College of Education Move-In

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This week’s snowy conditions have not slowed down the scheduled move into Gary A. Ransdell Hall…the new home for WKU’s College of Education.

As Amy Bingham tells us in this week’s View from the Hill, the last minute push is on to get the facility ready for the start of the spring semester.

Since 1970, WKU Education students have studied at Tate Page Hall, one time known as C-E-B for College of Education, or more commonly known as the round building. But in just over a week, students will find themselves in brand new surroundings.

Whether it’s hooking up tv’s or applying that last coat of paint, there’s plenty of last minute tasks before Gary A. Ransdell Hall makes it’s debut.

It’s been a bit hectic just organizing the move and making sure faculty have what they need for their offices and making sure everything is ready to go.”

Across the street at Tate Page Hall, Associate Professor Pam Jukes is teaching a winter term course and trying to navigate boxes that are ready to go.

Our office staff, part of them are in the new building and part of them are here. Our supplies are in transition so it’s just been a real challenge but staff has been great it’s been as smooth as it can be.”

Senior Michael Warren is one of the few students who’ve seen the inside of the building while professors with the move.

 “It’s just amazing when you walk in, the color, the stairwell, the ERC which is not complete. I get the vision, it’s just amazing.”

65 thousand books are being unpacked in the building’s impressive Educational Resource Center which features a study space near a back wall of windows.

 “So much of the classroom space and workspace is so user friendly, I think people are going to feel comfortable and productive in this building.”

But it doesn’t mean there won’t be some mixed feelings about saying goodbye to the round building.

 “It’s a little sweet and a little sad at the same time. I’ve been here since ’98 in this building and a there’ve been a lot of wonderful students who’ve come through this program.”

Classes begin in the new building on January 24th. The official dedication of Gary A. Ransdell Hall is scheduled for April 29th. With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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