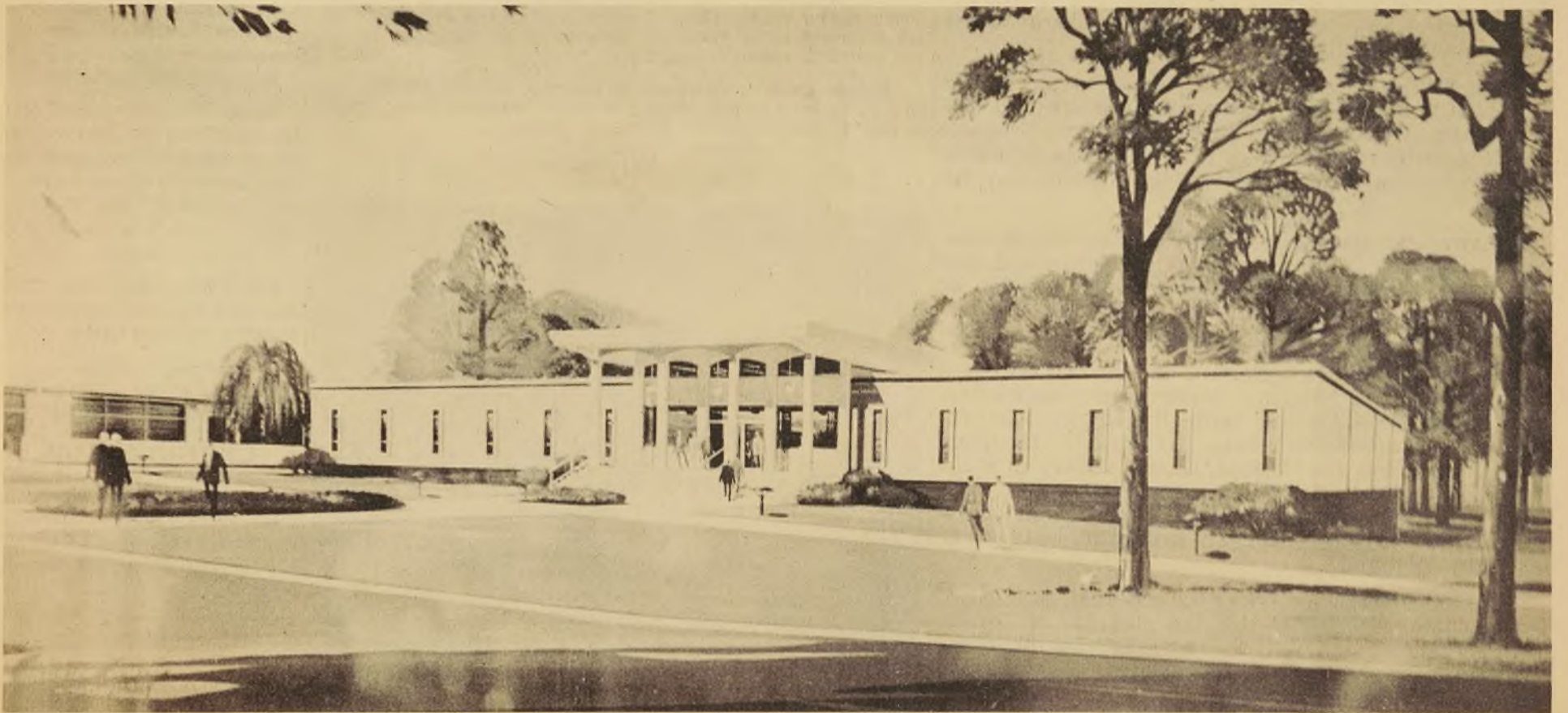


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Artist's Rendering Of Building 300

NEW BUILDING READY FOR SEPTEMBER

Students planning to attend Rowan Tech this fall will be the first student body to use Building 300.

The new building is being constructed for a total cost of almost \$400,000. Approximately 27,000 square feet is being finished with 9,000 square feet unfinished.

The business office, certain administrative offices, educational resource center, classrooms and labs will be located in the new facilities. Also included will be several conference and seminar rooms.

