

Nene News

Friday 5th July 1991

Accommodation building works and moves over the summer of 1991

The College is committed to a major programme of building and refurbishment on both campuses. We are unusual in Higher Education in the scale and extent of these improvements. The results will enable Nene to maintain its competitive position in recruiting both staff and students and to lay a firm foundation for future development at a time when the pace and scale of educational change is accelerating. The "good news" is that, when many others in Higher Education are confronting financial crisis, we are generating resources, putting up building and remedying deficiencies.

This circular is provided to keep staff up-to-date with the many new buildings, renovations and accommodation moves which will go on over the summer at Park and Avenue campuses. The circular is divided into two parts: 1) major buildings and renovations and 2) accommodation moves. Before looking at these in detail, however, it is worth signalling to staff that major roofing work, under PCFC's Hunter 2 designation, will take place this summer at Park on the Management and Business block, the Humanities block, the Drama block, the Music, Bar, Students Union roof area, and the "new" Library roof area. Reroofing contractors at Avenue this summer

will replace the flat roofs over the workshops. Separate instructions will be issued to appropriate staff detailing times when areas will be "out-of-bounds" due to the roofing work, and action staff will need to take to protect equipment in rooms over which reroofing will take place.

1 Major Buildings and Renovations

Avenue

The sports hall roof is to be removed, asbestos lining and a new roof constructed at an approximate cost of £80,000. The Sports Hall and its immediate area will be strictly out of bounds for Health and Safety reasons from July 12th. The work is expected to be completed before the start of the Autumn term, so that the sports and other teaching activities can carry on for the forthcoming academic years.

Park

The new Teaching Block is to be built opposite the new laboratories at an approximate total cost of £750,000. This is a two storey

teaching building which has been designed for general teaching, with the exception of approximately 50% of the first floor which will house Podiatry. Plans of the building will be exhibited in the senior staff room at Park. Completion is targetted for the third week of January 1992. Wilcon, the contractors, require all the car park next to the Leathersellers building, with the exception of a small delivery area at the back of that building. They will also require significant space for access to that car park through the car park area opposite the greenhouses and Dutch Barn. The contractors will also require a small strip of land, the greenhouse side of the leylandi hedge, and will have to remove a small part of this hedge to gain access to the building plot. All hedges removed will be replaced.

The Management and Business block extensions, costing around £130,000, are nearing completion. These extensions primarily provide more staff accommodation especially for non-teaching staff, as well as an additional tutorial area.

The four large student residence blocks, Claire, Dodderidge, Kirkby and Dryden, will be completely renovated internally during the summer. From the 30th of June, these residential blocks will be out of bounds to all students. The cost of this renovation is approximately £570,000. (Incidentally, the new student residence building is "on time" and all of the 211 rooms should be completed before the beginning of the Autumn term.)

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2 Accommodation moves over the Summer 1991

Avenue

The computer centre is to move to the LF floor and will incorporate the caretakers room, LF2, LF3, LF6 and LF7. Design and Industry will convert the existing computer centre to its faculty resource area. Disabled access will be provided to the new computer centre. It is proposed that the new switchboard be operated from the area currently known as LF2. The Library will be expanded, and Media Services will move from B24/25 to FF2. The computers in FF2 will transfer to the new computer centre as will those located in C18.

The caretakers will relocate to the Goods Inwards Area and a room next to this area will be used to provide a cleaners rest room, transferred from the room which currently is occupied for that purpose located opposite the canteen.

The Finance Office is moving to the Directorate area at Park to link with the existing Finance Office within that location. Design and Industry will use the space provided at Avenue as a result of the move of the Finance office and convert it to its administration centre. Additionally, Heads of School and appropriate secretarial staff in the Design and Industry faculty will be housed in the area next to, and opposite, the Dean's office.

On the LF floor, the Senior Common Room will become the Junior Common Room with the exception of the "entrance area" post room next door which is to become the new bookshop. The staff dining room will be refurbished and a serving hatch will be knocked through to the former rest room which will become, after decoration, the senior common room.

Other changes include using the main hall as a permanent large lecture hall, redecorating B26, providing the existing large staff car park with a barrier entrance and exit, extending the security fencing to Freehold Street to comply with EEC legislation, and, subject to planning permission, extending the students car park.

Park

The computer centre at Park is to be expanded sufficient to accommodate existing equipment in R13/14 and R15 as well as sophisticated equipment in a new room behind the canteen. R13/14 and R15 are to be converted into teaching staff accommodation. As mentioned earlier, the Finance Office will relocate in the Directorate area; the new location for the Directorate has yet to be established. In the Humanities block extra teaching and office space is being created, as well as a new fire escape corridor constructed. The Careers Office is moving to a vacated flat and the new student Counselling Service will be located alongside.

Nursing 2000 staff will move from the Innovation Centre to flat 2 when that flat is vacated mid September.

Externally, Car Park D will be extended and reserved for staff only. There will be a barrier to this car park. As with Avenue, security fencing will be extended, from the back of the Education and Social Science building to the entrance opposite Nationwide Anglia. A gate will be constructed at that point allowing pedestrian access only and will be closed between 9.15pm and 8.00am Monday to Friday and all day and night Saturday and Sunday. Finally, student toilets are being extended at the front of the main building to provide more toilets including a new disabled person toilet. Cleaners equipment will be housed in a new cupboard erected in the foyer to staff toilets in the main building.

The likely approximate cost of all these accommodation moves is £150,000.

Should you require further information regarding accommodation moves, please contact Mr A Riley in the first instance. If further information is required regarding new buildings and renovations, please contact Mr D Halton.

Under no circumstances should any external contractor be approached or contacted.

Can I take this opportunity to ask for your forbearance and patience over the 1991 summer period. If there are any difficulties, please contact the above people. We will try to sort it out!