

Lewis Hall Renovation Nearing Completion, University Surpasses \$3.175 Million Goal

On Schedule, Under Budget

St. Ambrose University has succeeded in meeting its goal of fully funding the total renovation of Lewis Memorial Science Hall, and the project now is nearing completion.

The University has received more than \$3.175 million in pledges toward the capital program, including a \$200,000 challenge award from The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich.

The building is expected to be ready for occupancy in July, and ready for the start of the 1991-92 academic year. That is but a few months later than a "best case" scenario envisioned two years ago when the federal government announced it would award St. Ambrose a \$1.5 million low-interest loan under a Department of Education program for renovation of aging facilities.

As the renovation project progressed over recent months it became evident that construction costs would come in slightly under the estimated total expenses of \$3.175 million, says Steven Cioebel, vice president for university relations.

It was only in the final days of the campaign, however, that it appeared certain St. Ambrose would achieve its fund-raising goal prior to an April 1 deadline set by The Kresge Foundation, he says.

The Kresge challenge was awarded as an impetus to acquire full funding of the project.

The final estimate for the overall project became \$3,143,210, a cost which includes a \$350,000 endowment fund for maintenance of the facility.

"We have now formally notified The Kresge Foundation of our success in meeting the goal, and we have thanked them again for the invaluable momentum provided by their munificent challenge gift," Goebel says.

He credits success in meeting the Kresge challenge to the generosity of major corporations and foundations, the Quad-Cities corporate community, St. Ambrose science alumni, individual friends, and members of the campus community.

"This enthusiastic response to the Kresge challenge is particularly significant as the University makes preparations for a comprehensive capital campaign for the building of a new library and for endowment growth," Goebel notes.

Additional gifts still are welcomed, he says, and will be applied toward the purchase of more than \$300,000 in additional laboratory equipment needed for Lewis Hall but not included in the initial renovation campaign.

Dedication of the "new" building, slated for the fall, likely will be scheduled in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend activities, he says.

Further details about giving opportunities, specifically those benefiting the sciences, may be directed to Steven Goebel, vice president for university relations at St. Ambrose, (319) 383-8982 or (800) SAU-ALUM.



Closing In On The Goal -The University's final phase of a quiet fund-raising campaign for the renovation of Lewis Hall was conducted among St. Ambrose faculty and staff. Faculty attending the launch of the campus campaign recently included Dr. William Tracy, vice president for academic support services, in the background at left; Dr. Robert Faulkner, associate professor of accounting, foreground; James Mullins, associate professor of economics and business administration; and Dr. George Kanzaki, professor of industrial engineering.

The campaign for Lewis Hall has been conducted primarily among businesses, major corporations, foundations, and St. Ambrose alumni who earned degrees in the sciences.