

# Livingston Dining Commons

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## **The Project:**

The construction of a new, multi-purpose 58,000 square foot dining facility on the Livingston Campus adjacent to the new Livingston Student Center will serve the expanding needs of students, faculty and



staff. The \$30.5 million project will replace the existing dining facility in Tillett Hall and become an upscale, contemporary dining commons and a major campus destination. Construction is currently underway and is expected to be completed for the start of the fall 2011 semester.

## **The Facility:**

The new Livingston Dining Commons and the Student Center will face an outdoor plaza which will become the pedestrian crossroads of the campus. The Dining Commons together with the Student Center and Kilmer Library will form a new social activity core and focal point for the Livingston community and its visitors. The main entrance to the dining hall will be adjacent to the plaza. The Dining Commons is envisioned to be a two level building and will consist of three primary functional areas – the kitchen, servery and dining areas.

## **Dining Areas/Servery:**

Roughly one third of the new dining facility will be dedicated to seating, featuring over 13,000 square feet of dining space that will be able to seat over 900 people. The Dining Commons will function in a fashion similar to the Busch Dining Hall which has a cash operation faculty/staff dining room during the day and serves students during the evening hours.

The food serving area will feature multiple food stations offering a range of menu items in response to certain dietary and ethnic food needs on campus as well as offer a self service section for those who wish to “grab and go.” Some food stations will showcase “open cooking” that allows customers to watch a chef immediately prepare a specifically cooked-to-order meal. The design of the space will allow for easy circulation of patrons in obtaining their food, paying and check-out, seating and exiting.