Union South Celebrates 5 Years
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Since opening in April 2011, Union South has fulfilled its purpose of being the heart and soul of the UW-Madison campus. The new building has been a shining success for the past five years, serving more members, renting out more rooms and welcoming more guests than ever anticipated. Approximately 3,409,292 guests have walked the halls of Union South since then – whether they were grabbing a bite to eat, studying, or attending one of the 53,139 meetings or events and 117 weddings held at Union South. From 2010 through the end of the 2015 fiscal year, dining operations has grown an amazing 345%. Over the past five years, the Wisconsin Union Hotel has welcomed 111,288 guests.

One of the many fantastic features of Union South is its gold Leadership award in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating. During the design and development of the new union building, a student-led design committee worked hard to reach this designation and to ensure that the building will remain sustainable throughout its lifetime.

April 15, 2016 marks the exciting 5th anniversary of the new Union South. On that day, the building will be chock-full of events, activities and promotions to celebrate the big day and to highlight all of the great Union features. Union members, staff, community members, students and faculty are invited to enjoy a Badger Bash-inspired celebration on the plaza. Union South food venues will also feature nickel promotions, offering 5-cent food deals, throughout the day.

For more information on what is in store for the day, visit the event calendar. We look forward to seeing you there!