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Workmen began enclosing the spacious marble and tile patio of College Hall this week to make it into a reading room for New College students using library facilities adjoining it.

The classically-styled patio, which has been the scene of outstanding social and musical events, will be preserved almost intact. A specially designed roof and an all-glass west wall will be added.

New College President Dr. George F. Baughman said that the addition was being designed by Architect Edward J. Seibert and the work is being done by Contractor W. E. Dingwell.

The new reading facilities will provide a huge room overlooking Sarasota Bay with special lighting and pleasant surroundings heightened by retention of a fountain and pool now at the center of the patio.

Immediate use of the waterfront view room will be a dining room for the combined first and second year classes that will be on campus beginning in late September. When the Carl and Marjorie Hamilton Court is completed on the East Campus, expected in 1966, all meals will be served there.

The new room will seat 120 persons when completed and for the coming academic year will provide dining space, along with the existing College Hall dining room, for both first and second year students.

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Architect Seibert has designed the addition with a vaulted roof to carry out the theme of arches which gives the waterfront side of College Hall such graceful lines. The entire west side of the new addition will be a glass wall overlooking the waterfront, soon to be newly landscaped.

The entire new structure will have its own air conditioning system and special solar glass in the west wall to eliminate late afternoon sun glare and heat. Lighting will be designed to give excellent reading conditions for the students.

Highlight of the reading room will be a tile-lined pool that is a center of attention in the patio. With its figure-fountain, the pool has been a favorite of students and should make both dining and reading more pleasant.

President Baughman said that enclosing the patio has given New College "facilities which will provide a completely delightful atmosphere for students who do a vast amount of reading. During the coming year it also will make a fine dining room, overlooking as it does the wonderful waterfront.

"We have preserved the character of the beautiful main structure and we have been able to create a setting which we feel will be in keeping with the academic purpose of the college," he said.

Dr. Baughman said that the work is being done as part of a total program for extensive remodeling of College Hall to convert it to full library use.

He said that already the second floor has been almost completely devoted to library use and that as the new Carl and Marjorie Hamilton Court is completed, more space in College Hall will be converted to its use as a library.

Funds for the patio enclosure come partly from a matching grant under the U. S. Aid to Education Act of 1963. The grant provided for the entire College Hall remodeling plan.

Air conditioning of the Pompeii Room, a seminar and meeting room on the first floor of College Hall, will be accomplished at the same time as the patio is enclosed.