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Campus Development Projects Proceed at Wofford

Several campus development projects for Wofford College, approved by the Board of Trustees at its spring meeting, are scheduled for completion by the beginning of the 1989-90 academic year.

These include site preparation for a new residence hall, the installation of a new stadium lighting system and improvement in intramural and athletic fields.

Preliminary work is now underway near the existing Walter K. Greene Hall for construction of a new dormitory building, which will probably have a capacity of 100-140 beds. Although no architectural plans and no final budget for the project have been approved, trustees felt that taking this step would speed up construction in its later stages and avoid disruptions to the campus during the academic year. The board is expected to take further action on the residence hall project at its fall meeting Oct. 3.

Noting that Wofford has been forced to assign an average of 50 students to temporary off-campus housing during recent fall semesters, President Joab M. Lesesne Jr. emphasized that expanding and improving the residence life program does not mean that the college intends to increase its enrollment of about 1100 students. In fact, one phase of the project probably will involve converting some existing housing to student activities space for the social sororities and other groups.

The college's master plan calls for continued emphasis on the Wofford's character as a residential community (nine of every ten students live in on-campus dormitories), and notes an improving
trend in student retention (90 percent of the freshmen return for the sophomore year).

Snyder Field, which is shared by the Wofford and Spartanburg High School football teams, is getting a new lighting system this fall. According to Athletic Director Danny Morrison, the new lights will approximately triple the candlepower available for night events. An improved appearance will be assured by four 90-foot concrete light towers and underground wiring.

In addition to stadium improvements, the college this summer has completed grading, installing an irrigation system and planting new grass on its soccer, intramural and football practice fields.