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uke Announces Expansion

Ground Broken For Library

Ground was broken this afternoon for the new \$7 million addition to the library. President Knight and Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, University Librarian, presided over the ceremony.

The library addition is the first building in a series of projects of University expansion that Dr. Knight will announce tonight at the Convocation. The addition will be a six-level modern gothic structure located behind the present library. It is expected to be finished in February 1968.

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A c ording to The Fifth Decade, the correlation between library size and the quality of a university is being more strongly realized in academic circles. The University library has failed to keep pace with the community's needs, finding itself lacking space for required books and the people who must use them. Since the strength of the library is fundamental to the strength of every academic department, the library addition is urgently needed to fill the growing need for more books. The present library seats only 900 readers and has space for 850,000 volumes. Enrollment in the University is now 6,533 and there are over 1,716,000 books in the library. Many of the books are now in storage in inaccessible places.

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"Our faculty, trustees and alumni may feel that this is true and relate it to the campaign which we formally launch today for \$102.8 million.

"And all of them would be right—September 23, 1965 will go down in Duke's history, I believe, as a deeply significant date.

"For the past six years we—st ud e nt s, faculty, trustees and alumni—have been planning for this day. Today is the day of action that justifies those plans.

"Today we make public our Master Campus Plan."

President Knight

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ARCHITECT'S PLANS FOR LIBRARY ADDITION: The new \$7 million dollar addition to the library will rise behind the old library in the Chemistry parking lot, Scheduled for completion in 1968, it will double present library size.

Major Land **Purchase** Will Make One Campus

The University has acquired the bulk of the land between the East and West campuses, Wright Tisdale, chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced today. The tract, which extends as far north as Erwin Road and as far south as present University property along Campus Drive, was purchased from the Burlington Foundation.

This purchase is the keystone in the University's new one-campus master-plan which was also revealed today. Future development of the University is planned to take place on the land between the present campuses.

The importance of the new plan was explained to the Chronicle by President Douglas Knight: "For the first time since the completion of the West Campus in 1930 we have made a commitment involving the whole university is tradition of Trinity College. Today our problem is that standard to the composite life of the University is tell, as distinct from the long-standing tradition of Trinity College. Today our problem is that store relating the sense of the University is tell, as distinct from the long-standing tradition of Trinity College. Today our problem is that store as the University's position in its able leadership by Dr. Knight lee, Chairman of the Turstees, in increase the University's stature graph of the University is new \$6 million engineering complex. Now in the landing stage, construction of these buildings could start as soon as next fall.

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With construction started on the men library, the top item on the priority list is a new \$5 million facility for the chemistry department. Construction of the building, to be located between Biological Sciences and the Law School, is expected to start this spring. The strikingly modern building will be unlike anything ever built at the University, which has allowed the architects to submit the design to international competition.

The present Chemistry Building will be renovated for use by history and English departments. The Engineering Building will be computer Center and will house the mathematics and geology departments.

New Woman's Dorm
Plans for a new woman's dormitory behind Southgate are being drawn up. The building should be started within a year. Architects are now being interviewed for the first phase of the proposed \$3.5 million Fine Arts Center also to be built on East Campus.

The master plan also reveals a The master plan also reveals a network of parking garages, more dorms for both men and women, a Woman's College Student Center, and a Duke-Durham Center for the Performing Arts as well as expansion and modernization of physical education facilities and the Woman's College Library.

Goal: \$102.8 Million

Fund-Raising Drive Launched

"When the relatively small size of the Duke alumni, the comparative youth of the institution as a university, and the general economic status of the area are all taken into consideration, this may be considered the most ambitious capital fund campaign yet undertaken by an American university (or any university) up to the present time."

This morning Mr. George V. Allen, chairman of the Duke \$102 Million Campaign, announced the start of a fund-raising drive to finance the Master Campus Plan that President Knight will announce at the Convocation tonight. Eventual goal of the campaign is \$102.8 million for the first three years of the Fifth Decade.

There will be a need for a total of over \$187.2 million in the next decade, \$110.7 million of which will go to plant additions. Pledged to this goal is \$26.4 million in private gifts in the last several years has more than doubled the amount that existed in 1960-61. When the relatively small size of the Duke

Mr. Allen cited the University's position in the South and its able leadership by Dr. Knight and Mr. Tisdale, Chairman of the Trustees, in his speech. To increase the University's stature under this leadership, a movement must be made to expand facilities. "Duke has suffered in one respect. . . It has always labored under a general impression that it had more money than it knew how to spend." The campaign is necessary to provide money for the projects so badly needed to improve the University's position. "Duke has now reached a plateau—a relatively exalted one when the institutions of the South are measured . . . the times cry out for a breakthrough." The University can no longer be content to call itself a force in the South. It must become a force in the nation as well, according to Allen.

"How can anyone, realizing this potential, fail to be excited by the opportunity open to us?" The fifth decade is the time of action.

Quotations are from Allen's announcement.



MASTER CAMPUS PLAN: President Knight will announce plans for the "Fifth Decade" expansion of the University in his speech at the Convocation tonight. New construction in the next ten years

will be located between East and West on a tract of land recently acquired from Burlington Foundation. This will unite the campuses for the first time since 1930.

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