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More Research Materials Needed In Campus Library

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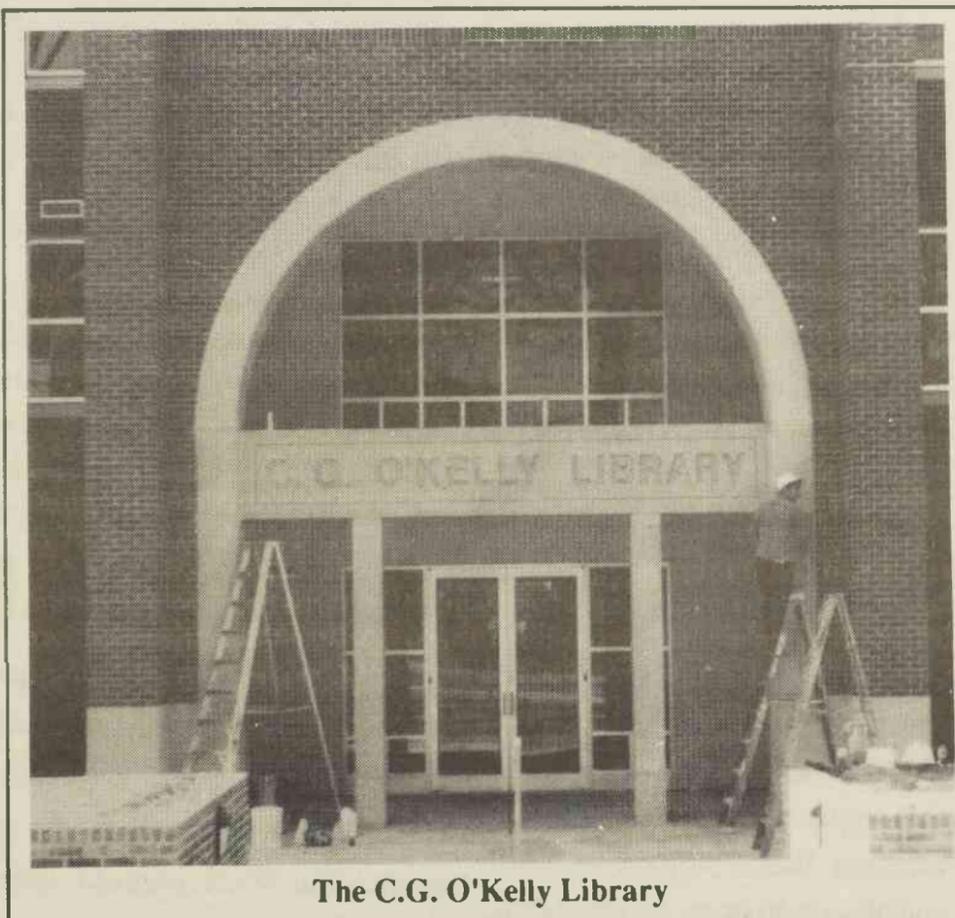
Winston-Salem State University's C.G. O'Kelly Library is a source for academic research materials for students enrolled at the school. But lately some WSSU students have been finding it difficult to locate the materials they need in the library.

Some students feel the resources available are not up-to-date or just are not there at all. The students sometimes complain about having to do their research elsewhere because of the lack of resources at C.G. O'Kelly Library.

"I feel as though the library does not have enough materials handy, and it takes too long to get them," said Roderick Murray, a junior Mass Communications major.

Contrary to what some students may think, the library contains sufficient sources of materials if one is willing to look for them. The library houses several informational resources such as computers, the Reference and Serials Area and the Periodicals Area.

The Reference and Serials Area



The C.G. O'Kelly Library

includes materials that relate directly to a specific subject matter. Mrs. Vickie Miller heads this department and she suggests that students, "use a wider body of knowledge" when doing their research. Students should be able to go to the computers, journals, reference books, etc. to explore a subject to its fullest extent.

According to Mrs. Miller the

library's staff tries to keep book selections updated and basic book collections for various subjects. What students and faculty request also plays a vital role in what books the library will order. If something is continuously requested the staff will try its best to honor that request.

Dr. Mae Rodney, O'Kelly's director of Library Services, says

the library has been making an effort to improve the Periodicals Collection since 1985. One of these improvements includes the installation of an additional business database. This new addition, the ProQuest Business Periodicals on Disk, will increase the business articles holdings to 400.

Moreover one of the biggest problems of keeping library resources current is a lack of funds. Each subject area has its own budget. The budgets vary in size and sometimes more books may be purchased in one area than in another. The price of books also reflects book buying power and there are more books published annually than the library can afford to buy.

According to Mrs. Miller students can also receive library information from "Library Facts" a radio show aired on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on WSNC-FM 90.5, the campus radio station. This program is geared towards giving students valuable tips on how to use materials and resources available at the C.G. O'Kelly Library.

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