finance.

UT's fundraising in 2010-2011 amounted to \$14 million.

The campus now has 50 buildings, some of them recently completed. Other projects are under way.

- The Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values was dedicated in December 2010.
- The Dickey Health and Wellness Center and the Science Annex opened in the fall of 2010.
- A second-story addition to the Martinez Sports Center built by Crossroads Construction of Lakeland opened late last month, providing office space, eight classrooms and six labs for the Department of Health Sciences and Human Performance. The second phase of renovations to the center will be a new, two-story building for ROTC and athletic training. It will open in the fall.

- A new research lab at Plant Hall and nursing facilities expansion at Walker Hall are under way, and a new microbiology lab will be created in the new Science Annex.

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