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Construction! Construction! Will It Be Over?

By Angela Toliver

In hopes of eventually owning all of Anderson High School, the university will own at least 40 percent of the school by the end of July 1983. By then the university will move into the building. The Board of Education will own the other 60 percent.

Anderson High School is scheduled to house the departments of education continuing education and The Graduate Center (operated by Appalachian and A&T universities).

Eventually facilities will be available for the art department. They will include art studios and rooms in which students will be able to teach the various art forms. A gymnasium and physiology lab will be available for the physical education department. A commercial music program is also scheduled to be housed in the high school. The Drama Guild will be able to perform in the auditorium that will seat 400 to 500 people. Evening school students will be housed at the school with possible facilities for an evening school cafeteria and ample parking spaces. The university expects to fully occupy the school by early fall 1983.

In an interview with Mr. Robert Fenning, director of institutional research, plans for the closing of Stadium Drive were disclosed. "Of course this will cause further problems, but the closing will help to build new roads connecting Interstate 40 and Highway 52 with Claremont Avenue and campus," said Fenning.

Traffic will enter or exit through Cromartie Street, behind Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium or by Reynolds Park Road behind C.E. Gaines Complex. This plan will be in effect late spring 1983. A new road, in front of the business building will also be opening at that time.

The east side of Claremont Avenue will be closed for construction to eventually make Claremont Avenue a four lane road with a grass median in the middle. All traffic will be divided to one side of the street. There will be ramps built connecting I-40 and Highway 52 with Claremont Avenue, but they will not be completed until early 1984.

Fenning also revealed plans about the new business building. It is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1983. Business majors will find more classrooms, seminar rooms, large lecture rooms, and labs for office administration majors. Also majors will be able to attend night classes in the new building. The present business building, Eller Hall, will be used for classrooms only.

With the nursing building already close to completion, occupancy is expected during the spring semester of this school year. Not only will the Division of Nursing occupy the building, but the Medical Technology Program is expected to move into the building.

When the nursing division finally moves, the Division of General Studies will move from Hall-Patterson Communications Building into the old nursing building leaving more space for the Department of Communication Arts.

Wallace Street

By Gail Bohannon

What might seem sudden to come, might have been a long time coming to others. This is the case in the reconstruction of Wallace Street which is currently being converted from the main campus entrance to a pedestrian mall. Although the project is taking place along with other renovations and construction, the original plans were part of a master plan dating back to 1976.

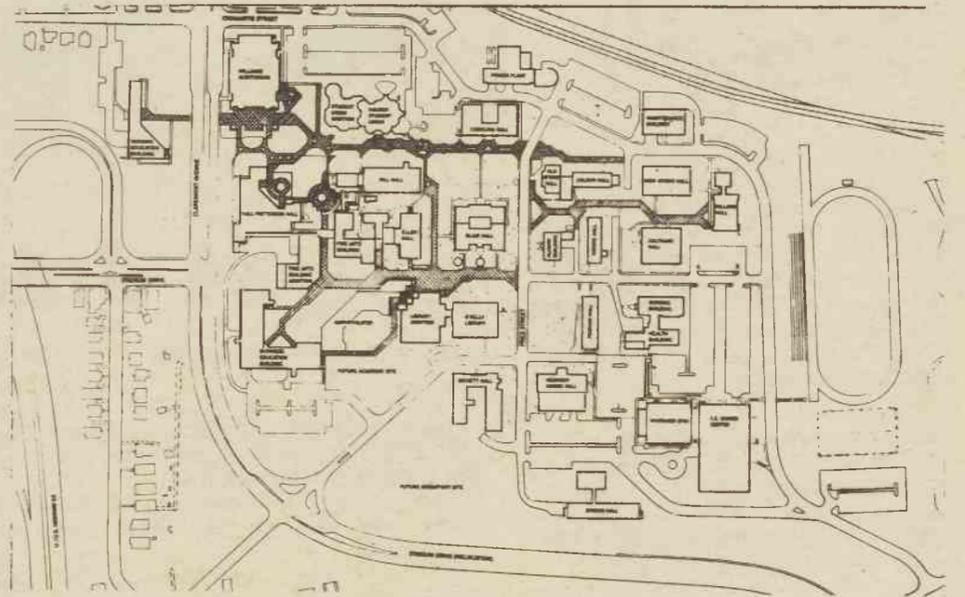
Before construction could get underway, a new entrance road that runs between O'Kelly Library and Bickett Hall had to be constructed, and some additional parking lots had to be built to accommodate the loss of parking spaces that were on Wallace Street.

Robert Fenning, director of institution research, expects the mall to be extended another block from the continuing education building (old Chancellor's home) to Colson Hall by next fall, then eventually spreading on to Bank Street (between Blair Hall and O'Kelly Library. This area is generally used as the campus exit). Since the project is state funded, it is difficult to pinpoint a date.

An extension of O'Kelly Library and other parking areas will be constructed before the entire mall area is completed which will be during the 84-85 school year.

New curbing, guttering, and sidewalks will be installed with a large portion of the mall made up of brown, red, and gray Z-bricks which gives a cobblestone effect. There will be ground and elevated planters which will consist of Maple, Birch, Pine and Dogwood trees, as well as low growing plants such as Purpleleaf and Wintergreen. Bicycle racks, park benches and light fixtures will also highlight the mall.

A total of \$245,000 has been estimated for the cost of the entire project. According to Fenning, the Wallace Street Mall should be completed just in time for Homecoming, and the remainder of the construction finished by 1985.



100 Percent Pass Nursing Exam

By Loretta Leak

All six of the 1982 WSSU nursing graduates who took the state licensing examination this year passed it after the first writing according to Mrs. Sadie Webster, acting director of the Division of Nursing.

There were 10 graduates in May, however, two of the graduates had passed the examination earlier, but came back to get degrees.

This is the first time WSSU has had actual 100 percent pass rate. Last year 64 percent of the graduates passed the exam the first time.

Of the 12 graduates who took the test at A&T this summer, 8 passed, (64 percent.)

At N.C. Central, 92 percent of the graduates passed the exam; 12 of the 13 who took it. Both schools had higher scores than last year.

There's a new series of state board testing which is now an integrated approach. In the past students took five tests

and had to score a minimum of 350 points. Currently, students take only one test, and have to score at least 1600 points. "The new licensure exam measures the ability of the nurses to perform minimal safe practice," stated Webster. She closed in stating, "The acting director and members of the faculty as well as the administration are very pleased with the results that have been displayed by the graduates as well as the progression that is being made in the nursing program."

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