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## Building History / Bibliography

### Northeast & Southwest Halls

**Names:** Northeast Hall; Southwest Hall

**Other Names & Dates Built:**

East Hall, 1957  
North Hall, 1955  
South Hall, Dorm #3, 1960  
West Hall, 1960

**Date Built:** 1955-1960

**Cost of Construction:** Approximately \$675,000 each, originally; approximately \$14.5 million each to combine

**Gross Square Feet:**

East – 45,650  
North – 37,356  
South – 40,746  
West – 50,958

**Dimensions:**

East – 41' x 281'  
North – 41' x 281'  
South - 41' x 281'  
West - 41' x 281'

**Architects:** Roberts & Johnson, Owensboro

### History

Northeast and Southwest Halls were originally constructed as four residential halls between 1955 and 1960 with funding obtained from the Federal Housing & Home Finance Agency. The four buildings were named East, North, South and West. In 2002 renovations and additions were made in order to create more living space and connect North Hall with East Hall and South Hall with West Hall, creating the newly formed L shaped halls. The renovations created classroom space and new entrances. The original entrances were converted into community spaces which include laundry rooms, kitchens and public restrooms. Individual rooms were made over into suites, each with it's own private bath and moveable furniture. The halls were dedicated on September 24, 2002.

**East Hall** - A four story dormitory housing 222 men in 109 rooms was built between 1955 to 1957 at a cost of \$675,000. East Hall was the "twin" of South Hall with East being the larger of the two. The building was considered among the most modern in the south at the time. In 1964 women took over East Hall. Northeast Hall was created out of the original North and East Halls in 2002.

**North Hall** - A dormitory housing 200 men when completed in 1957 at a cost of \$675,000. North Hall was similar but not identical to East and South Halls. It had three floors on the north end and four on the south.

**South Hall** - A four story residence hall housing 208 men was completed in 1960. It also contained two faculty apartments.

**West Hall** - A 92 room, four story residence hall was completed in 1961 with rooms for 208 men. Also had a modern grill and two faculty apartments..

**Additions:**

1969 - East Hall renovation after fire

2002 - renovation and addition to create two halls from the original four, \$14.5 million

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**Press Release, nd**

West Hall, new \$700,000 dormitory on the Western Kentucky State College Campus, was opened for the first time at the beginning of the 1961-62 school year on September 10, 1961.

This new facility provides housing for 208 women. Originally intended as a dormitory for men, West Hall was given over to women for the 1961-62 year on a temporary basis until the new six-story dormitory on the Kentucky Building grounds is ready next year.

In addition to the dormitory facilities, the new building located on 16th Street has a completely equipped grill and snack bar on the ground floor.

West Hall is the fifth dormitory constructed in the immediate area in the past four years. Four dormitories in this complex will be used by men. Three of the dormitories - South Hall, North Hall, and East Hall - are now occupied by men. Regents Hall is occupied by women.

Mr. Walter Scott Roberts, of Owensboro, designed the building which was built by the Leo C. Miller Construction Company, Inc., Louisville.

The building is of brick and concrete construction and is fireproof. Construction was started in the summer of 1960.