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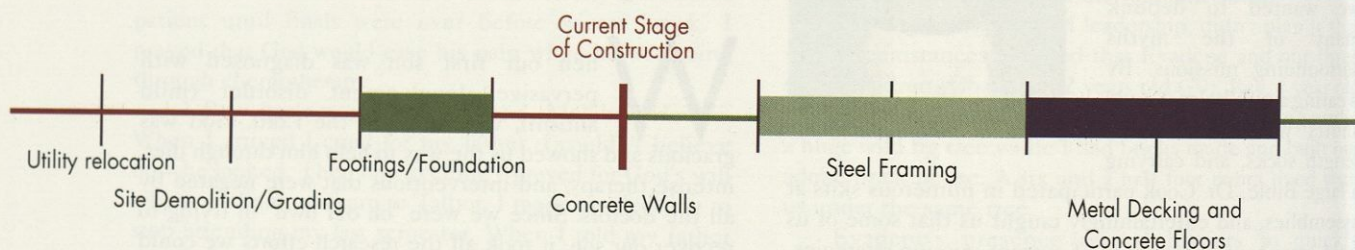
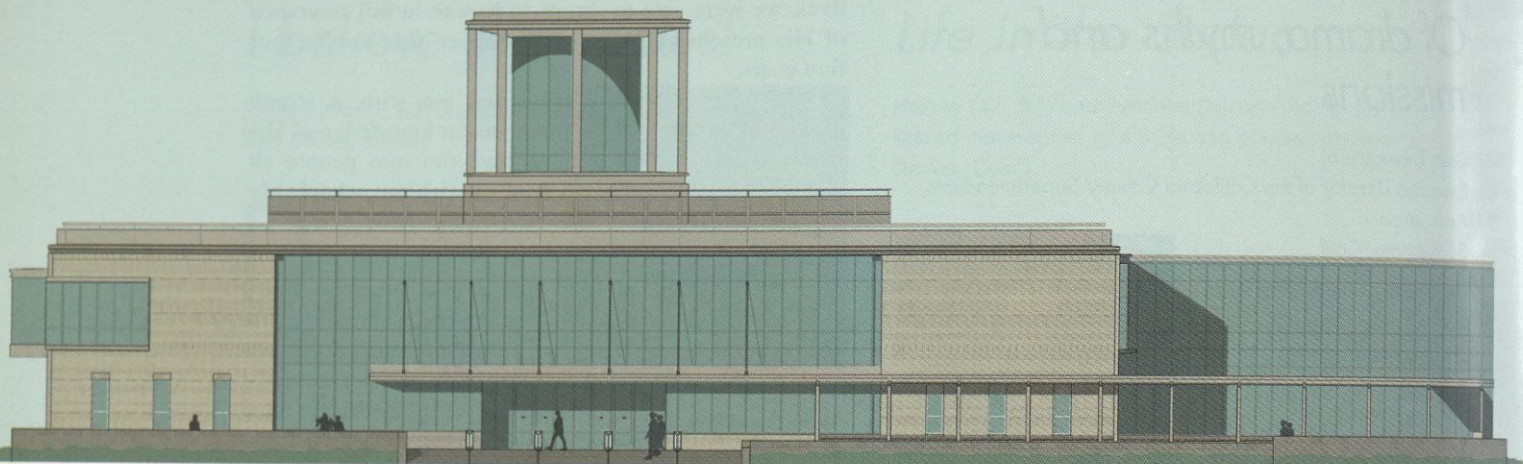
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Library Construction Update

Construction on Biola University's 98,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art library is well underway, with the opening still on schedule for August 2001. And with another record number of incoming students this year, the need for the new library is greater than ever.

During the summer, the sewers, storm drains, high voltage lines, fiber optic cables, telephone lines, and computer cables were relocated. Nearly 10,000 cubic yards of earth were removed from the site, leaving a gaping hole, 185 wide, 215 feet long, and one story deep. The crib wall and the drilling of the 39-foot deep pilings that support the building were also completed.

The next step is the installation of underground plumbing, electrical, phone and computer lines and directing water from Biola's Central Plant for heating and cooling.

The concrete foundation for the building will be completed in October, preparing the way for the erection of the steel framework, which is scheduled to begin in mid October. The underground portion of the library foundation will contain more than 28 miles of steel.

However, the construction will use all currently available cash within nine months. Biola must obtain the remaining \$2 million for the structure and another \$1 million for furnishings by May 2001 so the library can open for the 2001 fall semester.

Any gifts are welcome. To donate to Biola's library project, mail a check payable to Biola University to P.O. Box 3760, La Mirada, CA 90637-3760, and enclose a note designating the gift for the new library resource center. You may also donate by credit card by calling 1-800-632-4652 or give using our new secure online site at www.biola.edu. For other gifts or assistance, please call Biola's Campaign Office at 562-903-4714. ■

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Adding heritage to the library



Jack Keeney and his wife, LaVonne

A generous financial gift to Biola University's new 98,000 square-foot library will pay for the creation of the school's first Heritage Room. The room will preserve Biola's 92-year history and honor those individuals who, through their gifts and sacrifices, have partnered with Biola.

One such individual is Jack Keeney, past owner of Rose Exterminator Company in San Francisco. Mr. Keeney provided the gift for the Heritage Room.

The Rose Exterminator Company was founded by Solomon Rose and later passed on to his son, Daniel Rose, who, with partners, made it a nationwide company. Along with his nephew, Charles J. Menard, they started a branch office in San Francisco in 1931.

In 1935, Mr. Keeney, stepson of Mr. Menard, joined the organization in San Francisco. When Biola moved to La Mirada, Daniel Rose knew that the centerpiece of a successful college campus is a library, and he wanted to make that important facility possible.

His main source of cash was his thriving exterminator business and the closely held stock for the business. He decided to sell his share of the San Francisco company to Mr. Keeney to make the cash available for the construction of Biola's first library, the Rose Memorial Library, which has been an important part of Biola for nearly 40 years.

As time moved on, Mr. Keeney eventually bought all of the existing stock in the San Francisco company. Under his leadership, Rose Exterminator Company continued to grow, and he later sold out to Terminix.

Last year, Mr. Keeney heard about the new library Biola is constructing. After learning how important the new expanded library will be to the campus, he decided to give this donation to Biola for the Heritage Room. He gave this gift in memory of his late stepfather, Charles J. Menard, who originally gave him the opportunity to be part of Rose Exterminator Company. ■

