

New dorm

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Hall will cor

The University plans to build a new hall with academic offices and residential suites on the Frieze Building's current location, President Mary Sue Coleman announced yesterday.

The Frieze Building, which Coleman and most other administrators acknowledge is so dilapidated that renovations are unfeasible, will be torn down in 2006 under the plan. The academic departments housed in it will be relocated to various parts of the campus during construction. The new hall should open in 2008.

"I want this building to be a new gateway for the University," said Coleman, who wants the building to house both academic and residential life. "It's in a great location, so that students from all over the campus can come and utilize the space."

The announcement is a product of years of administrative plans to build a new residence hall, mostly for upperclassmen. The University has not built a new residence hall in 30 years. The University undertook the task of renovating on-campus housing partly because of an increased demand for upperclassmen housing.

In December, University Housing administrators plan to present the University Board of Regents with a concept, budget and architectural firm to construct the new hall.

"This is what we need to do. This is what students have been asking for," Coleman said.

While design plans have not been set and a name for the new hall is up in the air, many administrators, including Coleman, have posited the name "North Quad." The hall will most likely feature suite-style rooms and common lounges, holding at least 500 students and towering about six or seven stories.

The Carnegie Library — an architectural "treasure," next to Frieze, Coleman said — will also stay intact and may be renovated to become "a digital library for the new millennium."

The hall will have one distinct difference from other residence halls — it will house academic departments from LSA. The concept is directly in line with Coleman's desire to integrate academics with residential life.

"For me that's part of what's so unique about it," Vice President for Student Affairs E. Royster Harper said. "It will open up the space for other people that have that (academic) passion as a hobby."

Administrators discussed the possibility of a screening room for Film and Video Studies, a video production lab, See **HOUSING**, Page 9A

'North Quad'

Vision for new hall

■ Frieze Building will be torn down in 2006 and a new hall should be built by 2008.

■ The hall will house at least 500 beds, many in suite-style rooms

■ During construction academic departments will be moved from Frieze to various locations around campus