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The new home of the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences (CHBS) is finally open for the 2016 fall semester.

Costing a whopping \$52.8 million, the CHBS building is among the largest buildings on Radford University's campus, holding over 2,300 students. Located between McConnell Library and Muse Hall, the building unites the School of Communication, as well as the departments of Criminal Justice, English, Psychology, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Political Science, Sociology, Foreign Languages and Literatures, and History. It consists of over 50 learning spaces including a TV studio, a forensics lab and even a mock trial/moot courtroom.

When asked about the new building, Radford University senior Henry Bolte, an English major said, "My favorite thing [about the CHBS building] is you can find nice places to sit and read books and relax." The building offers many brightly lit seating areas that students and faculty can enjoy. These spaces serve as the perfect places to study, meet with a group, or just sip some coffee and relax between classes.

Another student, Reanna Herrington, a sociology major is excited about her major's department being located in the new building. She says, "The inside seems confusing but I like the new building!"

Along with Herrington, freshman Syndall Moats said, "I'm excited about the new technology that students will be able to use." She also mentioned that while touring Radford University last year what she saw of the building been constructed made her want to attend the university even more.

Criminal justice major, Catharine Kraiman says, "This will help us better prepare for real world jobs." Not only are students excited and proud but so are the faculty.

Instructor in the School of Communication, Leigh Anne Kelley said, "I like how the building brings the whole department together." Her favorite thing about CHBS is that it allows students to be creative and that she sees them doing great work in the future with all that

the new building has to offer.

On another note, from the Department of History, Dr. Sharon Hepburn stated, “[Process of moving in] was chaotic because of the timing.” She is happy to be apart of one of the departments taking up residence in the new building, but doesn’t see the change affecting the department as a whole either negatively or positively.

Even if you have no reason to be in the CHBS building, you can still visit to enjoy Starbucks, which has been moved from the Bonnie into the new building- one of the many things that have changed since last spring.

Senior, Jackie Klancher thinks relocating Starbucks doesn’t make sense and believes that the school should’ve kept it in the old location or simply built a second Starbucks in the new building, allowing the campus to have two. Another senior, Macarena Billa said, “I like the new Starbucks because it’s much nicer but it’s always crowded.”

Besides the addition of Starbucks, CHBS has many learning areas as well as a landscaped courtyard on the main street side. Having an improved CHBS building means students will be allowed to have more (and potentially better) opportunities both in and outside the classroom while simultaneously helping to bring students and faculty much closer as a community. There are many positive things to look forward to from the CHBS building this school year.