

Cellar Patio officially opened in time for hot weather

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On Saturday September 1, 2001, the Cellar Bar and Grill officially opened its newest feature, the Cellar Patio.

The Patio, which is located on the west side of the Student Union Building, has a fully functional bar and barbecue, as well as a concert stage for bands and other forms of entertainment. Plans for the construction of the patio have been in the wings for a few years now, but only became reality a few short months ago. Construction began in early August and was completed just in time for the arrival of new students.

Cellar employee, Thayer Doyle, is very pleased with the SUB's new addition.

"I think the patio makes the building look much, much better. It adds character to the place and gives people somewhere to go when it's nice outside."

Although he does not know the exact figure as of yet, Student Union President, Scott Duguay, speculated the total costs for the project would be in the vicinity of \$50,000.

Duguay also commented that although the railings surrounding the patio meet building standards, the Student Union was in the process of discussing

whether they would be raised further as a safety precaution.

The patio season is already drawing to a close, and Cellar Manager, Leah Murchison, said the patio would operate on regular hours until October 12, weather permitting. The patio will reopen in May and will remain open for the summer months.

Since most students are not around in the summer, business will be targeted at staff and faculty who remain to work on campus.

Murchison was very enthusiastic about the patio, saying it is "a great feature added to campus life which offers students another venue in which to relax."

However, one area in which the patio could pose a problem would be with noise levels from featured entertainment or students just enjoying the patio. Both Murchison and Duguay mentioned that they would be working with the university community in an effort to keep noise levels at an acceptable level for this area. Entertainment is not planned until after hours on the campus so classes will not be affected.

Hours of operation for the patio are tentatively set to be from 11:00am to 1:00am, Monday to Saturday, weather permitting, with food being served only until 8:00pm. These hours are subject to change, however, if noise levels or cold weather become problems.



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Students raise their glasses to a new school year and to the future of the new Cellar Patio.

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