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Dear Students,

As many of you know, Farrell Hall is closing down on December 20. The building was constructed in 1964, and while it served our students and campus well for over 40 years, it is in dire need of renovation! Staff and student leaders have been laying the groundwork, raising funds and planning this major renovation project for several years.

The completely renovated Student Center will re-open in the fall of 2010 and will include: a spacious and modern food court, the Campus Store, multipurpose spaces for all types of student activities, lounges, offices for student clubs and organizations, the student mailroom and a theater. This new $20.1 million state-of-the-art building will transform our campus, and will provide a dynamic setting for student activities and campus life for decades to come. You can check out the exciting drawings of the newly designed student center at http://www.delhi.edu/farrell/.

I am sure you are wondering how this change will impact your life at Delhi. First, let me assure you that college staff and student leaders have been thinking strategically and working to ensure that you receive the same high quality student activities programs and food services to which you are accustomed.

Thurston Hall is currently being renovated and in January will become the temporary home for the Student Activities Office, the Student Senate, Greek Council, the Campus Voice, the Student Mailroom, and the O’Connor Center for Community Service. The Art Center, Radio and TV stations will move to the basement in Evenden Tower.

Student activities will take place in various locations across campus. Movies and comedy shows will be held in the Evenden Tower Pit (104). Dances and major events will occur in the Clark Field House. Smaller scale performances, music and novelty acts, will be held in the Midnight Café in MacDonald Hall, Alumni Hall and in residence hall lounges.

CADI has been very busy planning for the transition of food services during the closure of Farrell Hall. Satellite Food Units will be installed in Evenden Tower, room 212, and in Sanford Hall by the Campus Store. In Evenden Tower, a Cobblestone Market will feature a continental breakfast in the morning, followed by a deli operation starting late morning through the afternoon and evening. Sandwiches and subs will be made to order. Items will also be available in a grab-and-go cooler. Beverages will include coffee, fountain soda and bottled water. Hours of operation will be 7:30 a.m. -8 p.m., Monday-Friday. Seating will also be available in the Evenden lobby. The Sanford location will be the Taco Stop, featuring salads and a taco station,
and will be open 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Beverages will be bottled, and seating will be available in the lobby areas.

In addition, MacDonald Hall will feature a grab-and-go unit in the first floor lobby, offering sandwiches, salads and beverages. Hours of operation will be 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Monday - Friday. The Library Café will be modified to reduce waiting time with "coffee only" purchases. Campus Convenience will extend hours and offer more grab-and-go items. The Midnight Café in Mac Hall will continue to provide late night food options, Thursday – Monday from 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

If you have questions or ideas, please contact Student Activities Director Marty Greenfield in Farrell Hall or speak with a member of the CADI management staff in Sanford or MacDonald Halls, or a member of the Student Senate Executive Board in Farrell Hall.

Please watch for more news and developments in a special Campus Voice edition in November. Be sure to join us as we say “Farewell to Farrell” with special events and activities in December. We will continue to keep you updated through student email and special announcements.

Sincerely,

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Vice President for Student Life