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UMass Lowell unveils \$95m student center

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The University of Massachusetts Lowell formally opened a new \$95 million student center Tuesday.

The 230,000-square foot complex, called University Crossing, is centrally located between the North, South, and East sections of campus and within walking distance of Lowell's downtown business district, university officials said.

Featuring a glass front overlooking the Merrimack River, the center includes a bookstore, cafe, student services and amenities, and space for campus and community programs.

The building will serve as home for more than 150 student-run organizations, officials said.

It is the first time the campus has had a centralized "one-stop" hub for students services. University Crossing is the 10th new building UMass Lowell has opened since 2009, officials said.

Enrollment at the campus has topped 17,000, a 50 percent increase from seven years ago.

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Menino will hold sway over one more election by forcing candidates to tone down their campaigning.



In Hyde Park, memories of Menino's empathy for the fringe

Neighbors talked about him like he was one of the few people with real power who really cared about them.



Tom Menino was a master of the heart

His greatness was in the follow-through after critical moments.



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Tom Menino forged his own political party

By necessity, Menino forged a powerful coalition, unique in its breadth and essentially indomitable.





Mattapan church marks the life of Boston's former mayor

Morning Star Baptist Church's pastor told the 50 people gathered that Thomas Menino was a constant presence in the area.



Services, memorials for Thomas M. Menino

Details on the services planned for Boston's former mayor.



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