Hale Hall Move FAQ

Who has moved?

- Frank W. Hale, Jr., Black Cultural Center *(expected move date: July 15, 2013)*
- ADA Coordinator’s Office
- Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion Administrative Offices
- The Ohio State Office of Outreach and Engagement
- ODI Scholars Program (Scholarship Services, Tutoring Program, Post-Bac Preparation Program, Campus Change, and Young Scholars College Success Program)
- Special Programs
- Young Scholars Program
- Leadership Initiatives for Women of Color
- All other ODI programs/offices with the exception of the ACCESS Collaborative, which will remain at Buckeye Village.
- All staff phone & FAX numbers and email addresses will remain the same.

Why did the Hale Center relocate?

- Drs. Frank Hale, Jr., Mac Stewart, former vice provost for the Office of Minority Affairs, Valerie Lee, current vice provost for Diversity and Inclusion, and Larry Williamson, director of the Hale Black Cultural Center, have been working closely from the onset with planners of Ohio State’s “One University” framework plan for the past five years. The overarching goal implements a strategic plan for collaboratively and uniformly developing the physical environment of our campus for the next several decades while streamlining the location of key academic units.

  The relocation of Hale Hall to a historic building will help establish additional green space and position the Hale Black Cultural Center as a gateway to the south campus area.

When did the relocation take place?

- Hale Hall relocated from its original location at 153 W. 12th Ave. this summer to the historical landmark formerly recognized as Enarson Hall at 154 W. 12th Ave. The building, placed on the National Register of Historic places in 1978, now houses the Frank W. Hale, Jr. Black Cultural Center and the offices of Diversity and Inclusion and Outreach and Engagement. Moves occurred as follows; *do note that the Hale Center is slated to move on July 15, 2013 and is subject to change*:

  June 28 – All departments within the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, currently located in the Student Academic Services Building, 281 W. Lane Ave., now occupy the ground, second, and third floors.

  July 1 – The offices of the Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, currently located in Bricker Hall, 190 N. Oval Mall, now occupy the second floor.

  July 1 – The Office for Outreach and Engagement, located in Riverwatch Tower, 364 W. Lane Ave., now occupy the second floor.

  **July 15** – The Hale Black Cultural Center will occupy the first floor.

  September 20 – Hale Hall ribbon cutting and dedication will take place.
What are the advantages to relocating Hale Hall?

- Hale Hall is now positioned at a major campus gateway and immediately accessible to the 42 percent of the student housing population that lives on south campus.
- Student services and programming, previously administered by staff operating from four different areas of our campus, will be streamlined.
- The relocation will raise the impact of services and programs rendered to students through enhanced academic opportunities for collaboration among staff, faculty and administrators, maximizing departmental resources and talent.
- Students will experience a larger variety of quality student services in one of the most recognized and centrally located buildings on campus.
- Larry Williamson Jr., director of the Hale Center since 1992, will continue as director. Current Hale Center staffing will also be maintained.
- The new Hale Hall will provide a greater sense of independence and privacy for events and programs.
- Additional outdoor event space will be available for performances and activities.

What are some of the new features about the building?

- Hale Black Cultural Center:
  - Martin Luther King, Jr. high-ceiling auditorium and lounge
  - Frank W. Hale, Jr. Civil Rights Library
  - New, updated multi-purpose rooms and meeting spaces
  - Expanded kitchen with updated appliances
  - New restrooms

- Additional Building Features:
  - Upgraded fire alarm system
  - New paint, carpet and flooring throughout
  - Four conference rooms with new technology
  - ADA-approved and non-gender specific restrooms
  - Jacobethan-style architecture with parapeted gabled and classic Doric and Iconic columns and built-in wooden seating throughout building
  - Mirror Hollow landscaping

How will the legacy of Dr. Frank W. Hale Jr. continue to be recognized?

- Joining the Hale Black Cultural Center with its administrative home, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, was a longtime dream of Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr. With the relocation, Hale Hall will now enjoy a venue worthy of his stature.
• The new Center will include the Frank W. Hale, Jr. Civil Rights Library, which will contain Dr. Hale’s literary collection of civil rights books, several pieces of his private art collection, awards, and other artifacts bequeathed to the Hale Center upon his death in July 2011.

• The mission and vision of the Hale Center will remain the same as when the Center was first established in 1989. (The Black Cultural Center was proposed by the Department of Black Studies, specifically under Dr. William E. Nelson, Jr., in 1972. The proposal was accepted under President Enarson’s administration and finally became a reality under President Edward Jennings in 1989.)

What is the historical significance of the new Hale Hall?

• The building opened as Ohio State’s first student union in 1911. It was the fourth student union in the nation, (behind Harvard, Princeton and Pennsylvania), and the first built at a public university. The building became too small for a fast-growing student body after World War II. After a new Ohio Union was built on High Street, this building was turned into the student services building, where such offices as financial aid could be found. At one point, it even housed the Division of Art while Hayes Hall was renovated. In 1978, the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and in 1986, it was named after the university’s 9th president, Harold L. Enarson. Read More: [http://library.osu.edu/buckeye-stroll/locations/enarson-hall](http://library.osu.edu/buckeye-stroll/locations/enarson-hall)

• The Hale Black Cultural Center will be one of the few such centers in the nation to be housed inside a building of such historical significance on a college campus.

What will happen to the original location of Hale Hall?

• The former Hale Hall will be removed to create green space for student recreation and beautification on south campus.

• A plaque commemorating the original Hale Center location will be erected.

Will another building be named after Harold Leroy Enarson, the 9th president of The Ohio State University (1972-1981)?

• Earlier this year, the Central Classroom Building was renamed Enarson Classroom Building by The Ohio State University Board of Trustees.