





Figure 4.43 Blake Library Looking Northeast



Figure 4.44 Blake Library Looking Southwest

## H. BLAKE LIBRARY

### DESCRIPTION

Interior renovations and upgrades to the Blake Library building with focus on the original 1928 gymnasium which was renovated to a library in the 1960's.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This renovation addresses ADA and building inefficiency issues as well as providing needed finishes, window/door, and systems upgrades throughout the building. Although this element is focused on facilities and deferred maintenance improvements, the renovation would also be able to create spaces that are more suitable to serve 21st Century education needs. The transformation of spaces could be done easily within the scope of the deferred maintenance work.

### CAMPUS CONSIDERATIONS AND RELATED ELEMENTS

Renovate the Blake Library building to address: ADA deficiencies and other required code upgrades, better use of space with specific regard to the mezzanine, lift or elevator access to the mezzanine level, upgrades to building finishes, and other improvements as required based on recent NEASC reviews. Create a plaza between University Drive and Blake Library to provide a gathering area for small groups, define the Southern corner of the central quadrangle, and establish a transition zone between the central quadrangle and the adjacent vehicle oriented uses. Element is independent and can be completed at any time. Scope would likely able to be constructed within the timeframe of summer recess.