

Working in a cloud

Because of a tight budget,
only mandatory and preventive work was pursued.
But with a bond issue
bringing several million dollars to UNA,
more building may be started in the future.

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Under a contract of \$130,000, construction workers sandblasted the Student Union Building and Collier Library this fall at UNA. Though it was of some inconvenience to many students and faculty, the sandblasting was necessary to prevent further deterioration of the buildings.

Because of leaks, Collier Library was also re-roofed under the same contract.

"The sandblasting and re-roofing were simply preventive maintenance," said Roy Stevens, executive vice president. "All of the construction work was done to prevent any further damage to the buildings involved."

Stevens said that other engineers were presently working to correct heating and air-conditioning problems in the

A cloud of sand enveloped much of the area around the buildings being sandblasted last fall, causing many students irritation and inconvenience. (Photo by Grant Lovett)

Floyd Science Building. Stevens said faulty, worn out equipment was to blame for the problem.

Plans to build a new wing on Collier Library may become a reality as the university will receive about \$3.6 million from the state. Estimated cost to build the new wing is \$2.5 million. The additional money left over from the state will be used to construct a field house behind Flowers Hall.

As additional funding becomes available in the future, other improvements may be made to Wesleyan Hall, Rogers Hall, the heating system at Floyd Science Building, the Student Union Building, and Kilby Elementary School. A plan to construct elevators in Keller Hall and the Floyd Science Building is also being considered.

Stevens said, however, that the Collier Library expansion and the field house construction will have top priority.