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**05.20.2011 | Campus and Community** The University of Dayton continues to build for the future.

As part of the trustees' spring meeting, University officials held a blessing and groundbreaking for the \$25 million Caldwell Street student housing project.

The University of Dayton is redeveloping six acres at the corner of Caldwell and Brown streets for apartments for 427 upperclassmen and some international students. Design concepts show a townhouse-style façade with the same amenities and architectural features common to houses in the adjacent student neighborhood — arches, overhangs, gables and dormers. A spacious courtyard will connect the five buildings.

The project site includes the former Frank Z Chevrolet dealership, which Miller-Valentine Group owns, and the University's former Caldwell Street Center.

"This will be a showcase development — and a model for modern residential living on college campuses," University of Dayton President Daniel J. Curran said. "The learning and living environment on this campus gives the University of Dayton a strategic advantage when recruiting students nationally and globally."

This is the second major groundbreaking in two months for the University of Dayton. In April, GE Aviation broke ground on a \$51 million research center on eight acres on River Park Drive.

The campus will see considerable construction activity this summer. The University of Dayton is giving a \$3.9 million renovation to its dining facilities in Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall. The cafeteria will be converted into two theme restaurants — one featuring fresh foods from around the world and the other offering sandwiches, salads and omelets, with artisan breads baked on site.

Stuart Field, a popular site for intramural sports, will receive artificial turf, and the second floor of the Cronin Athletics Center, a multi-purpose on-campus practice facility, will be renovated for offices, meeting spaces, film rooms and technology suites for the University's most prominent programs — men's basketball, women's basketball and volleyball.

Other major projects under way include the continued transformation of the 1700 South Patterson Building into a center for research, academics and an alumni center. The number of graduate classrooms will double for fall semester, and more University of Dayton Research Institute offices and labs will move into the building.

Phase one of the alumni center is taking shape on the first floor of the building. The National Alumni Association designated \$1 million for creating a welcome center, an event space and interactive video exhibits highlighting achievements in academics, research and athletics. A wall of recognition honors major donors, and vintage and current campus scenes are showcased. The University is working with AD-EX International in Cincinnati to develop the center.

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