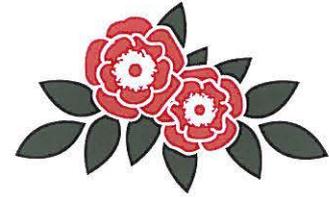


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Laying Student Foundations For The Future

Special ceremony to mark construction phase of £6.5m Students' Union

The fences have been erected, the site has been cleared and now the major work is underway to construct the new £6.5 million Students' Union building at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan).

Over 1,264 m³ of concrete, 250 tonnes of steel and 52,000 bricks will be used during the project which is due to be completed in December 2004. The new building is expected to be one of the largest Students' Unions in the UK with an additional 1900 sq.m. of space being created.

And at a special ceremony, to be held at 10am on Friday, 6 February, UCLan Vice Chancellor, Dr Malcolm McVicar and Students' Union Vice President, Sarah Caine, will be joined by Terry Cook, Marketing Director for Totty Construction, to lay the first bricks of the landmark building.

"The completion of this stunning building will be of major benefit, not only to students but to young people in Preston and Lancashire," said Sarah Caine. "For the first time we'll have a major live venue with a capacity of 1200 that will attract headline acts from the entertainment industry."

Dr Malcolm McVicar, UCLan Vice-Chancellor, said that the completion of the new Students' Union will greatly benefit the future growth of the University as a whole, and will enhance the quality of student life on campus. "Our students work extremely hard and where better to receive support, re-energize and relax than in the contemporary surroundings of this new development. This building will greatly increase the facilities for UCLan students. Once completed it will be one of the best Students' Unions in the country."

Terry Cook, Marketing Director for Totty Construction, said: "The new Students' Union building is set to become a key focal point for the University, and undoubtedly prove a highly popular leisure venue for students living in the city."

Note to Editor

A photo opportunity and interviews with the Vice Chancellor, Dr Malcolm McVicar, Students' Union Vice President, Sarah Caine and Terry Cook, Marketing Director for Totty Construction will take place on the construction site, Fylde Road at 10am, Friday, 6th February. Entrance to the site is on Brook Street.

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