



First Floor Lobby
Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center

The University of Scranton ushered in its 120th year with the opening of the largest and most ambitious building project since its founding – the new Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center. The 118,000 square-foot, four-story building opened in January 2008 and was dedicated on February 29.

A “Welcome” Addition to Campus

Patrick & Margaret
DeNaples Center Offers a
Welcoming Environment

On an unusually warm day in early January, a group of Orientation Team Leaders gathered in the Student Forum of the new Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center. Boxes were still being unpacked and finishing touches made to the building. But that didn't stop the Orientation Team from being among the first to use the new Student Forum. And it certainly didn't dampen the students' enthusiasm for the new campus center.

“The building is fantastic, and the views are breathtaking. It feels like a *real* campus,” Michael Ritterback '09 said, noting the impact of the DeNaples Center on the entire campus.

His excitement was shared by Robert Duliba '10. “I like how open the Student Forum is,” he said, referencing the spacious area for student meetings. Already, he said, “More students are coming here to use the space.”

That's exactly what Vince Carilli, Ph.D., vice president for Student Affairs, had in mind with what he refers to as a “homegrown concept” he came up with after visiting 61 campus centers throughout the country.

Dr. Carilli, who spearheaded the planning, design and construction of the DeNaples Center, said the thinking behind the Student Forum is to create a space where students can “share interests with each other, talk to each other and have an appreciation for each other.” The Forum conceptualized by Dr. Carilli is unique among the student centers that the Scranton team looked at in their visits to campuses across the nation.

“We intentionally undersized all of the offices with the idea that we have this larger space out here,” said Dr. Carilli, pointing to the open forum.

From the Ground Up

A look back at the development and construction of the Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center



Plans for a new campus center were announced at a news conference on Jan. 31, 2006. Viewing plans for the new campus center, from left: Vincent Carilli, vice president for Student Affairs; University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty; and Patrick Leahy, vice president for University Relations.

Jan. 31, 2006

Apart from providing a place to share ideas and experiences, the Forum allows student offices to share a photocopier, fax, computers and other office equipment, resulting in cost savings over the previous need for each office to have its own equipment.



From left: Orientation Team Leaders Robert Duliba '10, Michael Ritterback '09 and Erica Joyce '10 meet in the Student Forum of the DeNaples Center. The Student Forum is unique among the student centers that the Scranton team looked at in their visits to campuses across the nation.

It also includes a Leadership Library that will provide a space for programming and lectures about leadership.

The Student Forum is just one of many features of a building that students, faculty and staff describe as, quite literally, a welcome new addition to campus.

“It’s a more welcoming building than the old campus center. I think it will be great for students and will get more interaction going,” said Sharon Evans, parking and traffic manager, after attending an OfficeMax Catalog Vendor show, the first event to be held in the fourth floor ballroom.

“It’s airy and bright and welcoming,” said Patricia Vaccaro, director of the Office of Community Outreach, whose office looks into the Student Forum. “The space is fabulous for interaction among faculty, staff and students. I think it’s going to

enhance communication and collaboration.”

The DeNaples Center is also expected to be a draw for incoming students when they arrive on campus. “They’re going to love it,” Orientation Team Leader Erica Joyce '10 said of the building. “This is a *true* student center with everything in one place –



Vincent Carilli, Ph.D., vice president for Student Affairs, who spearheaded the planning and development of the DeNaples Center, overlooks the first floor lobby.

PATRICK & MARGARET
DeNAPLES CENTER



University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., addressed the audience gathered for the ground-breaking of the campus center on July 6, 2006.

July 6, 2006



Excavation began in the summer of 2006.

a place where students will want to come and get to know one another. It's not just a cafeteria anymore."

