Innovative Agent of Change:
The Library's Role in the Development and Future of the University of West Georgia

Centennial Lecture
E. Lorene Flanders
Director of University Libraries
Fourth District Agricultural & Mechanical School
established 1906
Vision & Leadership

Irvine Sullivan Ingram
and
Annie Belle Weaver
West Georgia College
established 1933

Sanford Library
Completed 1938

West Georgians Point With Pride—Sanford Library

USA WORK PROGRAM WPA
Expansion of Sanford Library

1940
Sanford Library: Heart of the Campus
Of Service to the Community:
West Georgia College
and
West Georgia Regional Library

Edith Foster
The Sixties: The Times, They Were a-Changing
Construction Never Stops at West Georgia.

Construction of new facilities progressed at a rapid pace, as has been the case for the past few years. Nearing completion was the beautiful new Academic Complex, with its library, Science and Mathematics building, and Social Science building. Also reaching final stages was a new 300-capacity women's dormitory, and work has begun on a new Classroom Arts Building. And the work will go on. Authorized for construction is a 400 capacity men's dorm, while two 300 capacity dorms, one for men and one for women, have reached the stage of design completion. Also at this stage is a new Education building.
West Georgia College Library
1968
Library at West Georgia Honors Ingram

By BILLIE CHENEY SPEED

CARROLLTON — Georgia’s Board of Regents has a rule that no University System building may be named for a living person. But in the case of Dr. Irvine Ingram, the board is making a rare exception, only the second.

To honor the nationally known educator who guided West Georgia College into a four-year institution, the college library will be named the Irvine Sullivan Ingram Library during dedication ceremonies May 31.

Ingram, 87, began his 60-year career with West Georgia in 1920 when he became principal of the 4th District Agricultural and Mechanical School.

He moved from that job to president when the school was designated a junior college in 1933, and led it through transition to a senior college.

After retiring in 1960, he became president emeritus. In March 1961, he returned as interim president for six months following the death of his successor.

Later, Ingram served as an educational consultant on a national and international basis.

Ingram probably is best known for his work in the advancement of continuing education.

He also pioneered the “College in the Country” program which caught the imagination of educators around the world.

Dr. Maurice Townsend, president of West Georgia for the past six years, said Ingram “developed trust in the community and that trust has never been shaken.”

Calling the educator a fine humanitarian, Townsend said “he cares for young people. He stimulated their interest in college and developed a strong cadre of teachers and administrators by being sensitive to their needs and strengths. He has been a strong spokesman for higher education in all of the West Georgia area.”

For many years after his retirement, Ingram maintained an office on the campus and was busy with civic, business and church affairs in the community. He served as a lay leader of the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church and lay leader of the Rome District.

The program opens with an alumni day luncheon at noon, with the dedication ceremony scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Dr. Irvine Ingram
40 years at W. Georgia
Annie Belle Weaver Special Collections
1981
Georgia’s Political Heritage
Program Collection

Newt Gingrich Papers
1983

Tom Murphy Papers
and Capitol office
2003
A Legacy of Vision and Leadership

A working force at the college . . . the Library Staff

University System of Georgia:
Twenty-first Century Library Renovations & Expansions

Georgia Southern University
Valdosta State University
Armstrong-Atlantic State University
Macon State University
Georgia College & State University
Georgia Tech (not shown)
Georgia State University (not shown)
North Georgia College & State University (new facility funded)
Georgia Gwinnett (new facility funded)
Re-shaping the Heart of the Campus for the 21st Century