



This panoramic view of the Buller Hall construction site was taken on August 25, 2010 by Todd Freeman, a programmer/analyst for Information Technology Services.

More memories of Griggs

Memories, memories, how could I not have memories of the old James White Memorial Library? I enjoyed reading the article in the FOCUS about the history of the library. Like [in] other articles that have been written about the library there was the picture of me checking out a book. My first contact with the library was in the Academy. The lower reading room was our domain. In college I worked in the library as the one that kept it clean, then later as a student librarian. My senior year (1952) I opened the library and turned on the lights for the evening group of students. When the last person left, I turned out the lights and locked the doors. About the only buildings left now for visual memories are the old administration building which I guess is now called Nethery Hall, and Lamson Hall that was built while I was there. Also one or two others.

Esther Goldberg Jones (BA '52, MA '69)

While it is sad to see Griggs go, I did enjoy Meredith Jones Gray's article, "Standing the Test of Time" in the spring 2010 issue of FOCUS.

As a religion major in the 1960s I remember several beloved professors not mentioned in her article. These include William Hessel (I read for him in 1963–64), Ivan Blazen (I read for him 1964–1966), E.R. Thiele, Wilber Alexander and Steven Vitrano (Vitrano married Sharon and me on Dec. 25, 1966). In those days the religion department was on the upper floor and modern languages

department on the first floor. Yes, the halls were low, narrow and crowded and the offices were closet-size. But the classrooms upstairs were large, and well-lighted from the large windows.

While the building is gone, the memories will last.

Jeffrey K. Wilson (BA '66, BD '68)

There are a lot of untold stories about the James White Memorial Library (Griggs Hall). My dad, John Dewey Zwemer, was the builder. Yes they built the back-up walls with used brick—in the days before cement block. I was in the fifth grade and had an after-school job of chipping mortar off the old brick. But two stories are worth the space: Cash was at a premium, the building committee was poring over catalogs of library stacks—the prices were all out of sight. Dad suggested they call the top-of-the-line production company and ask what stacks there were presently running. They replied, they were running a large order for the University of Michigan. Dad asked them to send him the specs, which they did. Mr. Holm called the company and got a price for an extra day's run at the cost of the steel. The picture on page 21 of the checkout counter is another story. The librarian wanted wood. Dad told Holm that every librarian would want to change the wood. He suggested tile! No change through at least five librarians. The library was built with only two main floors with three floors of library stacks. The uprights for the stacks were the posts to hold up the floors. They were engineered for

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