

project updates



ASU DECISION THEATER

OWNER Arizona State University

ARCHITECT 33 North

LOCATION ASU Main Campus | Tempe

SIZE 7,930 SF

Renovation of an existing space at the Brickyard on Mill. The ASU Decision Theater is a highly technical audio/visual space that can be rented out for large events and teleconferencing needs all over the world. Our work included the renovation of the “drum”, to update the original rear projection technology of the Decision Theater with seven (7) 105” projection monitors for 270-degree video in the round. We removed existing walls and access floors in order to build a perfectly circular room, aligning these monitors to create a seamless picture experience. The rear projection area was converted to new offices and media conference rooms. The work included all electrical and low voltage cabling to support the new A/V systems; heavy HVAC upgrades, including new water source heat pumps; and new carpet, lights and paint. Also included was some renovation work of the existing conference room and breakout spaces.



SOUTH UNIVERSITY TRAINING FACILITY

OWNER Douglas Allred Company

ARCHITECT Hansen Architects

LOCATION Round Rock, Texas

SIZE 42,000 SF

New construction of a two-story training facility for South University. The building is comprised of structural steel with slab on grade, and has an exterior facade of brick and stucco. The exterior features a clock tower, a signature for South University buildings, and is a profile location for the university. The new space includes the buildout of classroom, laboratory and office space for the school. Full site development and parking construction are also included in the project. Site development included raising the site 13'-0” with a Texas limestone retaining wall to modify the grade of a steep slope. The project is situated in Round Rock just outside Austin, Texas on a site that was the farmstead where the original Texas Chainsaw Massacre movie was filmed.

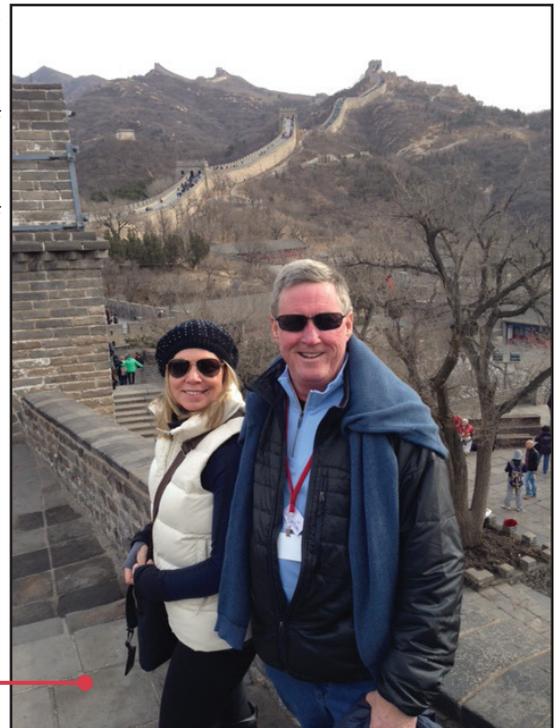


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In honor of hardison/downey's 30th anniversary, here are the top 10 super interesting things you need to know about co-founders Pat Downey and Bob Hardison...

10 THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT PAT DOWNEY

1. I have been married to my wife, Debbie, 15 years this July. We have three adult kids in our blended family: Alex, Aubrey and Stejer.
2. As a kid I had a tree house. I charged the other neighborhood kids pennies or nickels to hang out in it with me. I told them it was for "insurance".
3. I had my nose broken by a baseball bat when I was 10. The bridge of my nose was flattened. It was an accident: Frankie Hansen just let go of the bat after he got a hit, and I was standing in the wrong place.
4. I started playing alto saxophone in the third grade. My freshman year of high school I took up the bassoon so I played both instruments throughout high school.
5. I marched for the University of Arizona Marching Band - "The Pride of Arizona" - my freshman year (alto saxophone, you can't march with a bassoon!), then retired forever.
6. My kids call me a "Band Geek".
7. While visiting my sister in high school, a friend and I hopped a train out of a rail yard in Birmingham, Alabama. We rode for maybe an hour, then the train stopped so we got off and hitch hiked back to Birmingham.
8. I had my own business in high school hauling trash and debris from yards and alley ways to the dump. My vehicle was a sweet 1959 Chevy Apache pick-up truck, with wood sides built on the truck bed so I could haul more trash.
9. I took a year off between undergraduate and graduate schools and drove a delivery truck to earn money, then spent all my savings on a 13-week trip to Europe with only a Eurail pass and a backpack.
10. My wife and I went to China two years ago. Amazing trip.



10 THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT BOB HARDISON

1. I was obsessed with golf when I was a teenager. I played for two seasons on my high school golf team and made a hole-in-one when I was 15...Those days are long gone - if I went out to play now, I would be lucky to break 120.
2. I love sports cars and race cars from the 1950's and 1960's. I grew up watching road races at the Riverside International Raceway (long gone in favor of a shopping mall and a housing tract) and apparently it gets in your blood. Now I race vintage cars from this era and it is some serious fun.
3. I enjoy getting into the kitchen and cooking up a meal, especially to celebrate a special family occasion or for a few friends.
4. My daughter Lindsey is at ASU working on her Ph.D. in molecular biology. A) I am very proud of her and B) Clearly, she is much smarter than her dad.
5. The first rock concert that I ever attended was to see Buffalo Springfield. I was 14 years old and if my parents knew what was going on in that auditorium they would never have let me go.
6. My wife Paula and I went to Cuba last year on an eight-day people-to-people cultural tour. The history, culture and music were amazing and the people very friendly. However, the degree to which the country has decayed since their revolution was shocking. I have never been more grateful to have been born in the U.S.A. than while I was on that trip.
7. I am an avid reader, occasionally a novel but mostly non-fiction. I just finished reading *A Cycle of Lies*, which is about the downfall of Lance Armstrong. A riveting yet sickening story - I could hardly put it down.
8. I love baseball and spend way too much time watching Diamondback games. Growing up east of Los Angeles I was a big Dodgers fan and would go to games as often as I could get my dad to take me. Now I totally back the DBacks.
9. This year I am getting serious about improving my Spanish, so in March I took a two week immersion class. I am also working on improving my welding skills, which are currently marginal at best.
10. When I was two years old, I stuck a spoon into an electrical outlet and it knocked me across the room. My mom still has the spoon, the end of which is burned and melted from the arc.

