The Commons Dedication Preview

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Anchor Intro: The Commons at Helm Library is not your average library.

After a soft opening at the end of the last semester, the transformed space is fully operational as Amy Bingham shows us in this week’s View from the Hill.

Supers:

:00 - ;04 Amy Bingham \ Division of Communications & Marketing

Samantha Taylor \ WKU Sophomore

Susann deVries \ Dean of University Libraries

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“It’s a gathering space like no other. Every detail of The Commons at Helm Library was designed to provide the perfect opportunity to convene, connect and of course, eat.”

(scooping rice, etc)

:54 “The fact that there’s food here and places to set my stuff and work on homework, I love it and it’s quiet.”

Sophomore Samantha Taylor plans to spend a lot her time at the Commons.

:45 “I love this place. I have a lot of classes at the top of the hill every day and I can’t always go back to my dorm when there’s a big break.”

(coffee making)

Featuring multiple dining options, and even more study spaces, students have plenty of areas to engage in active learning.

1:30 “It’s such a big building, there’s like three floors and you can go wherever you need to go.”

3:41 “Every wall that came down, every ceiling that was busted through to get to the skylights and exposed ceiling was almost a Christmas present every day.”

Dean of University Libraries Susann deVries is thrilled with the outcome.

2:13 “You can see up, you can see down, there’s an immediate connection as you walking to the building through all the spaces in the library.”

1:45 “When people come in and they look around and their awe and wonderment makes all the planning, all the effort worthwhile.”

It’s the latest transformation of a building constructed in 1931.

4:27 “It was the physical education and health building and Coach Diddle’s arena to my right and the next legacy was the Margie Helm Library and now in a third rendition.”

The reimagined space is modern, multipurpose and student centered.

1:30 “I’m just beyond thrilled. This project came out exactly as I expected and then some.”

“The Commons at Helm Library will be dedicated next Wednesday morning with remarks at 10:30. With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.”

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The thirty million dollar project took three years to complete.

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