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Dorms

Construction underway

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Patterson-Randles said of all the proposed locations, the current one was the best site. "It's a complex of considerations," Patterson-Randles said.

"No matter which site we chose, there were negatives and positives. The current location, we felt, had the least number of negatives."

Another reason for the current site of the dorms was to ensure safety. Patterson-Randles said since the IUS Police station was close to the dorms, they would be able to respond quickly if they needed to. A fence will also be built along the rail-

road tracks to keep people away from the railroad tracks, though specifics on the fence have not been decided. Patterson-Randles also said the soil on campus has been a problem with the current buildings and some of the other facilities on campus.

"We have to make sure we have strong foundations," Patterson-Randles said.

Andy Brunner is the project superintendent with Shiel Sexton, the contractor working on the dorms. He said the land on the south side of the IUS Lake needs to be raised between eight and

13 feet.

Brunner said the ground is built up in several stages, and every time the ground is lifted, a third-party inspector has to conduct compaction tests on the ground to make sure it's up to standards.

"It's a very regimented standard, as far as making sure the ground is safe for this project," Brunner said.

Snip said the gravel road behind campus will be removed after the construction crews are finished. Shiel Sexton has also built dorms for the University of Louisville and Bellarmine University.

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**Andy Brunner
project superintendent
Shiel Sexton**

Renovations UC expansion approaches final stages

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business since the beginning of renovations last year.

On Aug. 21, student organizations were able to claim their individual offices within the new University Center.

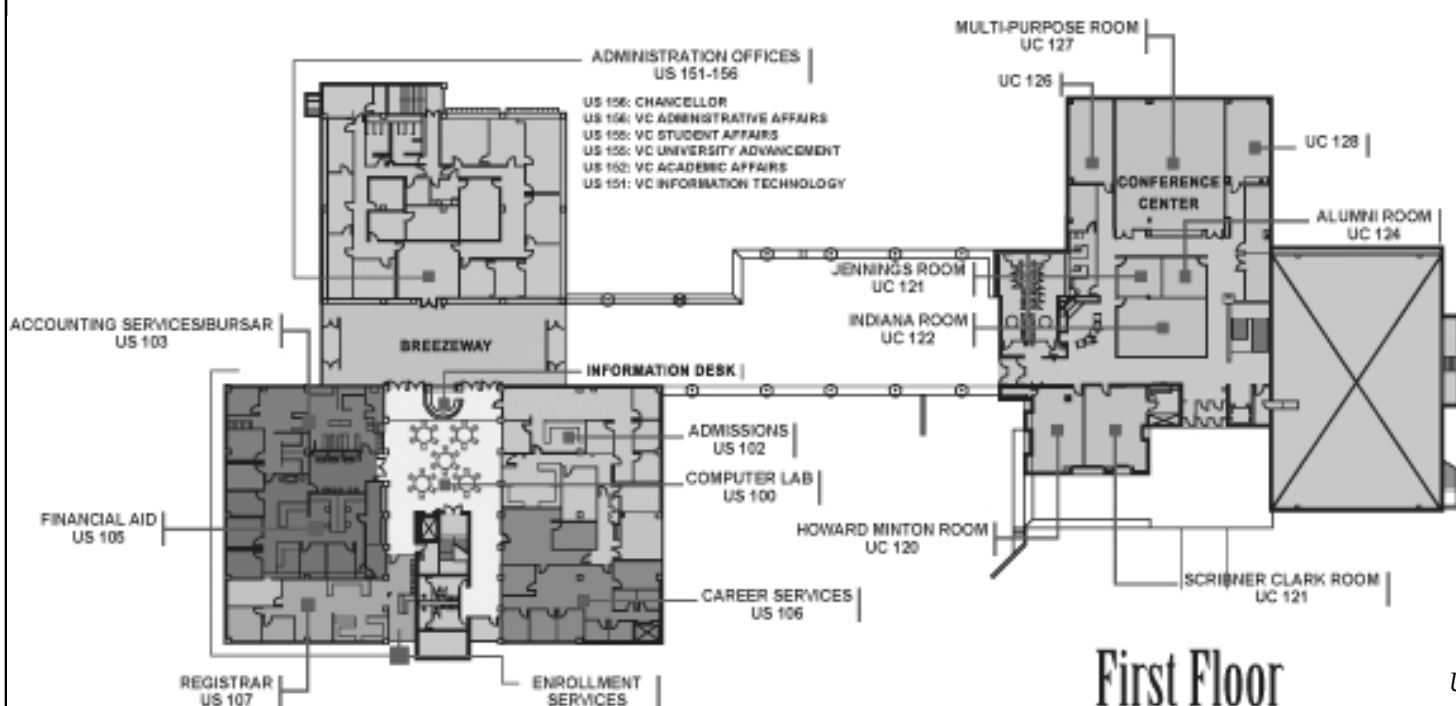
"It was a random selection," Adrienne Priddy, student involvement liaison, said.

