

HARTNELL/ East Campus will get new buildings for technology classes

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shelves until June, between the end of finals June 5 and the start of summer school June 23.

“We don’t want the students to have to learn a whole new system during finals,” Crane said.

The library, expected to come in at a cost of \$25 million, will be completed for \$23 million, he said.

Crane said the two-story library, or “learning resource center,” will have about 250 computers available throughout the building, wireless Internet access and chips in book spines allowing for automatic check-out systems. The existing library, where shelves have to be covered with plastic to protect them from roof leaks, will be razed and replaced with classroom space, likely in 2008 or 2009.

The two buildings are the first stages of a 15-year plan to accommodate expected growth in Hartnell’s student body over the coming decade. Plans for Measure H expenditures include a new main entrance to the campus at Central and Homestead avenues, along with other safety, technology and aesthetic upgrades.

“We haven’t built since 1974, and our campus is designed to hold 6,500 students. We have 9,000 on campus right now,” Crane said. “We’re expecting to



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The new Hartnell College library, seen in December, is set to open this summer on the Salinas campus.

go to 12,000 eight or nine years from now on the main campus, and then start to develop the East Campus.”

The 30-acre East Campus, on East Alisal Street near Bardin Road, will get new buildings to serve the college’s technology, construction, engineering,

auto body and fender, health and animal health technology departments.

Designs for the school’s next major Measure H project, a center for assessment and lifelong learning (known as the “CALL building”) have gone to the state architect for approval. The project

will likely be bid this fall, Crane said. The center will offer testing and skill improvement through reading, writing, math and disabled student support labs.

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