The educational resource center will include auto-tutorial instructional aids, library service and audio-visual services.

Furniture for the new building has been ordered and should begin arriving within the next few weeks.

Although the building is intended to provide relief for the over crowded facilities being used at present, enrollment projection for the 1969-1970 term indicate that even with the additional space, the institute will be unable to house on campus all of its instructional activities.

Rowan Tech is rapidly becoming an educational center for the community and its facilities are in constant demand by businesses, industries, and civic organizations for their educational program needs.

Located in the Piedmont crescent, Rowan Tech must be geared to meet the educational needs of the rising population and increased industrial activities.

Graduates from Tech's program are being requested as business and industries recognize the quality of instruction being given at the Institute.

An open door admission policy provides for the maximum development of all of the community's human resources. All individuals are allowed to develop their fullest potential and return to the community to contribute more to its economic growth and development. Most

of Tech's students continue employment while pursuing their educational programs, thus adding to available manpower for the community's personnel needs.

The social needs of the community are also being met by the Institute. RTI serves as a center for transmission of ideals and total community values. Sitting in classes and conferences with persons from all walks of life assists individuals in reaching a broader understanding of others in the community.

Because of the endless number of benefits to the commu-

nity's people in both social and economic matters, Rowan Tech is certainly destined to become one of the area's prime centers of activity.

Long range plans are presently being studied by Tech's Board of Trustees with needed program and campus development concern on top of their agenda.

What Rowan Tech can do for the community is limited only to dreams. The growth and development needed to make dreams become realities is within attainable limits for the community's people.

Rowan Tech Graduate Becomes Head Mechanic

Because of family obligations and transportation costs, Mr. Clay Thomas, who resides at 108 West Ketchie Avenue in China Grove, could not attend a school out of the Kannapolis-Salisbury area. He, therefore, enrolled at Rowan Technical Institute in the sewing machine mechanics trade and graduated in 1965.

After graduation, Mr. Thomas was employed for three years as a sewing machine mechanic. He is now head mechanic at Manhattan Shirt Company in Salisbury. He is in charge of the repair and adjustment of approximately 350 machines and supervises six other mechanics. He is also in charge of all plant maintenance.

In addition to attending Rowan Technical Institute, Mr. Thomas has attended two conference seminars at Paul River in Manhattan concerning the Button Robot Fad Unit and Sab Unit. He has also studied automatic



Mr. Clay Thomas, a 1965 graduate from Rowan Tech, is now head mechanic at Manhattan Shirt Company.

pocket set machines at Waltham in Massachusetts.

Mr. Thomas is the father of two children. They are Tammy, age 6, and Sherry, age 4. His wife is the former Alice Johnson of Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Spring Registration March 6, 1969

Registration on March 6, 1969 marked the beginning of the spring quarter at Rowan Technical Institute.

For the senior students who worked diligently during the 1967-68 school year and returned for the fall quarter which began the 1968-69 school term, this was a memorable event.

Spring registration marked the beginning of the remaining three months of school at Rowan Tech for some senior students and the last six months of school for others.

Spring registration was a significant occurrence for the freshmen, also. They, too, have achieved a percentage of their goal—the completion of the first year of study at Rowan Tech.

No longer were these questions in the mind of each registrar: "Is all this really worth it? What am I really doing here? What do I expect to achieve?"

With the careful guidance of the efficient staff and faculty at Rowan



Students relax after registering and purchasing books.

Technical Institute, freshmen and seniors realize that they are enrolled to increase their knowledge, to develop occupational proficiencies, and to continue their personal growth as responsible citizens in a democratic society.

Rowan Tech provides opportunities for the acquisition of the necessary knowledge and skills that will aid in initial employment and occupational growth.

The Herald commends all students for their constant endeavors.

Tech Graduate Makes Dean's List

Charles London, 1968 R.T.I. graduate, has made Dean's List at North Carolina State University at Raleigh according to an announcement by the Dean's office.

Charles was the President of the Student Government Association while at Rowan Tech.

He received the A.A.S. Degree in Electronics Technology.