

Bids for Complex

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University officials announced last Wednesday that bids for the UNC-C sports center came in well below the \$3.4 million construction budget. Apparent low bids totaled \$2.5 million, opening the way for a series of optional features designed to improve sports facilities planned for the center, UNC-C's most costly construction project to date. Construction of the sprawling sports center is scheduled to begin early next year and is expected to take more than a year.

Athletic Director Murphy, pleased with the unexpectedly low bids, said that options were now open for synthetic flooring for the center's basketball court and an acoustical ceiling for the nine-lane olympic-sized swimming pool. The artificial floor, and nylon and rubber composition, would be able to withstand street shoes and football spikes without wear.

Besides the symnasium and swimming pool, the center will contain handball courts, gymnastics rooms, steam baths and 30,000 square feet of offices, classrooms and research space.

School officials caution that the bids have not yet been awarded. The bids, including the alternate projects and approval by federal offices and University controllers remain to be verified. The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare contributed \$1 million to the total budget for the center.

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feel comfortable about our aims. The solutions seem partial. It is not easy to find ways to help each other," Dr. Miller observes. "The matter suggests the most perplexing question in the whole of education: given the investments and the state of the art, what has gone wrong?" He feels that "a new wisdom for helping all of us find community is the most urgent challenge of education." He urges that this sense of community must begin first on campus.

"We must make contact here among ourselves as the first step," Dr. Miller emphasizes.

He regards the Charlotte newspapers' reaction to the recent "Bitch-In" on campus as a healthy sign of communication between the University campus and the community. The community, he feels, is just as anxious for this involvement as is the University. By community he means not only Charlotte, but the entire surrounding region.

"One of the bravest things a society can do," comments Dr. Miller, "is create a University in its midst. The University is really a critic of society, although a benevolent critic."

He feels that the University must fulfill this role of critic of society or otherwise "society will become barbaric."

"My basic contribution, with the help of many others," Dr.

Miller says, "is to insure that this relationship of help and mutual criticism develops between UNC-C



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and the larger community."

In this age when technological advances have far outstripped the human aspects of the knowledge thus accumulated, Dr. Miller emphasizes the fact that people are hungering for some place to fit in, some group to which they can belong. He points out that the University can help in this problem if it sets up this relationship of mutual caring with the larger community. The question his studies propose is "What can the University do to bring a sense of wholeness to the people?"

"Modern man is not perhaps as efficient in understanding himself and his fellows as primitive man," Dr. Miller muses. The University and the Church must provide and are struggling to offer some concept to bridge this gap between technology and values.

"The great temptation of UNC-C," he feels, "is to become what Universities have become in the last ten years—a place where

people are doers, not thinkers, where they are concerned with instrumental aspects rather than the integrative aspects."

"This is the great opportunity we have here," Dr. Miller continues. "We have a chance to employ new ways in speaking to the community."

Dr. Miller considers the office of planning studies a "process, not an office." He wants to make this process a permanent part of the University development in which people find enjoyment in asking "Where ought we to be in a decade?" and in making plans for the future.

"The student newspaper is vitally important in building this feeling of community on campus and in starting the dialogue between this University and the surrounding region," Dr. Miller emphasizes. "It's one place which provides an overall forum where students, faculty, and administrative men can all throw in ideas and criticism."

Dr. Miller's wife is a professor at Queens College and he has three children—a son who is working on his Ph.D. at Penn State, a daughter attending West Virginia University, and a teen-aged son at home. He was associated with Michigan State for seventeen years and then served as president of West Virginia University before working in HEW.

"I really see this work as a help

to students and faculty to see through what we want this place to become," remarks Dr. Miller concerning his position as Director of Planning Studies. "This office is a servant of that goal."

Dr. Miller has many plans and hopes for the future of this University. Most important of all is that he wants "this place to be a place where things are talked about, a place that cares."

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Dear Rod,
Thanks for the copies of the newspaper that you've been sending to me. It's a link with home, and I'm glad to see that at least some college students are concerned with something other than race riots and anti-war demonstrations. Those of us who are over here are real tired of hearing about people who don't believe in what we're doing in Viet Nam. Some times I begin to wonder if I really want to come home at all. I just don't understand why all men can't get together and try to erase this racial unrest. This militancy and raving and "burn, baby, burn ... Get whitey! ... soulbrother ... black power ... We want our freedom and we want it now even if we have to fight for it" talk is nothing but a bunch of trouble starting crap. How can a man worship the martyred Kennedys and Dr. King out of one side of his mouth and talk about killing fellow Americans out of the other?

real enemy is. The Viet Mienh are over here butchering anybody who doesn't agree with them. Unhappiness and violence are personified in the situation over here, and God knows what it would be like if our troops pulled out. As my first Christmas away from home draws close, I see how much there is for an American to be thankful for. Every time I think about it, I want to drop to my knees and thank the good Lord for what I've been given. I know what I wasn't given a white skin that will get me into any wash room in America. And I wasn't given enough money to run from college to college to shout for rebellion. But I was given a sound body and an adequate mind, and I want to use these for the cause of freedom and order in a world where no men are proud that they started a war. I want to see the black man take his rightful place in society, but I'm not in so much of a hurry that I would kill a friend to get it.

(The rest of the letter has been deleted because of its personal nature.)

Tommy

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