Of the 20 offices provided, all but one has been taken. The only organization not part of the random selection was the Student Program Council whose space was already reserved. The office spaces are currently set up directly across from the IUS Bookstore's entrance.

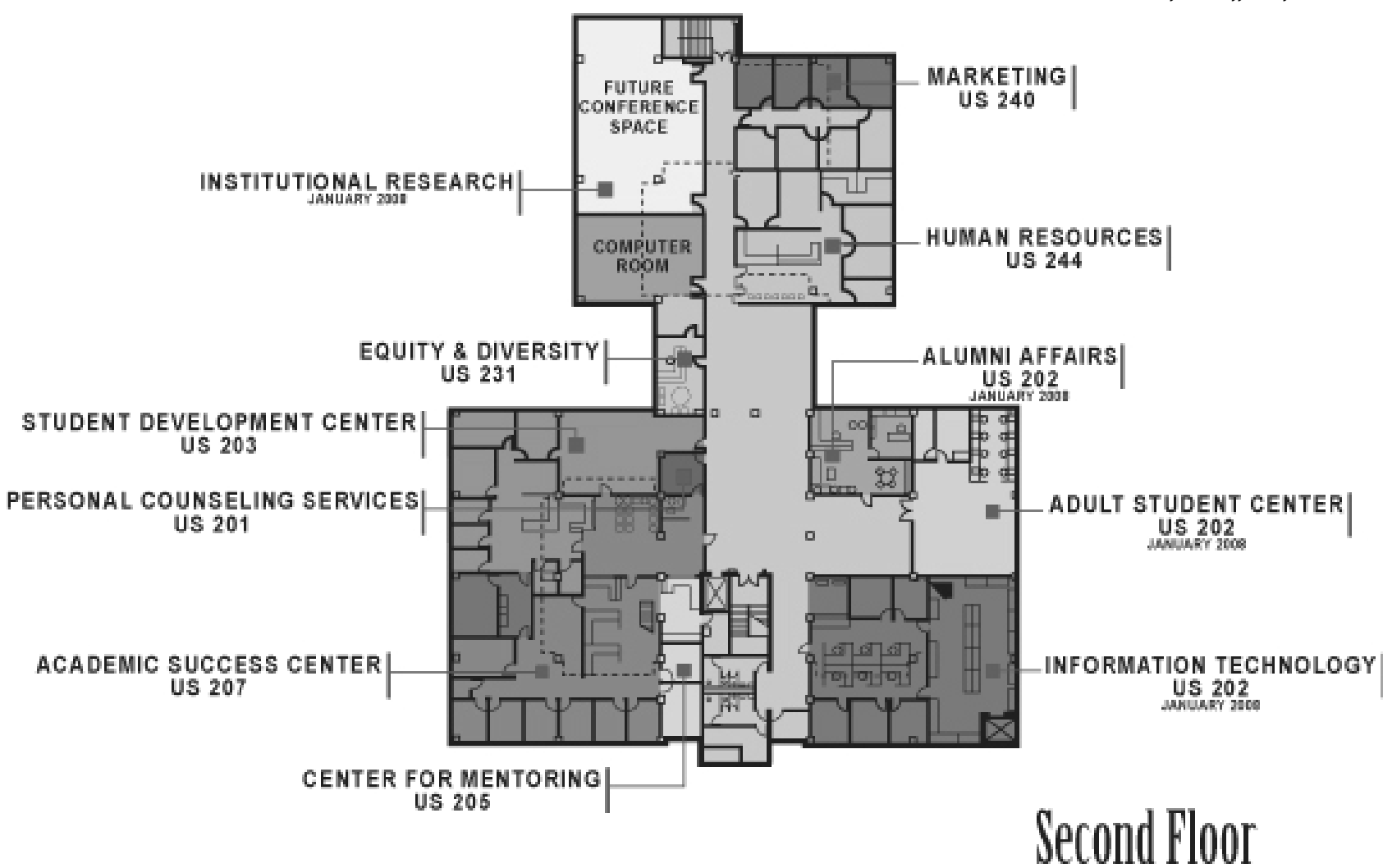
Along with the new student organization office space, there will also be a student lounge, game room and a coffee shop run by IU Southeast.

"I think [the students] are going to be amazed," Erica Walsh, public information specialist for IU Southeast, said. "It's such a dramatic difference from what was here before."

Although the majority of the renovations will not be finished by October, the IUS Bookstore opened in August, as well as the catering department.



University Center maps courtesy of the Office of Student Affairs.



University Center North & South Floorplan

