

TCU raises library funds by deadline

Thanks to "eleventh hour" gifts and pledges, Texas Christian University was able to raise the \$10 million necessary for expansion of the Mary Coats Burnett Library.

A Dec. 31 deadline was attached to two \$2 million donations, one from Cecil H. and Ida Green of Dallas, who started the fund drive, and the other from the Anne Burnett Tandy and Charles D. Tandy Foundation. Neither grant would have been given if TCU failed to raise the rest of the \$10 million goal by the end of the year.

T.J. Brown and C.A. Lupton Foundation also announced a \$2 million donation.

The university reached the \$10 million goal during the last four days of 1980, with pledges and gifts from individuals, charitable foundations and student organizations. As late as two weeks before the deadline, TCU still was \$1.2 million short of the goal.

TCU Chancellor William E. Tucker announced Monday that the library expansion will begin in late spring.

"Students and faculty at TCU have joined trustees in designating library expansion as the top priority in the university's development plan," Tucker said. "Thanks to the extraordinary commitment of alumni, private foundations and other friends, campus and community users of the TCU library will have an expanded and improved facility in which to use an outstanding and growing academic collection."

Expansion plans are for a 75,000-square-foot addition and renovation of the existing 80,000-square-foot building.

The library, which holds the eighth-largest academic collection in the state, will add its millionth volume later in January.

Paul Mason, chairman of the board of First National Bank of Fort Worth, led the task force of TCU trustees who secured the gifts and pledges for the project.

Of the \$10 million total raised. \$7.5

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million will be used for construction of the new facility, remodeling the interior and renovation of the exterior of the present building as well as furnishings for both. The balance will be designated for endowing the library's operations and services.

Major commitments of \$250,000 or more came from the Abell-Hanger Foundation of Midland; Houston Endowment Inc.; the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation Inc. of Tulsa, Okla.; and the Moody Foundation of Galveston.