

# HISTORIC BELMONT MANSION

## Undergoes Major RESTORATION

**BELMONT UNIVERSITY AND THE BELMONT MANSION ASSOCIATION** began a major restoration of the historic Belmont Mansion in February. Listed on the national register of historic landmarks, the 152-year-old antebellum home is the architectural centerpiece of Belmont. The \$1.58 million project will include the most comprehensive exterior restoration of the building since Adelia Acklen remodeled the house in 1859.

"After 145 years, the house is ready for a face lift," Mark Brown, executive director of the Belmont Mansion Association, said. "While the restoration will provide major cosmetic effects it also will deal with the important issue of preservation of the building for the next 145 years."

Steve Brown, the restoration contractor, is owner and president of Republic Construction and has worked on buildings across the South, including the Ryman Auditorium, The Hermitage and the Tennessee State Capitol.

The Belmont Mansion Association's focus in the campaign will be to address the major issue of preservation of the collection of art and antiques that fill the mansion, including upgrading of the building's heating, air conditioning and humidity control systems to better meet museum standards for the care of the collection. The Belmont Mansion Association also will continue the ongoing restoration of rooms in the house and further work on the central parlor. ✦

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## The Rose Garden

# BLOOMS

**THE BELMONT ROSE GARDEN, A FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS** for many generations, recently received a major makeover. With the help of local rose enthusiast, Nashville resident Dr. Louis Mishu, the guidance of President Fisher's spouse Judy Fisher and the Landscaping crews at Belmont led by Mary Weber, the rose garden is now more vibrant and colorful than ever.

The new rose garden is home to hundreds of roses and was completed in time for spring commencement for new graduates and their families to enjoy. The one-half scale replica of Adelia Acklen's famous garden was originally reconstructed on Belmont's campus in spring of 1983. Funding for that project was provided by a gift from long-time trustee, Henry Horrell, in honor of his wife, Kathleen. ✦

