

Expansion gives Kilcawley Center new look

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A 300-seating capacity cafeteria and an expanded lobby area are just two highlights of Kilcawley Center's "new look" this academic year after having undergone 13½ months of construction work that entailed expansion and renovation of the student center.

Other changes which students can really note, are the expansion of the Pub and the Recreation Room, a new study lounge and meeting rooms, and new homes for the Art Gallery and Information Center.

Phil Hirsch, director of Kilcawley Center, terms the expanded, renovated building "an attractive, functional and exciting" place that now "provides services and programs that a university of this size should be providing its students."

Perhaps the most obvious addition to Kilcawley is the new cafeteria, known as The Terrace Room, which replaces the Brief Eater and which Hirsch notes was outdated. Both seating and service are much improved.

Hirsch says that although 288 seats are stationed in the cafeteria, the Terrace Room can seat up to 300 because of benches.

The Terrace Room has five split-levels for seating its customers. Two levels, the second and the third, have been sectioned off for non-smokers. Approximately 100 to 124 seats are located in these two levels.

Hirsch points out that the upper levels were determined to

be for smokers since smoke tends to rise (the upper levels have a higher, angled ceiling).

He adds that additional seating for Terrace Room patrons is located in the carpeted rooms of the former Brief Eater area. The Chestnut Room, which in the past was used as a dining area, will be open only for lectures and special programs.

Hirsch points out that special, higher-built tables located on the first level are reserved for handicapped students. Also, the Terrace Room is equipped with special turn stiles for the handicapped.

He states that food service should be quicker than that at the former Brief Eater. Several lines are formed and three cashiers are on duty during the peak hours.

The new cafeteria features a grill stand for hot sandwiches, a deli station for cold sandwiches and a full-hot meal stand.

In addition, the Terrace Room also includes a salad bar, a dessert station with revolving trays, a beverage stand equipped with two ice machines, a condiments station and a coffee urn.

The Terrace Room houses seven 250-watt mercury bulb poles which shed bright light. Also, the area receives a good percentage of its lighting from skylights (natural lighting) located at the top of the angled ceiling.

Hirsch notes that the cafeteria serves breakfast and lunch menus and that prices are competitive. Hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The

Terrace Room is located on the first floor in the northern part of the building.

The other noticeable big change in Kilcawley's appearance is an expanded lobby area. Hirsch notes that the student center previously had no waiting area for students who depend on others for a ride home.

He says that the lobby now extends closer to spring street. Social-type seating now occupies the area and additional phones have been installed.

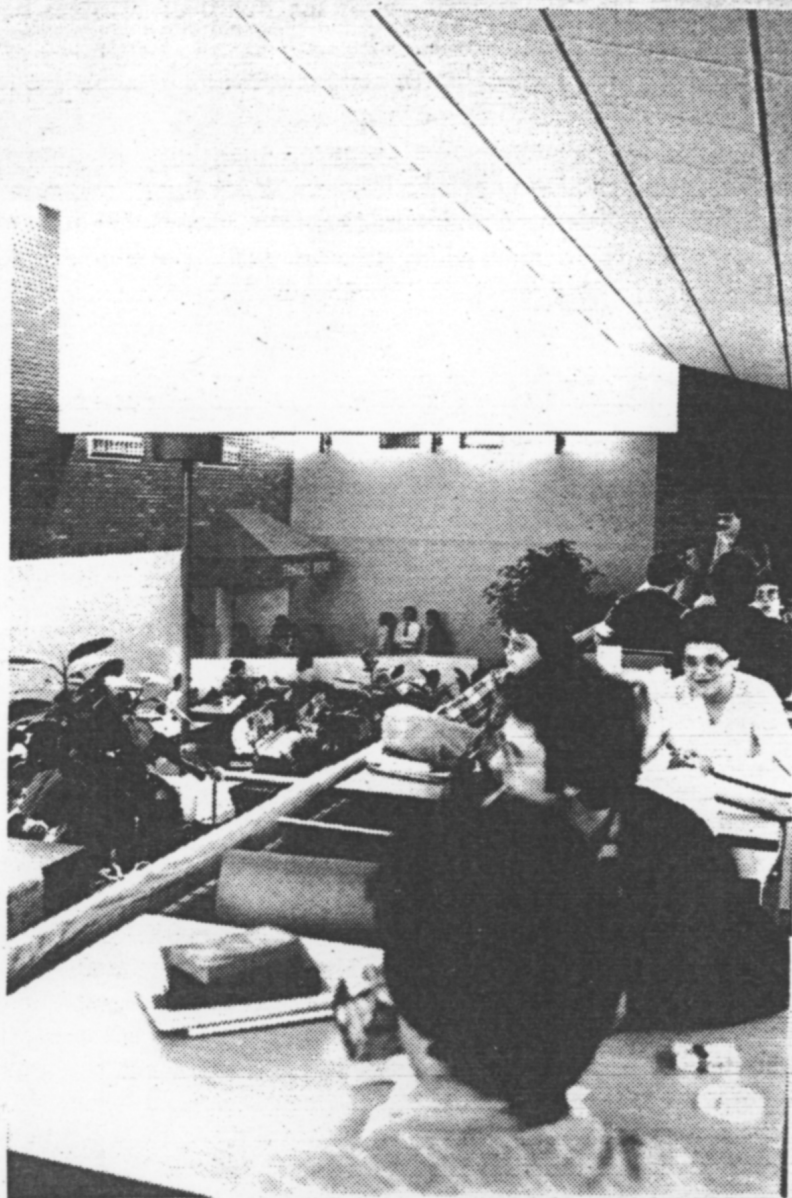
Hirsch points out that Kilcawley now has two phones for students having no money on hand. The special phones allow students to dial a number and charge it to their home phones. One such phone is located in the expanded lobby and the other is situated in the hall outside the Terrace Room.