Even the "cafeteria" isn't just a cafeteria anymore. The third floor dining area boasts the region's first ARAMARK "Fresh Food Company," where meals are made fresh to order. (The nearest such ARAMARK facilities are in Virginia and Massachusetts.) Diners can choose food from the Southern Kitchen, a fresh produce market, a pasta station, a brick oven, Mediterranean deli, Brazilian grill, round grill and charbroiler.

"What can I say? It's wonderful," said ARAMARK employee Florence Ryan, beaming as she welcomed diners at one of two registers at the entrance to the restaurant. "The concept is all fresh food, and we've heard lots of compliments from staff, faculty and students."



Kristina Lopez '08 is greeted by ARAMARK cashier Florence Ryan, who says, "...we've heard lots of compliments from staff, faculty and students" about the "Fresh Food" dining concept.



Betsey Moylan, associate professor and chair of the Library Faculty, Weinberg Memorial Library, says the fireplace lounge in the DeNaples Center is "...especially suited for impromptu meetings."



"The Fresh Food Concept" on the third floor features an open kitchen, where meals are made fresh to order. The room includes seating for 800.

One such student was Kyle Clauss '10, who noted that "the food is much better" than the Gunster cafeteria. "I like the open kitchen, and it seems more like a restaurant," he said.

"This *is* the kitchen," said Dr. Carilli, pointing to the large, open kiosks where fresh food is prepared at every meal. "You see it. You smell it."

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Work on the foundation continued through the summer and fall of 2006.



The building began to take shape with structural steel erection.

Most people also like it. In a survey about the Fresh Food Company conducted on opening day, 77 percent of diners said the food quality was “excellent, amazing, awesome, good.”

There are additional a la carte dining options on first floor, including Quiznos, Starbucks, Chick-fil-A and Zoca. Along what Dr. Carilli refers to as “Main Street”



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are the Bookstore, Convenience Store, Mail Center, student mailboxes and lockers for commuter students.

“We’re using bricks and mortar to try to bring students, faculty and staff together,” said Dr. Carilli of the concept of making the DeNaples Center a destination point by virtue of three

things: food, mailing services and the bookstore.

Another draw of the building is the fireplace lounge on the second floor. Its proximity to the offices of University Ministries and Student Affairs make it a natural gathering place not just for students and student activities, but for faculty, staff and students to mingle and keep community at the heart of the campus.

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A small evergreen, flanked by University of Scranton and U.S. flags, marked the “topping out” of the building in the spring of 2007. “Topping out,” a tradition begun by ironworkers, indicates that the final piece of steel is hoisted into a place on the building. While the project is not complete, it has reached its maximum height.



Exterior insulation was applied to the building in the spring and summer of 2007.

Angela Freeman greets customers at the Bookstore, which has relocated from Hyland Hall to the DeNaples Center.



According to Betsey Moylan, associate professor and chair of the Library Faculty, Weinberg Memorial Library, the second floor is “...especially suited for impromptu meetings. The couches and small tables will encourage conversation and allow commuter students a welcoming spot to relax or study between classes. Student services, such as University Ministries and the Community Outreach Office, have a much more visible presence now,” she said.



One of the first public events held in the fourth floor Ballroom was the Jan. 31 PNC Breakfast, featuring Lackawanna County Commissioners Michael Washo and Corey O’Brien.

Perhaps the Crown Jewel of the building is the fourth floor space, which features ballrooms, meeting rooms and a theater. The sub-dividable ballroom accommodates 700 people and seats nearly 400 for dinner. It features built-in sound and video with recessed screens for audiovisual presentations. There are also three meeting rooms of various sizes, including a large room that features a fireplace and access to a balcony that will overlook the campus green, once complete.

These facilities will give University functions a whole new venue for lectures, dinners and conferences, said Moylan. The fact that the building is completely ADA accessible is a real bonus, she added.



