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Pentagon residence halls improvements for fall 2008

Improvements to the Pentagon residence halls and grounds are underway this summer and will be completed this fall. For added security and an improved sense of community for the residents, a new gated wrought iron fence with card access will connect the buildings and enclose the courtyard area. Residents will also be able to enjoy improvements to the courtyard landscaping which include new flower beds, a newly sodded lawn, and a lawn sprinkler system.

In Lejeune Hall, 6 of the bathrooms are being completely remodeled this summer and the remaining 9 bathrooms are programmed for next summer. This is the beginning of a planned effort to renovate all of the bathrooms in the Pentagon over the next 4-5 years.

In Taylor Hall, to increase space and room arrangement flexibility, the built-in wardrobes were removed and replaced with the new moveable wardrobes. The walls got a fresh coat of paint and the floor tiles were replaced. The same improvements will be done to Jackson Hall next summer, completing the 4-year plan to paint the rooms and replace floor tiles in all 4 Pentagon halls.

These improvements are part of the ongoing Facilities Improvements Plan for the Pentagon Halls. Over the past 8 years, improvements include adding air conditioning to all the halls, installing new energy efficient windows, cleaning and water-proofing the building exteriors, replacement of electrical systems, new lighting fixtures, replacement of all stairs and doors, upgraded fire alarm systems, and the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in each building.