

## Gilbert next in line for face-lift

■ Planners want to add more classrooms and a center structure to the building

By Maggie Young  
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The expansion of Gilbert Hall, approved last week by the Campus Planning Committee, will provide more classrooms and study rooms, but many of the building's inhabitants feel the 145,000-foot expansion is too extreme.

This expansion will also provide faculty offices resource spaces, learning centers and a center structure, which would connect the four buildings of Gilbert Hall into one cohesive unit and add an expansion wing to the east.

The Charles H. Lundquist College of Business put together a user group to discuss the expansion last year. This group formed because the college realized that it had run out of space, said Dale Morse, dean.

"We wanted a business school that matched our educational goals," said Morse. "So we are creating different classrooms and different student areas."

Gilbert occupies an important space on campus, said Planning Associate Fred Tepfer.

"It would be hard to pick a place that is more important to the campus fabric or plan," Tepfer said.

One goal of the renovation is to make the building more user-friendly, said Chris Ramey, director and architect



Kent Duffy explains the expansion of Gilbert Hall. Duffy is one of the architects in designing the new expansion to Gilbert.

with University Planning. Currently, students experience confusion when entering the building, and the proposed center structure is designed to alleviate this problem, he said.

The center structure will serve as a "symbolic space" bringing students and faculty together, he said.

But there are some concerns about the impact of the expanded building on the rest of the campus. The current proposed structure is too much building for this site, said Robert Melnick, dean of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts.

"The relationship between a recently built large building on

campus and its moderate sized neighbors is disastrous," Melnick said. "We don't want to see that happen here."

Another issue that has come up in response to expansion is that it may actually destroy open space. The currently proposed east wing would eat up an additional 88 feet of open space, according to project architect Kent Duffy.

"What makes our campus different than many is that we have open space that we haven't filled," said Jerry Medler associate professor of political science and committee member.

Construction is set to begin in the summer of 2001.

## BWA holds fall event

■ Black Student Union and the Black Women of Achievement target new students with reception

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New students had the opportunity to learn more about the Black Student Union and the Black Woman of Achievement Friday night at the organizations' fall reception.

The theme of the evening was "Reaching Back to Make a Difference," and about 80 students met the year's executive members and heard from speakers and watched an African dance performance.

Lyllye Parker, an academic advisor at the Office of Multicultural Affairs, spoke at the reception, encouraging African-American students to consider the chances they have for education at the University.

Parker used personal examples to set the tone for her talk, and reminded students of the chances they have for success after gaining a higher education. She said she was one of only two children in her family who attended college, out of her 11 other brothers and sisters. She said juniors and seniors are leaders who can help provide more opportunities to younger students. In addition to Parker's speech, students from Zeta Phi Beta sorority and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity performed the "probate," a dance that is used to celebrate new members joining the sorority and fraternity.

"[The dance] is taken from African dance and modified by the historical black colleges," said Michael Dixon, the external director for the BSU.

Parker said she was glad to see

the new incoming freshmen participating in the reception and the performances.

"I am just overwhelmed by the emotions," Parker said. "See how well the students can build up a community in a short period of time."

Yvonne Stubbs, co-director of

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Kim Jabbie  
co-director, BWA

the BWA, said the reception creates opportunities for not only African-American students but other students as well.

Stubbs hopes more students will get involved with the organization, and someone will be able to step in and take over her position when she leaves in March, 2000.

Dionna Hancock and Kim Jabbie, co-directors of BWA, said the reception is an opportunity to increase students' awareness of African-American students and to let the others know more about the African-American community on campus.

"We expect people of all kinds to come and to meet new people," Jabbie said. "We appreciate all the support that the students have been giving to us, and we can't wait for a memorable year."

Jabbie also wanted to see more new students to participate in the organizations.

Tonya Thorsteinsson, internal director for the BSU, agreed.

"I really like to see a lot of students getting involved and raising their opinions, and just helping out to make the event a success," Thorsteinsson said.

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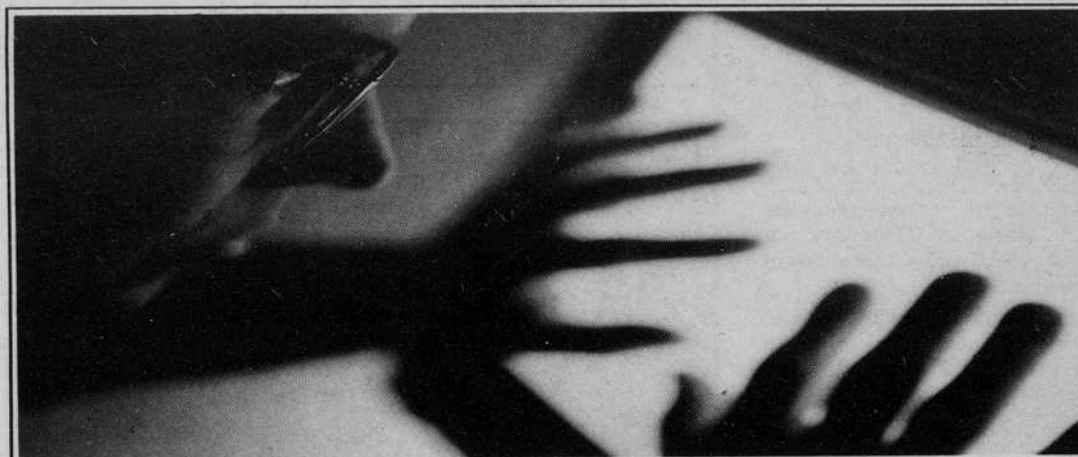
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