FALCON CENTER 05/05/16 T.GAUTHIER

The ongoing Falcon Center project on the UW-River Falls campus is in full bloom, moving into its summer stages. The project includes renovation of Hunt Arena. Trenten Gauthier has the story.

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Trenten Gauthier: With the 2015-16 academic year ending in just a few weeks, the falcon center project continues. Athletic Director Roger ternes says the project is full steam ahead and has all the big issues out of the way.

ROGER TERNES: No, we think we are past that point of... our last big take a big breath moment was when they started taking the roof, peeling BACK and cutting THE ROOF into Hunt Arena.

Trenten Gauthier: In regards to future projects, Ternes says Karges Center and Nelson Center are scheduled for demolition SUMMER OF 2018.

Roger Ternes: You won’t see anything next year, we will operate up here, we will have our basketball games and volleyball games and our strength and conditioning program will be here on the main campus just like we had them for the last number of years.

Trenten Gauthier: The FAlcon Center will be home to more than just athletics. Ternes says the Falcon Center can become A home for this part of the state and attract new students.

Roger Ternes: You know the enrollment picture for this Fall is very exciting, so everything is trending in the right direction. There was a dip in thAT there were fewer high school graduates as well as the economy changing. And those things all came together about three years ago, so we had this dip. and now we are seeing an upward trend in all of that. We had four academic spaces, in terms of classroom spaces plus a state-of-the-art human performance lab.

Trenten Gauthier: Ternes says a perfect scenario would be the athletic department would have the keys to a 100 percent completed Falcon center in july of 2017. For Falcon NEws ServiCe, I’m Trenten Gauthier.

If there are any miscues with the 63 million dollar project in the coming months, Ternes (TURN-ez) says the Athletic Department has made sure it has room for error.

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