NEW SULLIVAN LIBRARY NEARS COMPLETION

After years of planning, Sullivan College entered a new phase as it developed as Kentucky’s leading private college of business when the administration announced the beginning of construction on its new multi-million dollar freestanding library building on the main Sullivan campus in October, 1997.

Previously the College had hired the Louisville leading architectural firm of Louis & Henry, under the supervision of architects Larry Leis and Richard Finnell, to design the library for the College.

Sullivan, because of its specialized curriculum, is not required to support hundreds of different majors, but has been able to concentrate its resources and efforts to develop one of the leading collections of books and resources supporting its business, business-related, legal, and hospitality programs.

The current library located in the main campus building had run out of room as the College continued its growth. With the opening of the new

Graduate School of Business in 1997, the decision was made that the College must proceed with this next step in its growth and academic support. As the Herald goes to press, Bill Noel, Vice President for Administration, reports that major construction will be finished the first of November with the new furnishings being installed in late November and early December, with the library to be completed and available for student use possibly before the end of the fall quarter. But definitely by the beginning of the winter quarter of 1999.

Latest Technology

College librarian, Charles Brown working with assistant librarians, Linda Taylor, and a library committee of faculty and staff have diligently reviewed the College’s library needs to be sure the latest technology and facilities are available in the new library for our students’ use. Brown says, “One of the goals was to equip a library building which could adapt to the changing needs and availability of library services, computer data bases, and resources other than shelved books for our students.” Therefore, the library design has computer terminals and hook ups available every four feet in the walls and floors.

The library will include the following:

- 264 student reader station positions
- two separate computer labs for instruction and research
- computer terminals located throughout the library to give access to research data bases and the internet
- almost 25,000 sq. ft. of total space located on two floors

A very unique feature in this library will be a variety of small study areas where groups of students or individual students can work on individual projects with all learning resources available to them.

Mr. Brown says, “We designed a really dynamic working library that will meet the needs of Sullivan College for many years to come.” Plans are to move the collection of 18,000 books and related resources to the new library in the fall. This multi-million dollar facility was built without new funds or local support. All resources to build the new library came from the resources of Sullivan College and the Sullivan family.

The construction of this new library facility heralds a new day for Sullivan College and its students with the availability of this tremendous learning resource.