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Halbouty building to receive \$3.6 million renovation job

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A \$3.6 million renovation of the Halbouty Geosciences Building is scheduled to begin by the first of the year, said Wesley Peel, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction.

When completed, the building will house the Center for Tectonophysics, the geophysics and geochemistry research and teaching labs and the geology department head's office, said Christopher Mathewson, director of the Center for Engineering Geosciences.

"Currently the building has an inadequate layout for a modern college of geosciences," Mathewson said.

The principle reasons for the renovation are inadequate cooling and heating, leaks in the walls and roof and rusty windows, Mathewson said.

Peel said, "Over the years, the waterproofing has deteriorated and water has seeped through the walls. The air conditioning system is in horrible shape and the windows are those old steel-case windows, and they have warped to the point where they won't close. Replacement of the windows will be a major improvement."

In addition to being electrically re-wired, Peel said, new plumbing facilities will be installed, a new heating and cooling system added and a new foam roof applied.

"We are bringing it up to date so that it will be a more useful structure," Peel said. "Structurally it's sound, but the walls and windows are bad."

Peel said the only parts of the building that will be left untouched will be the main lobby, which has been recognized by the Texas Historical Commission for its unique style

design, some stained glass windows and an auditorium on the first and second floor.

"We are taking extra efforts to preserve the historical parts of the building," said Facilities Planning and Construction architect Joe Williams.

The Texas A&M System Board of Regents approved the contract bid of Starstone Construction of Houston to do the refurbishing, Peel said. The project, scheduled for completion in the spring of 1987, will limit the amount of office, research and classroom space for the College of Geosciences, Mathewson said.

"It will be a strain on everybody in the place because of lack of space," he said. "The research labs will have to double up."

Faculty and graduate student offices will be moved to the new addition of Halbouty, and geoscience classes will be taught in various buildings around campus, he said.

A&M center aiding student growth

By JAMES FLOREZ
Reporter

How can you improve your study habits? What does it take to become a better leader? Are you an effective speaker? The answers to these questions and many others can be found in the new Leadership Resource Center (LRC).

Located in the Memorial Student Center Browsing Library, the LRC was established with the student's potential in mind, says Bryan Tantzen, MSC Council assistant for student development.

"Basically," Tantzen says, "the LRC is a resource to be used by all students to become more effective in their roles as student leaders."

Although it was opened on Oct. 21, Tantzen says the idea for the center was not a new one.

"The idea for the center was relatively long lived," Tantzen says. "Plans for the LRC were established

about two years ago. We wanted to have a centralized place where people could come to find resource material."

The MSC Council started gathering materials for the center last year, Tantzen says. The LRC already has a large collection of material on a wide variety of topics.

"Right now we have a collection of 12 notebooks full of articles that range in topics from goal setting to time management to developing study skills," Tantzen says.

"We are also receiving subscriptions to several magazines and have collected numerous books on motivation, effective leadership and how to write and speak more effectively."

Open to all students, Tantzen says, the LRC is an excellent resource for anyone who wants to improve himself.

"The LRC is primarily being used by people in the MSC," Tantzen says. "But it is also a resource for Student Government, the Corps, the

Residence Hall Association — anyone who desires to grow in their leadership capabilities — who is pursuing excellence."

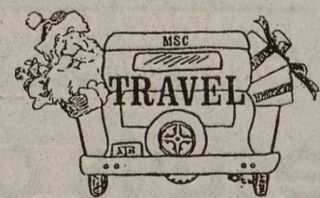
To use the LRC, one must fill out a check-out card and give it to the attendant on duty in the MSC Browsing Library.

Students can check out material for a three-hour period," Tantzen says. "But the materials cannot leave the Browsing Library. We hope to change this policy in the future, but we don't have the funds, right now, to replace materials that are lost or stolen."

The new center is relatively small, but Tantzen says there are plans for expansion.

"It's a constantly growing center," Tantzen says. "We are planning to do some workshops in the spring and hope to build up an audio and video cassette library. We also have more books and magazines on order. I'm really excited about the possibilities."

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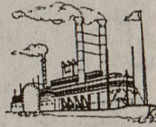
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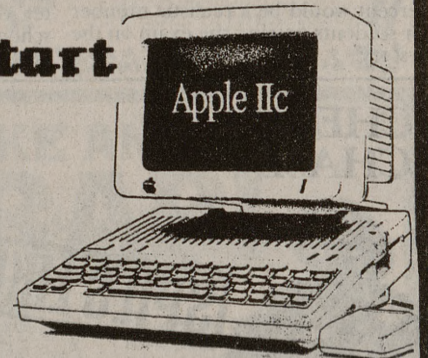
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