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Campus Readies For New Building

Students returning to Rowan Technical Institute this fall may have thought themselves in "another world"—and rightly so because the Rowan Tech campus had taken on a "new" look. This "new" look was the result of the completion of a modern, two-level building now known as building three hundred.

This new building, made of off-white brick, is valued at approximately \$400,000. Each level has 18,000 square feet of floor space.

The ground level floor houses the main entrance lobby, the business office, and new and greatly enlarged library, and Administrative offices for President Merrill Hamilton and Administrative Assistant Kenneth Payne.

The Library, approximately four times the size of the original library, will hold 12,000 volumes. An additional \$5,000 worth of books and material have been ordered.

The library, covered with blue-green carpet, is furnished with forty two individual study carrels and the usual tables and desks. Up to one hundred students can be seated at one time. Adjacent to the library is a storage room for films, projectors, tapes, and the librarian's office and workroom.

A secretarial science for forty students and a business machine laboratory are included in the new building also.

Due to the new practical nursing classrooms and labs, practical nurse education is being taught on campus for the first time since the program has been offered. The students were taught at A. T. Allen School last year at Haven Lutheran Church the year before. In the Rowan Tech labs, nursing students will be taught the basics through the use of a fascinatingly equipped mannequin and her baby. The lab is also equipped with beds and other hospital paraphernalia. The student nurses will continue to study the real thing at Rowan, Cabarrus and Stanly hospitals.

The back side of the main core of the building contains a classroom, storage closets, and small first aid room, faculty offices, and rest rooms.

On the left side of the main lobby is President Merrill Hamilton's office, connected with that of Kenneth Payne by a board and conference room and a small kitchenette.

The front half of the bottom floor is unfinished and it will be used as a storage area.

The electrical shop, moved from the first building, now occupies the rear portion of the new structure along with five new fire labs. The area previously used for the electrical shop has been used to enlarge the refrigeration and air conditioning labs. Moving the fire and safety technology department from the small building



Students Welcome New Building

in the rear makes it possible to enlarge the welding shop and create a maintenance and storage area for the school.

The new fire labs serve a variety of purposes. One contains a flame test tunnel, one of only two or three in the United States. Students using the tunnel will be able to test the burning rate of any material. This is an especially valuable feature for those going to work with insurance.

Extinguisher labs, fire alarm systems labs, and wet labs are included also. For example, the wet lab is equipped with a hydraulic system so constructed that students can observe what happens in a whole water system. There is also an outside pump with a 10,000 gallon capacity pit so the water can be reused. The wet room also has sprinkler systems so that students can trip them and see sprinkler patterns.

The Administrative and business offices in the original building are now being used for student personnel. The old student personnel office is now used by the dean of instruction and his assistants.

Space formerly occupied by the library will double the size of the student lounge.

The former school area amounted to 44,000 square feet. With the new building the area totals 71,000 square feet, but this still isn't enough to meet the needs of an ever expanding student body.

A total of 700 full time students, including 360 to 375 full time day students plus part time students, were expected for the fall quarter. A school contains more than 85,000 square feet of space is needed for a student body of this size. Because of the present and future need for space, Rowan Tech is concerned with moving

on with plans for the unfinished portion of the building.

The building was designed by local architect Bob Stone and construction began a year ago by Gray Construction Company of Lexington who has the general contract; G. B. Weaver and Sons, electrical work; Comfort contractors, heating and air conditioning, and Loflin Plumbing and Heating of Jamestown, plumbing. Other costs plus the architect's fee brought total cost of the building to \$399,000. Furniture valued at \$200,000 was moved from the first building, equipment will be moved from the Salisbury Fire Station and A.

T. Allen School, and \$30,000 worth of new furniture was purchased to bring the total value of the furniture and equipment to approximately \$250,000.

We the students and faculty of Rowan Tech are very appreciative for this new building. With the cooperation of the students the building facilities will last for many years. Equipment in the new building is for student use and students should please use it with care and consideration for its value. We should try to make use of the equipment so as to gain better knowledge for our future.

Weinee Roast

September 11, 1969 opened the social season for Rowan Tech. A Bonfire Weiner Roast, sponsored by the SGA, was held on the fire grounds below the parking lot. This casual get-together afforded students an excellent opportunity to make new acquaintances, renew old friendships and just have a good time. However, few students took advantage of this opportunity and the Bonfire was a mild success.

Although the crowd was less than hoped for, all who came enjoyed delicious refreshments and had a grand time. After refreshments, everyone was entertained by a mystifying magical act, performed by Mr. George Kluttz with Debbie Kluttz and Rita Bast assisting. His act ranged from telling jokes to an amazing "switcheroo" in a replica of Houdini's death trunk. Mr. Kluttz's entire act was a pleasure to

watch. His baffling feats of magical mystery left the audience spellbound and thoroughly pleased.

Although dancing behind building 100 had been planned after the magic act, it was agreed that due to the cold weather we would by-pass this. However, for those who attended our first social, the night was well worth the time and effort involved. The only drawback was the lack of participation by the students. The main purpose of such a casual social as the Bonfire was to help get students of different curriculums together and get to know one another. This was the object of the Student Government when planning this event. We hope there will be greater interest in various socials planned for the year. Everyone should try to enjoy himself and take a break from studying once in a while.

Alumni Meet

The first meeting of the Rowan Tech Association of Alumni, was held at Ketner's Cafeteria. Congressman Earl Ruth, was guest speaker.

Included in the agenda was installation of officers and appointment of committees for the coming year. Registration for the event was held at 6:30 at Ketner's Cafeteria, and dinner was served at 7:00 p.m.

Graduates, alumni and friends were later adjourned to the Crystal Lounge at the College Community Center for the 9:00 p.m. annual Graduation Ball.

Officers for the coming year were installed. They are as follows: Joe Smith, president; Sylvia Carlyle, vice president; Joe Walton, treasurer; Barbara Taylor, secretary.

What . . . No Mud Puddles?

This article is dedicated especially to the Freshman class. Little does this class realize they missed the biggest events of the years at Rowan Tech. We sophomores should consider ourselves to be the lucky ones. This group hasn't lived until they have jumped mud holes, squeezed mud between the holes in their shoes and brushed wet mud off of their clean clothes that was splashed upon them when they came in contact with a passing car. It was all a lot of fun. It takes the place of play period that we were so accustomed to in grammar school.

In case you haven't discovered what we are talking about; its the muddy old parking lot we use to squabble through every rainy day of last year. It's a shame the fun-filled days of mud and water are over. Actually, we are very thrilled these days are over.

Through hard work and hours of begging, the school staff was able to have our parking lot paved. We are deeply grateful that no longer we have to trod through the mud. The paved lot is not only a luxury to the students, but also improves the appearance of our campus.

This new parking lot still presents some problems. Some students insist on taking up two parking places with their expert parking and parking outside of the indicated line. Parking in the drives is not only hazardous for the drivers car, but it also ties up traffic as traffic can only flow in one direction. Students should please park in the provided spaces and not across the yellow lines. There seems also to be a considerable number of litter bugs in our school. Litter in the parking lot not only looks bad but some of it is dangerous. Several bottles have been run over and this causes some students a real inconvenience. Let us make one last request. Please do not litter the parking lot and obey all the parking regulations. Who knows, one of these days they might even build a BIGGER parking lot.