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Library Addition And More--Plans

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Though the plans and drawings are no longer displayed in the lobby of the library, work continues on the overall design for the \$4.9 million annex to the library (see "Quest").

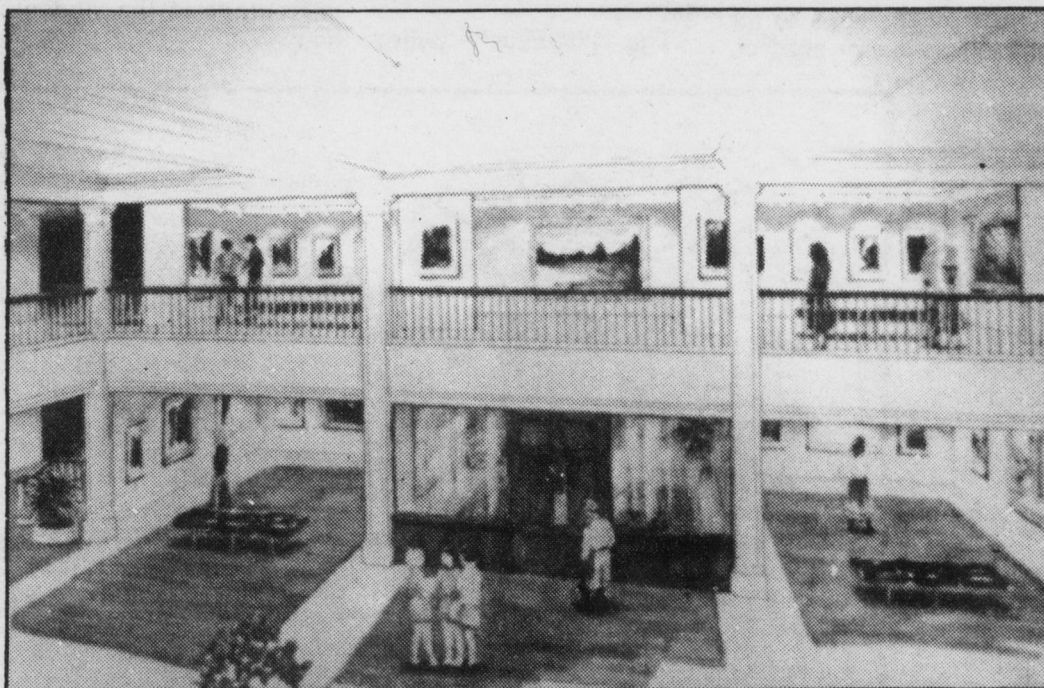
The size of one of your favorite places to study, socialize, and sleep will be approximately doubled by the year 1992. Herbert Poole, Director of Library Services, estimates that the addition will comprise approximately 30,000 square feet.

An increase in the size of the College's book collection does not necessarily follow, however. In fact, there will be no significant increase in the number of books on the shelves once the annex is completed. "The money for this project is mainly bricks and mortar money," according to Poole.

Current plans are to maintain additions to the shelves (usually 5-6,000/yr.) purchased with yearly adjusted amounts of money from Guilford's institutional budget. According to Elizabeth Place-Bear, this quoted number of books is "squeezed into the nooks and crannies of the stacks," and also kept in storage.

The Friends of the Library have made an additional effort to supplement the library with books. Their goal is to raise \$200,000 by the end of this year. This money will be put into an endowment fund (a species of institutional savings account that is invested) and books will be purchased with income earned by the fund.

Once in their new homes in the annex, the books that we do possess will appear in a less confusing,



easier to follow network. The large area in the plans devoted to stack rooms should provide 40 to 50 years of growth space as well. One entire floor of the four-floor annex will not see even a stitch of furniture for at least ten years after com-

pletion.

Libraries everywhere are constantly in the process of defining the term "library excellence," and growth space is but one of many factors involved in this concept. Undoubtedly, in this, the Information Age, our library will invest more heavily in electronic information, though no one is sure what this fully entails.

Already foreseen is the obsolescence of the manual card catalog. Cataloguing, circulation and processing will be done electronically. In 1985, the library staff began recording current information on electronic tape. Soon, access to holdings will be extremely efficient. Anyone will be able to call up a bibliography on a terminal. "We are trying to respond to existing technology and adjust to future technology. This will happen when everyone is comfortable using the terminals. The change should be gradual and no one should feel left behind," asserts Poole.

Along with high-tech will come high class to the

library. Aesthetically central to the annex will be Guilford's new art gallery. The nucleus of the College's collection has already been formed from the generous gifts of Mrs. Ruth Julian of Winston-Salem and the Weller family of Illinois. The gallery's role will be two-fold: to serve the students as a teaching tool, and to serve the community as a display gallery.

As for exterior changes, there has been some concern raised about building directly toward the heavily-travelled New Garden Road and hence creating a potential noise problem. Certainly, the library and many other buildings are close to the road and small amounts of "white noise" are audible now. As long as architects and campus overseers are sensitive to the noise problem, and are willing to make any necessary revisions in the plans, the problem should be avoided.

Because the plans are ever-evolving, it is difficult to keep current plans displayed. But stay alert and open to the changes going on in the library.

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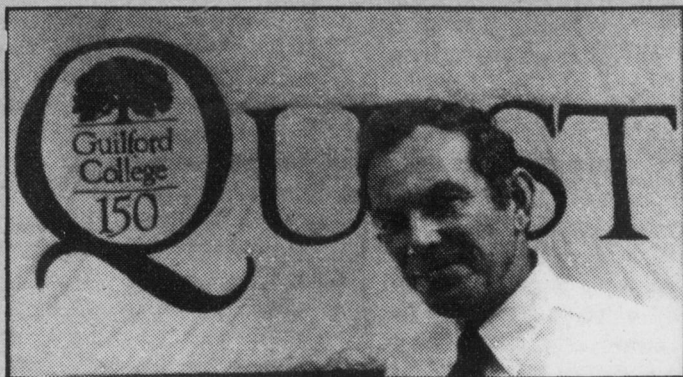
Back in 1982 President Rogers, the faculty, the Board of Trustees and the student senate began discussions about the long-term improvements needed for the College. At that time a private fundraising company was consulted for tips on organizing a campaign to increase the school's endowment. And about 50 companies and individuals were contracted to learn their impressions of the college and what they thought were the school's strengths and weaknesses. This study provided the information necessary to organize the goals of the Quest Campaign.

It is important to note

that Guilford College operates on two separate budgets. The first is the yearly budget, funded primarily by tuition money and some annual gifts. This budget is currently \$12,000,000 per year. A second budget consists of capital investments made to increase the long-term endowment. Back in

1982 the endowment was \$6,000,000; presently it has increased to \$22,000,000. The yearly budget does not provide the money to improve things like; laboratory facilities, office space, building conditions etc. The money to work on these improvements must come from the endowment

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