The aerial view of the UWA campus has changed quite a bit in the last few years. The more than 600-acre expanse has widened its boundaries with the addition of local properties like the former Livingston High School building that faces Bibb Graves Hall. But the most noticeable additions are the new student residences staking their claim amidst the continued campus growth.

Opened in the fall of 2012, Gilbert Hall is the new home to some 444 freshmen, built in the heart of campus. Gilbert Hall sits between the existing Patterson Hall and Spieth Hall, with its back lawn adjoining that of Wallace Hall.

UWA has reinstated a freshman residency requirement established to help guide students through their first year in college. The options offered through the establishment of Gilbert Hall take the lead role in making students successful during this time.

Freshmen gain valuable tools at Gilbert Hall by participating in Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) designed to give students a unique residential learning experience that connects classroom learning with residence life.

Within the hall, students enjoy a retail dining facility with patio seating; study rooms on each floor; two classrooms; a recreation room; a laundry; a lounge and vending area; and lounge/ study space throughout the building. Students have access to wireless internet in all these spaces.

Hoover Apartments, now a complex of five buildings, is also among the new residences on campus. It is available to students who have earned at least 24 semester credits. Three new apartment buildings opened in the fall semester of 2011, adding 96 beds to the complex’s previous 64-bed capacity. With minor renovations, the two existing Hoovers offer the same amenities as the three new buildings. A new laundry facility is also available for Hoover residents.

According to Danny Buckalew, vice president for student affairs, improvements in campus residences are one of several steps in the direction of making UWA a better home for students.

“We are and will continue to address our need for more and better housing on campus, a major factor in our continuing efforts to attract quality students to the University,” Buckalew said.

With new space now available for housing freshmen in Gilbert Hall, existing residence halls Spieth and Selden will be repurposed as office space and meeting areas. The projected plan for Spieth Hall is for its renovations to accommodate the Ira D. Pruitt Division of Nursing.

Lyon Hall, the former Livingston High School, has been acquired by the University and is being renovated to house the Julia S. Tutwiler College of Education. The move will open space in Bibb Graves Hall that will then be utilized by the Department of Physical Sciences.

Moving Physical Sciences to Bibb Graves Hall will place the entire College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics under one roof, making daily activities easier for students enrolled in NSM programs.

### Facilities...

**New and renovated campus facilities present good first impression**

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| 2008: | - Kelly Hester Land Hall (acquired)  
- Cross Country Clubhouse (completed) |
| 2009: | - Master Facility Plan (adopted)  
- Truelove Place (acquired)  
- Foust Hall Band Room (completed)  
- Black Belt Garden (established)  
- Black Belt Museum (established)  
- Campbell Environmental Education Center (established)  
- SGA Bronze Tiger at Cafeteria (installed)  
- Fitness Center (opened) |
| 2010: | - Craiger Place (acquired)  
- International House (acquired)  
- University Cinema (acquired)  
- Webb Walk of Honor (established)  
- Football Stadium Synthetic Turf (installed)  
- SGA Bronze Tiger at Tiger Stadium (installed)  
- Java City at Tutwiler Library (opened) |
| 2011: | - Hunt House and Apartments (acquired)  
- Lyon Hall (acquired)  
- Nelson Hughes Gymnasium (acquired)  
- Wilkins House for Faculty Housing (acquired)  
- Gilbert North and South Parking (completed)  
- Hoover Apartment Additions (completed)  
- Moon Hall Addition (completed)  
- Pruitt Hall Lobby (renovated)  
- Patterson Apartments (renovated)  
- Liza James Howard Courtyard (established) |
| 2012: | - Cedarwood (acquired)  
- Houston-Bailey House (acquired)  
- Presbyterian Manse (acquired)  
- Student Life/Student Activities Offices in SUB (established)  
- Gilbert Hall (opened)  
- Student Clinic with Anderson Medical Center in Livingston (opened)  
- Tiger Den (renovated)  
- Bibb Graves Auditorium Lighting (upgraded) |
| 2013: | - Whitfield Chapel (acquired)  
- Pruitt Gymnasium Floor and Seats (renovated)  
- Homer Hall Addition (renovated)  
- Student Union Building HVAC (updated) |

### Gilbert Hall...

**new kid on the block**

*Gilbert Hall is named after Robert B. Gilbert, a professor of English who served as a member of the faculty from 1948 until 1975. Dr. Gilbert also served as Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and chairman of the Division of Languages and Literature from 1948 - 1972.*