

Welcome...

As 2006 gets underway, we look forward to the many opportunities that 2005 brought to us.

In this issue, we focus on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the new Convention Center as well as a grand re-opening on Jackson State University's campus.

Please join us as we get "*in*CONTEXT" with recent events taking place in our firm and within our state.

Thank you for working with Dale and Associates!!!



Dale and Associates staff

Our role on the Gulf Coast...

Two coastal projects approved, who's next?

Our firm has been fortunate to have worked on the Mississippi Gulf Coast since 1993.



Ron Hartley

With the tragic devastation the coast has experienced, we couldn't be more excited about the opportunities we have to help revitalize and rebuild our coast to bigger and better standards.

Ron Hartley, ASLA, in particular has been highly involved in our Biloxi projects and recently led two of these projects, Vue Crescente Resort and Marina (featured on page 2) and Bacaran Bay Casino Resort, through the lengthy approval process with the Mississippi Gaming Commission

(MGC) and the Biloxi City Council.

The development process involves many different agencies and several steps that are required in order to bring a project to completion on the Gulf Coast.

The MGC first approves the project and the site before a master plan

Development Review Commission (DRC) for a Soft Review.

Once approved by the DRC, the Department of Planning and Zoning review the package and it is submitted to the Department of Marine Resources and Corp of Engineers for their approval.

The MGC then approves for construction to begin.

Ron, along with Doug Dale, AIA, and Jeff Barnes, AIA, participated in Governor Haley Barbour's Recovery, Rebuilding and Renewal Forum in October

and was able to collaborate with other architects and designers from all over the world providing insight into what architectural themes the new coast should blend and capture.

"Thank you to all of our clients who allow us to continually be on board during one of the greatest restructuring efforts our state has ever faced - we are thrilled and humbled to be involved."

including a schematic design package is presented to the city.

The Architectural Review Commission then approves the project before it is submitted to the

*Remember, people will judge you by your actions, not your intentions.
You may have a heart of gold - but so does a hard-boiled egg.*

Anonymous

On the boards...

Convention Center preview



Capital City Convention Center rendering

Plans are underway for the new Capital City Convention Center to be located on the corner of Pascagoula and Lamar Streets. The \$65.0 Million facility will connect to the TelCom Center on the east side and provide access to the Mississippi Arts Pavilion on the west side.

Following the folding glass facade of the TelCom Center, the 455,482 SF facility will wrap around the corner of the block showcasing the immense registration area of the first floor.

More to come on this project next issue!!

JSU celebrates grand re-opening



Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr., spoke at the grand re-opening ceremony.

Jackson State University celebrated the grand re-opening of John W. Dixon

Hall on January 31.

The dorm received renovations and additions totaling \$8.1 Million with our firm providing full architectural services.

The 78,382 SF facility was presented at a ceremony in which Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr., president of JSU, spoke and cut the ribbon to the building entrance.

A tour of the updated facility followed the presentation.



Back Bay to be the new home of resort marina



Vue Crescente Resort and Marina rendering

Boasting a unique, contemporary French Mediterranean style, Vue Crescente Resort and Marina will sit on 7.1 acres on the Back Bay and hold close to 500 lavish residential condominiums, making it the first luxurious condominium complex on the bay.

The Sandmark Bay Development LLC project will be developed in two phases: the first phase consists of a serpentine-shaped 30-story tower holding 286 residential condominiums with the second phase calling for another 30-story tower with 200 residential condo-

miniums.

The project will be marked with sleek lines, glass railings and spacious balconies with each floor providing spectacular panoramic views of the bay. Upper levels of the towers will offer bonus views of the Gulf as well.

Phase one also provides plans for a fitness center and three-story parking garage with surface parking. The second phase of development includes a centrally located 212-slip full service marina and boardwalk, a full service spa, multi-level parking facility and retail space.

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