The Colvard Student Union was built in 1964 under the leadership of its namesake, Dr. Dean W. Colvard, the President of the University who called it the “Living Room of the University.” In response to steady growth in the student body and the number of student organizations, a major renovation and expansion of the Colvard Student Union began in July 2006. The newly renovated building opened in early 2008 with eight large multi-purpose meeting rooms, 4 conference style rooms, the Fowlkes Auditorium, Art Gallery, as well as the Bill R. Foster Ballroom.

You will also find multiple dining options (including a convenience store), a full service Starbucks and a hair salon in the Colvard Student Union. The Holmes Cultural Diversity Center is located on the 2nd floor of the Colvard Student Union. Other offices located in the Colvard Student Union include, the Union Director and Business office (Suite 331), Fraternity and Sorority Life (Suite 300) and the Center for Student Activities (Suite 314).

Rooms in the Colvard Student Union, Bettersworth Auditorium, the Amphitheatre, and many other campus facilities may be reserved through the Event Services office located on the 1st floor of the Colvard Student Union (Suite 117) and by calling 662-325-3228.