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A construction worker works in a window at Thomas Hall at Loyola University in New Orleans on Friday, a project in the first phase of Loyola's strategic plan. The second phase is expected to include an updated sports complex.

# Construction projects aimed at attracting, keeping students

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Audubon Park, is expected to be used for additional classroom space. The recently purchased Dominican Conference Center will house offices in the College of Law as well as the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic, where third-year law students represent indigent clients.

According to Wildes, all Phase I projects are scheduled to be completed by June.

In proposal for a second phase of work is in development. It will be presented to the University's Board of Trustees for approval in May.

The proposal, which calls for creating a new student center

and residence hall for prospective students, is slated to begin in the summer of 2011. Architectural firms Kell-Munoz of San Antonio and Mathes Brierre of New Orleans will design and develop both projects.

Other planned features include an updated sports complex and a new home for the College of Social Sciences.

"We are attracting very talented faculty and students to the university," Wildes said. "The improvement to our facilities will help to support our talented students and faculty in their work."

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'Having an increased capacity to house undergraduate students on campus will strengthen our ability to realize a Jesuit ideal of education, which is educating the whole person,' said university president the Rev. Kevin Wildes.