

## University of Scranton's New Campus Center Quick Facts

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**Building Total Square Footage:** 118,000

**Outdoor Campus Green Total Square Footage:** 33,600 (*All outdoor space 50,000*)

**Total Site and Building Square Footage:** 168,000

**Estimated Cost:** \$30,000,000

**Campus Center Floors:** Four

### **Campus Center Rooms/Areas:**

Dining facilities with seating for 800; retail dining areas with seating for 250; 10,000 square foot student forum area for student organizations; Student Affairs Office, Mission and Ministries Office, campus mailroom, fireplace lounge, campus bookstore, convenience store, theater, ballroom, and campus meeting rooms.

**Architect:** Burt Hill Kosar Rittleman, Philadelphia

**Plans to Scranton Planning Commission:** February 2006

**Construction Start Date:** Spring/Summer 2006

**Construction Completion Date:** Fall 2007

### **Quote from University of Scranton President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.:**

"Among the hallmarks of The University of Scranton is our extraordinary sense of community, an essential element that sets us apart from many colleges. We intentionally refer to the new building as a 'campus' center, since it will encourage interaction among students, faculty and staff at the same time that it serves as a crossroads for the broader Scranton community."

### **Gunster Student Center:**

Built in 1959 and dedicated in **1960** to accommodate a **full-time student body of 1,358** (228 resident students and 1,130 off-campus/commuter students) and 924 adult part-time /graduate school students. **Today**, The University of Scranton **full-time student enrollment is 3,797** (2,075 resident students and 1,722 off-campus/commuter students) and 1,076 adult/graduate school students. The University also employs 832 full-time and 253 part-time faculty and staff. The Gunster Student Center will be taken down after construction of the new Campus Center to create a green nearly the size of a football field at the center of campus.