

Seminary Nears Completion

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A current question on campus this semester has been the completion date for the new seminary. The question being on my mind, I made inquiry. My answer was happily supplied at Bracke-Hayes-Miller, Moline architects. I spoke to the man in-the-know, Jerry Miller. He informed me that the proposed date for occupancy by seminarians is November 15. He also stated that classrooms should be ready sometime thereafter.

The project, which was begun in August '66, was anticipated to be finished by this October. Students presently cross campus amid the hustle-bustle of workmen at their various tasks. But such was not the case last spring and summer when strikes brought construction to a halt. Having resumed work for a short period, work was once again halted with more area strikes in August '67.

Despite the many obstacles and loss of valuable months' work, the building will still be completed only a few weeks after its projected date. This is so, thanks to the close co-ordination and determination between architects and contractors.

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When completed, the new seminary will house more than fifty seminarians and provide up to eight additional classrooms. There are plans for a Ret-room for seminarians and also a court-yard spotted with a gurgling fountain open to all to sit and meditate. The modern, yet practical design, will represent another milestone in the many up-coming edifices to complement our campus. The new seminary has already attracted seminarians from many dioceses which have not heretofore been represented.

The completion of this project has set the pace for future landmarks to be seen on campus. Our administration and all involved should be highly commended for providing today what will be needed tomorrow.