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### **Herget Hall renovations nearly completed**

Construction crews are nearing completion of the \$1.8 million dollar improvement project to Herget Hall this summer. When Herget's 450+ freshmen residents arrive for the *Roaring into the Halls* (move-in day) on August 21, they will find newly painted rooms, new movable and loftable bed frames, new movable student desks, new ceiling light fixtures, new ceiling tiles, and a state-of-the-art fire sprinkler system. These improvements are part of Residential Life's facility program plan, which is completely funded by residence hall rent. A similar improvement project is scheduled for Herget's next door neighbor, Miller Hall, in summer 2009.

The new loftable bed frames will allow students to adjust the distance between the floor and the bottom of the bed frame from 12" - 57", allowing for increased storage capacity underneath. On the highest setting, there is even room to put the desk underneath. The moveable desk and bed frames will give the students more options on how to set up their rooms. The closets in the rooms are the same, providing a built-in chest of drawers, and the beds are the standard twin size. With the brand new ceiling lights, ceiling panels and fresh coat of paint, the rooms will feel like new, and the new fire sprinkler system will provide a greater sense of safety.

Herget Hall, built in 1964, is home to the popular Herget Residential College which focuses on assisting its first-year residents make the successful transition from high school to college life. Herget is close to the newly remodeled 459 Commons dining hall, the University Recreation Center, and the Greek houses. It overlooks Campus Lake and has an outdoor patio area with tables and benches, as well as a large interior lounge with a view of the lake. Herget Hall is scheduled to be brought off-line for major renovations and remodeling in 2023.

Herget has been closed to tours all summer long, but is scheduled to be completed by the first week of August, in time for the students attending pre-semester training camps, STRIPES, and Greek Recruitment Week. When the remaining Herget residents come *roaring into the halls*, Herget will be ready!