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### Groundbreaking for Parking Center One

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USF St. Petersburg broke ground on the latest downtown development, the first phase of the nearly \$14 million Parking Center One that will offer more than 1,100 parking spaces and include a two-story Barnes & Noble bookstore. The facility is set for completion in Summer 2006.

The groundbreaking ceremony for Parking Center One featured remarks by USF President Judy Genshaft, Regional Chancellor Karen A. White and St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker. The event followed with a ceremonial first dig with Genshaft, White, Baker and other distinguished campus and community leaders.

"Today's ceremony is symbolic of the great community interest and support for campus expansion in St. Petersburg," White said. "Parking Center One's location creates an important gateway, designed to fill the needs for both our expanding student population and our surrounding downtown community."

Located on the corner of Fifth Avenue South and Third Street, the facility will be completed in two phases and will benefit students living in residence halls, commuters and downtown residents and business owners as they exit I-175. In addition to the Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, the first floor will house the USF St. Petersburg Police Department and Parking Services. The project is headed by Orlando-based Finrock Construction, Inc.

Last month, USF St. Petersburg broke ground on the first phase of residential housing, an \$18.3 million facility that will open Fall 2006. Residence Hall One is a seven-story, 126,000 sq. ft. residence hall that will offer 354 students apartment-style, on-campus living.

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