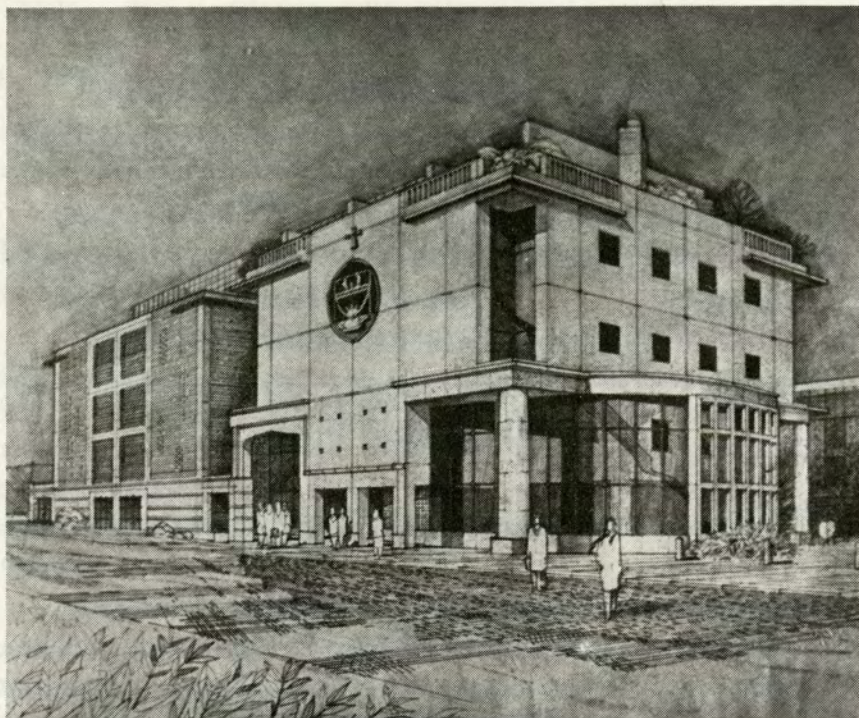




Ground Breaking Ceremonies
for the new University of Scranton Library

Thursday, July 12, 1990
10:30 a.m.

On the University Commons at
Monroe Avenue and Linden Street

Program

Welcome	Richard H. Passon, Ph.D. Provost
Invocation	Rev. John J. Begley, S.J. Rector, Jesuit Community
Remarks	Lee Williames, Ph.D. Assistant Provost
Remarks	Hon. James Connors Mayor of Scranton
Remarks	Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J. President

Ground Breaking

Benediction	Most Rev. James C. Timlin, D.D. Bishop of Scranton
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GATEWAY
TO THE
FUTURE

Today we are celebrating the ground breaking for the largest single project in the history of the University of Scranton — a \$13.3 million library.

More than a collection of books, this resource center will be complete with technological innovations designed to meet the needs of the 21st century.

The present Alumni Memorial Library, built in 1959, was not constructed or wired to accommodate the advances of the last two decades, and it is simply out of space to handle even necessary additions to the collection. The building was evaluated 10 years ago and recommendations were made and implemented that prolonged its ability to serve the University's needs.

Despite weeding, converting of periodicals to microform and installing compact shelving, Alumni Memorial Library has reached the point that each new volume added to the collection requires extreme measures to make room.

A team of University officials and architects worked for almost two years to formulate the design for the new 80,000 square foot, five-story library. The building will house 330,000 volumes and 2,100 periodicals and accommodate up to 1,000 users at study carrels, lounges and classroom areas. In those respects it will effectively double the capacity of the Alumni Memorial Library. It will also incorporate computer technology that will link it to major libraries nationwide, giving students and faculty access to vastly expanded sources of material.

The Board of Trustees authorized construction of this new building in August of 1989, and today we begin the 18-month process to bring those plans and hopes to fruition.

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