

UWF LIBRARIES
NEW CONSTRUCTION REQUEST
2007-2008

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Department Priority (#3):

Scope of New Construction: New Library Learning/Information Commons

A Library Information/Learning Commons is a collaborative learning space which architecturally and technologically transforms a university in its ability to access, use, and create knowledge.

A Learning/Information Commons should be established and built in John C. Pace library with a central 'Digital Media' lab and media centre to enable 'digital literacy' and campus wide media and new media information possibilities. Information Commons enhance learning, provide new technological possibilities for students and faculty and foster a sense of local and global community through enhanced technological, new media and digital literacy possibilities.

Justification of Need:

The university's strategic mission is to place itself among the best regional comprehensive undergraduate institutions in the US. For this to occur, a leading edge library Information/Learning Commons is essential. With the expanded possibilities for new technologies, a paradigm shift has occurred in academic libraries across the U.S. . This sea change reorients the traditional academic library main floor into an information and learning commons. In an Information Commons, campus library services provide the university community with a centralized, technologically advanced, learning and digitally literate environment so patrons may access, manage, and produce information for the 21st century.

Strategic Planning Priority: Goals No. 1, 2,3 Priority: (1)

Goal One: Promote learning and living environments that encourage the development of communities of learners and individual potential in students, faculty, and staff.

Goal Three: Provide solutions to educational, cultural, economic, and environmental concerns.

Goal Four: Manage growth and development responsibly through focus on continuous quality improvement of programs and processes.

Desired Project Completion Date: December 2008

Signature: _____
(Department Head)

White Paper Proposal Attached