He adds that supervisors will be on duty at all time for security purposes in the lobby area.

Hirsch says that graphics will soon be hung on the walls in the lobby area. The lobby also has a stairwell which ends at the fifth-level of the Terrace Room. Previously no stairwell existed in the northern section of Kilcawley, he notes.

A "new look" on the first floor includes the expanded Pub. Hirsch says that the expansion entailed approximately 17,500 square feet. A new section, equipped with new tables and chairs, except for the booths, now occupies a former section of

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THE "NEW" KILCAWLEY — The students pictured above probably had little difficulty finding a place to sit in the new cafeteria. The Terrace Room, which can seat up to 300 persons, has five split-levels, two of which are designated as non-smoking sections. Pictured below is the expanded, renovated Art Gallery. Among its new features is a higher ceiling which allows the Gallery to accommodate larger works of art. (Photos by John Celidonio)

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the Recreation Room.

The stage and the bar have been moved around, and live band performances are scheduled. Hirsch notes that the new location of the stage, which is near the outside hall, should be beneficial to bands coming in and out of the Pub.

A new feature of the Pub is the serving of pizza, which is made in an area behind the bar. Pub

hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Fridays, and 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturdays.

Another new change on the first floor is the expansion and renovation of the Recreation Room. New features include a separate room for the four ping-pong tables, with a sitting area, and a separate room designated as the "quiet game room" area.

The "quiet game room" is

equipped with six tables which can be used for chess, checkers and backgammon. Boards for these games are nailed to the tables. The room also features skylighting from the ceiling.

Hirsch says that the use of the Recreation Room's facilities is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students using the facilities must leave their ID card with the attendant. He adds that students engaging in chess, checkers, backgammon, and ping-pong are

responsible for any missing pieces.

Recreation Room hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays and noon to 4 p.m., Saturdays.

One of several new additions to the second floor of Kilcawley is a second study lounge. Hirsch states that another lounge was necessary because the other one became overcrowded.

The new study lounge, which is designated as a non-smoking area,

is named the Special Lectures Lounge. Hirsch notes that the lounge soon will have the photographs of persons, such as Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden, who have spoken at the Special Lectures Series.

He says that persons "do not see a lot of the campus history" at the University and adds that the lounge will help alleviate this situation.

The study lounge will be a quiet room with no music and should seat the same amount of students as the other lounge. Neither lounge will have students listening to music with headphones.

Kilcawley's second floor now houses a suite of meeting rooms. Located in the lobby area is a door designated as the Buckeye Suite. The Suite includes three meeting rooms and a reception room.

The decor of all the rooms features a royal blue carpet, and, in the Reception Room, crystal-like chandeliers.

Hirsch points out that the Reception Room can be used as a place to serve coffee and doughnuts before a conference.

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Buckeye I and Buckeye II also can be used as one big room. A divider separates the two meeting rooms. If Buckeye I and II are combined to form one large room, 36 persons can be seated. If used individually, each room can seat up to 18 persons.

Buckeye III, the third meeting room, contains 18 chairs and three tables.

A fourth meeting room has replaced the former storage room. Equipped with a seating capacity for 21 persons, the room contains the furniture from the former Buckeye Room which was lost in the expansion projects.

Hirsch notes that the new home for the Art Gallery, located next to the Special Lectures Lounge, has five improvements over its former location in Kilcawley.

First of all, additional wall space exists to hang more works of art. Second, plywood is located behind the carpeted walls which makes it easier for nails to enter. Third, the ceiling is higher to accommodate taller paintings and other works of art.

A fourth improvement is that a storage room now exists which can house the Gallery's permanent art collections as well as paintings in between shows. A fifth advantage is that the Gallery's humidity is controlled, which Hirsch notes is better for paintings.

Hirsch adds that one wall, which was built at a 45° angle, should provide a "more interesting perspective" of paintings which are hung up. He points out that the ceiling has track-lighting and that the adjoining study lounge can be

used as a reception area during art shows.

The Art Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fridays.

The Information Center is now located in the expanded lobby area. Hirsch says that he is currently working on expanding the Center's services.

Hirsch says he believes students will obey and enforce areas designated as non-smoking. He adds that he will walk around Kilcawley to see that no one smokes in non-smoking sections.

Full direction and sign packages will be available by the first of the year for students and visitors.

The renovation and expansion of Kilcawley was done by architect Jim Olsavsky of Niles. Hirsch commends Olsavsky for his

fine work and notes, "An architect's skills are something I really appreciate now."

He notes that the project cost \$1.8 million, but that YSU does not owe anything. "YSU does not build unless it has the cash to do so."

He points out that because the expansion and renovation used vacant space already existing, no overbuilding was needed.

Hirsch adds that although construction work began a little over a year ago, the project actually was a two-year process.