



University of Alabama considering old Bryce land for growth

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TUSCALOOSA, Alabama — The University of Alabama is looking at land and buildings from the historic Bryce mental hospital as it considers growing in Tuscaloosa.

Officials presented trustees with a campus master plan on Thursday. The university purchased the Bryce property in 2010, and **The Tuscaloosa News** reports the school is now considering plans for its future.

The domed main building could become a university welcome center, a cultural center with museums and a reception area. A performing arts center could be added to the back of that building, which once had a theater for patients.

A few other Bryce buildings might be used for academic space, general use and research support.

Bryce was considered a national model of humane care for mental patients when it opened in 1861.



Bryce Hospital in Tuscaloosa. (The Birmingham News /Tamika Moore)

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