

University of Scranton to Invest More than \$2 Million in Campus this Summer

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This summer, The University of Scranton will invest \$2.1 million in campus maintenance and improvement projects that include the addition of a national food chain on campus, upgrades to residence halls and classrooms, and the completion of a multi-year sprinkler system installation project. Most projects involve planned maintenance and upkeep of the university's facilities.

The most elaborate renovation planned for the summer is the conversion of the university's second floor student center dining hall from a traditional cafeteria into a food court offering a Quiznos Sub, a grill, Mexican food, pizza and a convenience store. Student meal plans have also been modified to include "flex dollars" to give them more dining choices. Faculty, staff, campus visitors and commuter and graduate students are also expected to use the renovated 240-seat dining facility.

Also at the Gunster Student Center, the outside staircase and the brick patio will be replaced.

The final phase of The University of Scranton's three-year program to install sprinklers in all university housing will be complete this summer when full fire sprinkler systems are installed in seven off-campus houses and one residence hall. Through the \$1.3 million project, sprinklers were added to 31 buildings.

A sprinkler system is among the upgrades planned for the Herold Apartment Building on Mulberry Street. The university recently acquired the building, which will be refurbished to provide six apartment units to accommodate 18 graduate students.

Lights on Poly Hi Field, Ridge Row, will be upgraded. Upgrades will also be made to the university's science building, Loyola Hall, and multi-media computer technology will be added to four classrooms in Leahy Hall and Hyland Hall. Major renovations are being done to Hannan Hall and Fitch Hall with several other residence halls set for roof replacement and painting.

Several parking lots are slated for maintenance sealing and repaving. Renovations are also planned to accommodate the relocation of several offices on campus.