

Collier addition, new field house planned

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The University of North Alabama administration has drawn up plans for an addition to Collier Library and a new field house near Flowers Hall. However, these two new additions will not be implemented until the State of Alabama sells out a portion of a 1978 Bond for public schools in the state.

A bond from the State of Alabama involved a total \$60 million for upper and lower level schools in the state. Of that total sum, UNA would receive \$3.2

million. The release of UNA's appropriations will come only when Alabama government officials decide it is economically feasible to sell the bond.

"The economic situation is the main reason why state officials have chosen not to release the money involved with the 1978 bond issue," said Roy Stevens, Executive Vice-President. "When the economic situation improves, the state will more than likely release the money. However, that may be a long time in coming.

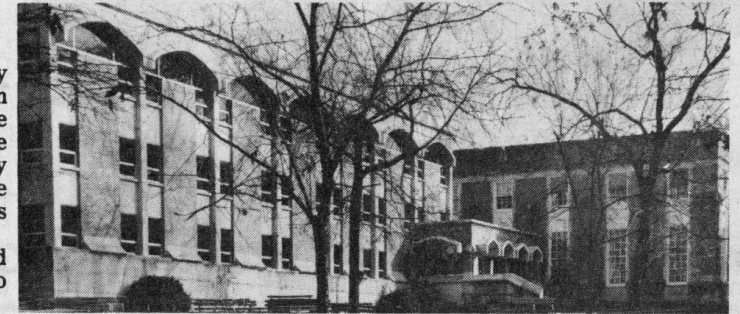
"The plans for the new library addition have already been drawn up," Stevens said. "When the money becomes available by the state, then we can build a library addition and a field house. We have the plans; all we need now is the money."

"The library will be expanded some 25,580 square feet in order to

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accommodate the needs of the University," Stevens said. "As it stands right now, the library is inadequate for the size of enrollment of the university."

Collier Library, built in 1939, was added on to in 1960 and was only partially completed due to the lack of funds in 1965. The new expansion proposed by the university will enable the library to grow north toward Wesleyan Hall. The addition will include an elevator, classrooms, office space, study services, more open stacks and a new reading/study area. The new addition will cost over \$2.3 million.

A new field house, though not drawn up by architects, will be built near Flowers Hall in order to house intercollegiate football and

baseball. The new building will compensate for space lost due to the growth of enrollment and the addition of women's athletics. The new field house will contain additional office, dressing rooms, storage and will eliminate overcrowding in other areas of the building. Featured in the field house will be an audio-visual room, weight, rooms, showers, and additional equipment and laundry rooms. The field house is expected to cost around one million.

"The university does not have the money to build these new structures," Stevens said. "These plans depend on the outcome of the bond issue."

While plans for a library expansion and a new field house

continue, the Hall-Watson Construction Co. will soon begin construction on curative work on the outside of Wesleyan Hall and the renovation of the Math Building.

Old mortar and bricks will be replaced on the outside and some window-work will be done on Wesleyan Hall. The Math Building will be renovated to include a new central air system, new windows and complete interior renovation. Construction of both structures will be completed by July 31.

All Who's Who recipients are urgently requested to meet in the Amphitheater at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Diorama photos. In the case of bad weather, the group will meet in the basement of Bibb Graves.