July 19, 2007

Principals gathered following a July 19, 2007, news conference announcing the naming of the campus center in honor of the late Patrick and Margaret DeNaples. From left: R. Scott Sullivan, project manager, Burt Hill Kosar Rittleman, project architect; Patrick Leahy, vice president for University Relations; Christopher Molitoris, president of Student Government; Margaret Q. Mariotti, Au.D., trustee; Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president; Vincent Carilli, Ph.D., vice president for Student Affairs; and Anton Germishuizen, managing principal, Burt Hill.



Installation of the brick exterior was completed over the summer and fall of 2007.



The Alumni iTower, which spans from the first to the second floor, includes monitors that broadcast national and local news, weather and information about events in the building.

The 260-seat theater boasts high-definition video, surround sound and comfortable, oversized theater seating. The size of the auditorium – larger than the Brennan Hall auditorium and smaller than the McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts theater – provides another theater venue for the campus community. According to Dr. Carilli, the space will be



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“ideal for movies, panel discussions, speakers, Coffee House events and other activities.”

Events being held in the building are posted on electronic monitors in the Alumni iTower, which spans from the first to the second floor of the building. The iTower, made possible through the generous support of the Alumni Society of the University, includes monitors that broadcast national and local news, weather and information about events in the building.

Already, the Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center is transforming the heart of campus and building the unique sense of community that is a hallmark of Scranton.



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Construction was completed in December 2007, and the building opened in January 2008.

“We are so very fortunate to have this new Center, which assists us in our outreach to our students... the ideal location of our office (University Ministries), the visibility and the overall sense that we are in this together,” said Rev. Terrence Devino, S.J., assistant vice president for University Ministries.

“It’s all about our students, and the DeNaples Center speaks to us of community,” added Fr. Devino. “How blessed we are to be here!”



Rev. Terrence Devino, S.J., assistant vice president for University Ministries, gathers with students in the fireplace lounge outside of the University Ministries office on the second floor.

Goodbye Gunster

The University community bid a fond farewell to the Gunster Student Center on Dec. 6, 2007, at a “Goodbye Gunster” event sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Orientation, Office of Student Government and the Programming Board. Built in 1960 and expanded in the early 1990s to accommodate the growing university population, Gunster served as home to Dining Services, the Community Outreach Office, Student Affairs and many other University departments. “Goodbye Gunster” featured a smoothie bar and other catered food, a PowerPoint presentation with a slideshow of Gunster photos, musical entertainment, and a special graffiti wall signed by students.



Gunster was a place “Where Everybody Knows Your Name,” as the commemorative t-shirts attest.

Students signed a special graffiti wall recording their thoughts and memories about Gunster.



Beneath the Brick is a Lot of "Green"



Custodians John Monahan and Debbie Cwalinski clean in the retail dining area on the first floor of the DeNaples Center. Cleaning supplies used in the building are chemical-free.

nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance "green" buildings.

For Physical Plant employees who work in the DeNaples Center, that translates into a building "that's much better for our health *and* the environment," said John Monahan, custodian. "The building materials are eco-friendly, and the products we use are chemical-free," said Monahan, referring to cleaning supplies. "Overall, we're delighted to be here."

Following are some of the other environmentally friendly features of the DeNaples Center:

- All meeting rooms and offices have motion light sensors. Lights turn on or off automatically based on motion in the room.
- Paint, carpets and floorings conform to specific standards to eliminate the emission of certain chemical odors.
- A percentage of raw materials in the building came from vendors within a 500-mile radius of the building, thus reducing energy consumption associated with the transport of raw goods.
- The water faucets and soap dispensers in the lavatories are activated by energy-saving infrared sensors.
- During construction of the building, dumpsters were used to separate construction debris for recycling purposes.
- There are no food trays in the "Fresh Food Dining Concept" on the third floor. This results in considerable water conservation associated with washing up to 3,000 trays per day. It also encourages diners to take what they want but not more than they can eat on an overloaded tray.
- When the Gunster Center is demolished, the steel and aluminum will be recycled. Concrete and brick from the building will be crushed and used as fill for the hole where the campus green will be created.
- Once the campus green is completed, rainwater from the DeNaples Center will be captured in a cistern and used to water the green.

