

Dear Editor:

On the 300 old library building air conditioning so some replacement parts had to be manufactured. So what? The replaced parts were also manufactured. There is a water-chiller system that worked well for decades. But it was shut down because one of the previous presidents had big plans to destroy the 300 building to put in a road to his planned new office building. So plans to destroy the 300 building are nothing new. Some years back they were looking at getting some people to go under the building, dig down about 13 feet to the bed rock, come up with columns to raise the floor up and hold the floor in place. On that fancy roof what about getting a big sand blaster to clean and etch the roof then put a thick coat of fiber Glasson the roof? On the south side of the 300 building there are stairs that go down to a door that used to have a fallout shelter sign above the door. With the large number of people on campus .. With the number of tornadoes and big storms that fallout shelter could become a much needed storm shelter ... Since the 300 building is supposed to be in such bad shape, then why was money spent a couple of years ago to remodel the inside of the building?

The 600 building is about 75 feet west of the 300 building. The nurses use both buildings. What about building a new building connecting those two buildings? The new building could have the virtual hospital and labs. Since classes rooms have been in use for decades with good results, what is the problem?

I recommend getting a company that knows what they are doing and has a reputation for doing great work to do the needed repairs on those two buildings.

Our courthouse is a lot older than any building on our campus and it is being restored to be put back in use.

It is interesting that there is money for all of the out-of-county campuses but there is not money for our campus. Also consider that in the past there was a difference in tuition cost for in-county and out-of-county students. With in-county students having the cheaper tuition because if the students or their family owned real estate they were paying property taxes to support our college. The out-of-county students paid a higher rate of tuition since they did not pay property taxes. That difference was done away with a couple of years ago.

I have been hearing for some years that classes that were offered here are now only available at campuses that are out of this county. Causing students travel time and expense to take the desired classes. The excuse for that is easy to see because that tactic puts more students and money in out-of-county campuses to make them look better.

A bond is a mortgage on our property. The bond with interest will be in the neighborhood of 10 cents per \$100 valuation with our other tax load we get to buy back a portion of our property each year thrilling isn't it? With the way our money is being destroyed one thing we don't need is more debt also figure in the interest for an added bonus.

As always, students are easy to exploit. This bond deal has been very well set up with a large workforce. If you are against this bond issue you sure need to vote no and encourage other people to vote no.

Our college is very important to me. I have been a student for over two decades taking classes that interest me mainly agriculture, law enforcement and I especially enjoyed the vo. tech shop classes.

I have some very serious concerns about how our college is being managed past, present, and future. My vote is a solid immovable NO.

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