

residences added 40 beds and marked the conclusion of the entire project, which added room for a total of 72 students in five buildings over about 18 months.

The first phase of the project, which added 32 beds in two buildings, finished last fall.

Wright & Heritage

An ongoing construction project will finish linking Wright Hall and Heritage Hall, two of the campus' oldest residence halls.

The two buildings, built in 1959 and 1961, respectively, are C-shaped buildings in close proximity.

Keeler says the construction will create two "connectors" linking the buildings, while also adding room for 37 beds.

The first phase of the project, the east link, was completed in fall 2010 and houses 13 students.

The second phase, which includes a renovation of Wright Hall and the construction of the west link, will be completed by early August.

The connector will create room for 24 students, while the Wright Hall renovation work will eliminate eight beds due to lounge and bathroom improvements, according to Keeler.

The renovation also includes the installation of a whole new heating-and-air system.

"We knew that the second phase of Wright- Heritage [project] was going to be more in-depth," Keeler said. "Wright was slightly older than Heritage. We felt that the need to renovate was a little higher in that building."

If funds become available, she said, the college might look into renovating Heritage Hall in the future.

The total cost of the Stone Village and Wright and Heritage Hall projects is approximately \$ 14 million.

Adding even more student housing is a possibility in the future, Keeler said, but the need for on-campus residences may fluctuate due to commuter student numbers.

For now, she said, the new residence halls will create enough space to accommodate BC's anticipated needs.

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Construction is still under way to link Bridgewater College's Heritage and Wright halls. The project should wrap before fall classes begin.