The campus green that will be created outside of the new Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center isn't the only "green" aspect of the project. The DeNaples Center has been designed and constructed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification as part of the University's Sustainability initiatives. LEED's Green Building Rating System™ is the

A Farewell Feast

The 1888 Club of The Estate served its last lunch on Dec. 14, 2007, with a special Christmas buffet. For 20 years, the dining room of The Estate quite literally catered to faculty, staff and alumni at lunchtime. The consolidation of dining services in the new DeNaples Center led to the closing of the kitchen in The Estate. Faculty and staff can continue their lunchtime tradition in a special faculty and staff dining room on the third floor of the DeNaples Center. As Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J., president emeritus of the University, said at The Estate's final luncheon, "We are losing something, but at the same time we are gaining something."



Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J. president emeritus of the University, joined faculty and staff for the final lunch served in the 1888 Club of The Estate on Dec. 14, 2007.

Bookstore Celebrates Grand Opening in the DeNaples Center

The University Bookstore officially celebrated its grand opening in the DeNaples Center with events and special sales on Feb. 29. Events included a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a book-signing with Alyssa Amori, author of *Scranton: the Electric City*, and a poetry reading with English Professor John Meredith Hill. Participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony, from left: Donald Drasba, manager of the University Bookstore; David Klein, group vice president, Follett; Joe Flanagan, vice president, marketing, Follett; Vincent Carilli, Ph.D., vice president for Student Affairs at the University; Martin Langan, associate vice president for Administrative Services at the University; Sharon Baron, regional manager, Follett; Howard Taylor, vice president, Follett; and Mike McEneaney, vice president, marketing, Follett.



Mass of Dedication Held February 29

The Patrick & Margaret DeNaples Center was dedicated during a Mass of Dedication on Feb. 29. Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, served as Celebrant and Homilist.

In his remarks, University President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., thanked the DeNaples family for their continued support. "To the DeNaples family, let me rely on a favorite line from Shakespeare. 'Thanks. Thanks. A thousand times thanks,'" said Fr. Pilarz.

Fr. Pilarz also remarked on the importance of yet another milestone in the University's history. "This campus center has been anticipated for a long time. Its completion marks the beginning of a new era in the University's history," he said. "Few other moments compare in terms of the difference made on this good ground. In addition to 1888, we acknowledge the arrival of the Jesuits in 1942 and the gift of The Estate by the Scranton family. We now add 2008 to that celebrated calendar of dates that made all the difference for Scranton."

Members of the DeNaples family attending the dedication of the building named in honor of their parents, Patrick and Margaret DeNaples, from left: Dominick DeNaples, Josephine Worobey, Nicholas DeNaples, Louis DeNaples, Margaret Mary Piepoli, Carmella Padula and Eugene DeNaples.



Bishop Joseph Martino, celebrant and homilist at the Dedication Mass, said, "This is a joy for me. An event like this is something that is important to the life of the entire diocese."

A capacity crowd fills the fourth floor ballroom of the DeNaples Center for the Dedication Mass.



Alumni Society officers and members meet with Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D., bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, and Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., president of the University, after the dedication of the DeNaples Center. From left: Fr. Pilarz, Bishop Martino, Thomas Gretch '84, secretary, Anthony "Skip" Minkowski, C.P.A. '67, John Lanahan, Esq., '84, president-elect, and Joseph Hanlon '90, treasurer. Through the generous support of the Alumni Society, the DeNaples Center includes an Alumni iTower .



It's Not All "Good-bye Gunster"



There's a piece of Gunster in the DeNaples Center. Actually, there are six pieces. The stained glass panels, designed by Pennsylvania artist Hank Fells, were dismantled from the Gunster Center and now adorn a wall next to the University Ministries Office in the DeNaples Center.