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who will live in the building next year, agrees that the international center will draw more attention to the Crossroads and international programs.

"The building will make Crossroads a lot more visible," she said. "It's permanent and that will make the program feel like more of a fixture."

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In order to accommodate the new 30,000 square foot residence hall the football field fence will be re-located.


In the Crossroads area an aggressive construction schedule will be followed because the new building will be moved 20 feet to the northwest so it will not be right up against the new building.

The funds for the building came from several sources, including insurance monies from Johnson Hall and the previous Swedish House (Svenska Huset) which were both damaged beyond repair in the tornado.

Rizk-Finne feels that the new building will serve as a traditional housing option. Prairie View Hall, which has housed Crossroads the last two years, will serve as a traditional residential hall next year, housing students under the standard housing option.

"It's going to be an aggressive construction schedule," said Toutain.

The students who will live in Crossroads next year completed a room selection process last week, and room was left for next year's first year students interested in the program.

The dorm will give a more permanent feeling to Crossroads, a place where we can immerse from this blurring of the academic and non-academic aspects," said Toutain. "Our hope is that those programs will interact in a positive way in a single location and that some interesting new initiatives will emerge from this blurring of those boundaries."

In terms of what the project might do for campus, I think it might call greater attention to the Crossroads a lot more visible," said Toutain. "It's permanent and has a more aggressive construction schedule, so it will be visible."

"I think that students appreciate the fact that the house that they build is a lasting contribution to the community. And besides, it's a great way to meet and really get to know people you might not run into on campus," said Sophomore, Lisa Senne, who went to Jackson, Miss. last year on a work trip, and is leading one this year to York, Pa.

"We were able to work alongside the future owner of the house. She was a single mother of four and she woke up at 6 a.m. to get the kids to school, then worked on the house and then went to her job," said Senne. "She seemed so grateful for our help."

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