Downing Student Union Phase One

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WKU’s largest construction project to date is halfway complete. The Downing Student Union has a new name and a new look.

Amy Bingham shows us around in this week’s View from the Hill.

 “Folks are coming in and their eyes are popping open a little bit, saying oh my goodness, this place looks nice.”

 “It’s huge, it’s awesome, everything’s red. Big Red’s everywhere, there’s kids everywhere.”

Phase one of the renovation at Downing Student Union is getting rave reviews.

 “I’ve overheard a lot of students coming in very excited saying oh my gosh, this is neat, this is great. I can’t believe it.”

One of the big hits---Starbucks.

 “Everyone needs a little caffeine before class.”

 “It’s nice just to sit and relax before class, have a cup of coffee.”

Also grabbing lots of attention---Apple products now that WKU has an Apple authorized campus store.

 “It’s been a year and a half process to get Apple. You can’t just say hey Apple sell me some computers. It doesn’t work that way.”

Fresh foods has a fresh new look , Yo Blendz frozen yogurt is set to open soon and the main entrance will be finished around the holidays.

 “The grand stair tower, entry tower will be complete around the end of the year around Christmas time.”

Meanwhile work continues on phase two of the project. More patience is needed while crews complete the atrium lobby, office space and the food court.

 “I’ve been seeing construction every since I’ve been here so it’ll be nice when it’s all finished.”

 “Most people realize it takes a lot of work a lot of effort a lot of mess to get to something that’s gonna be really magnificent in the end.”

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

The entire renovation project will be completed by this time next year.

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