

Board of Trustees Approve New Residence Hall

Xavier University's Board of Trustees approved the construction of a new residence hall and dining facility complex at its December 11, 2009 meeting. The new hall will house approximately 535 students in suite-style living. A new dining facility with a seating capacity of up to 800 will also be constructed. The new dining facility will replace the current dining hall in Cintas. The new complex will be located in the core of campus, on the corner of Ledgewood and Herald, where it will unify the existing academic mall, the new academic buildings under construction, and the existing residential mall areas. Housing more than 500 students and providing centralized dining near Gallagher Student Center and Bellarmine Chapel will bring renewed energy and vibrancy to the core of campus.

The project is scheduled to get underway after the first of the year with the removal of four houses at the corner of Ledgewood and Herald. Offices currently in those buildings are being relocated to other spaces on campus.

The new hall is scheduled to open in the fall of 2011. The additional capacity is needed to meet current student demand. It will be financed primarily through the issuance of bonds. The bonds will be issued in mid-January. Revenue from student boarding fees will help to repay the bonds.

As had been anticipated, construction of a new classroom building has been delayed temporarily for financial reasons as well as to give the University more time to complete a study of its current classroom and laboratory space and determine future needs. Faculty, staff, and administrators on the classroom planning committee will have more time to plan for the new construction.

Construction of the new Williams College of Business, the Learning Commons and the Central Utility Plant are on schedule to open in the fall of 2010. Plans are underway for the transition of offices to the news facilities. As part of the current construction project, minor renovation work will be done in Schott Hall and McDonald Library.

Please be sure to visit www.xavier.edu/countdown to learn more about the new Hoff Academic Quad.