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UNC Charlotte Student Union nears opening

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8/10/09 William Wynne, a senior at UNC Charlotte picked up his textbooks for the year on Monday at the new Student Union. The geography major says of the facility, "I'll get a year to experience it before I graduate." The Student Union opens August 24th, the first day of classes. The 196,000 square foot facility will feature four retail spaces, 210-seat movie theater, game room lounge, eight meeting rooms, 600-seat ballroom which also serves as meeting space, and 6,610 square foot student organization and activity space. In addition, a 400-seat food court will incorporate brands such as Wendy's, Starbucks, Mamma Leone's, Zia Juice, and Einstein Bagels.L.MUELLER -
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- 8/10/09 Construction of the Union started in May 2007 to meet the needs of a student population. Currently, most student activities take place in the Cone University Center. After it was concluded that the Cone Center could not be expanded, the decision to build a Student Union went underway. L.MUELLER - lmueller@charlotteobserver.com
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 8/10/09 (lft-rt) Amma Amoabeng and Oma Hagi, both entering their senior year at UNCC, help answer questions for visitors at the Information Center. L.MUELLER - lmueller@charlotteobserver.com
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 8/10/09 The building features sustainable strategies which include daylighting, energy efficient heating and air condition system, sustainable landscaping and planting, and waterless urinals. Wireless network access will be available throughout the building. L.MUELLER - lmueller@charlotteobserver.com
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 8/10/09 Randy Cook, a cable technician with AFL Network services, carries a ladder down one of the two staircases that sore through the atrium of the new UNC Charlotte Student Union. L.MUELLER - lmueller@charlotteobserver.com
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 8/10/09 Looking down from the 2nd level into the open atrium of the UNCC Student

Center. L.MUELLER - lmuel@charlotteobserver.com

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8/10/09 A student studies in the lobby of the new UNC Charlotte Student Union Monday morning. L.MUELLER - lmuel@charlotteobserver.com
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8/10/09 Derek McLiverty puts the finishing touches on the paint just outside the Barnes and Noble bookstore the is on the first level of the Student Union. L.MUELLER - lmuel@charlotteobserver.com
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8/10/09 Elsie Byrd sets the time on the clock for the Multicultural Resource Center. "We are loving it," she says, "It's a beautiful building." L.MUELLER - lmuel@charlotteobserver.com
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8/10/09 Elsie Byrd, Administrative Assistant to the Multicultural Resource Center in UNC Charlotte's new Student Union building, finds a temporary hanging place for the office clock on a coat stand as she moves into their new office. L.MUELLER - lmuel@charlotteobserver.com
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8/10/09 Quincey Hinson, Administrative Assistant for the Student Government Association, works in their new office. It was her third day in the building getting ready for school to start on August 24th. L.MUELLER - lmuel@charlotteobserver.com
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8/10/09 The view from the large bank of windows on the 3rd level of the new UNC Charlotte Student Union looks over the College of Education and the College of Health and Human Services. Workers were busy putting finishing touches on the building, which opens officially on August 24th, the first day of classes. L.MUELLER - lmuel@charlotteobserver.com
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8/10/09 A moth, about the size of a small hand, clings to the outside of a 3rd floor window. L.MUELLER - lmuel@charlotteobserver.com
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8/10/09 Rotunda staircase support on the ceiling. L.MUELLER - lmueller@charlotteobserver.com
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8/10/09 The center of the Student Union features a large circular atrium that rises from the 1st to the 3rd level of the building. L.MUELLER - lmueller@charlotteobserver.com
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- 8/10/09 The Student Union building formally opens mid-August. There will be an August

24-29 Grand Opening Celebration! The Union will offer a broad array of services, program/meeting space, and products for students including a 210-seat movie theater, game room, dining, campus bookstore, retail, student activity and student organization programs, and study and meeting spaces. L.MUELLER -
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