MSC Renovation Nears Completion
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Construction on the Memorial Student Center is headed toward its conclusion, with the rededication ceremony planned for April 21. The building has been closed since the summer of 2009 to facilitate the construction work. In addition to the rededication ceremony on April 21, an eight-day grand reopening celebration is planned for the fall.

More than 320,000 square feet have been renovated, with another 71,000 square feet in new construction added. A service fee that students approved in 2007 will pay for more than $80 million of the renovations, with another $20 million to be raised from private sources. Donors—including individual former students as well as several Classes—have already pledged more than $10 million toward the project by naming entrances, rooms and more than 150 pillars throughout the facility.

For more information about the MSC renovations, the April 21 rededication and the grand reopening celebration planned for the fall, visit ourmsc.tamu.edu

Project planners retained the unique look and essential character of the MSC’s Flag Room while making minor modifications to enhance the room’s appearance and improve its energy efficiency.
An information desk under the maroon overhang will be named for The Association of Former Students in appreciation of funding provided for the renovation. Nearby will be a touchscreen kiosk with information about The Association and the Aggie Network.

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The iconic fountain on the plaza outside the MSC will have a new appearance. A close-up of the “Wovin Wall” panels used for acoustics and aesthetics while covering the blank walls directly under the skylights in the main hallway.

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This ballroom on the second floor will be named after Dr. Robert M. Gates, former president of Texas A&M and a former U.S. secretary of defense and director of central intelligence.