

The UM-Dearborn campus' new \$10-million, 220,000-volume library will be officially dedicated Saturday.

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The University of Michigan-Dearborn library is the latest addition to the campus.

UM-Dearborn campus greets new additions

The University of Michigan-Dearborn has been a western Wayne County institution for a generation, but buildings and people are changing now at the Dearborn campus.

For one thing, the school is drawing students from a wider geographical area than ever before. Dearborn itself still ranks as the most frequent home for UM-D students, with 966 of the school's 6,209 fall enrollment.

But western Wayne County is becoming an increasingly important student source. Livonia, with 499 fall students, is second only to Dearborn and combined with Westland, Garden City, Canton Township and to a lesser extent Plymouth, already exceeds the Dearborn population.

About 13 percent of the student body lives in Oakland County.

p.m. Saturday, April 11 in the campus field house. Speaker will be T. H. Bell, U.S. Secretary of Education. Chancellor William A. Watkins will preside in a ceremony to be attended by legislators, alumni and the public.

ALSO NEWLY built is a two-story, \$5.7 million, 82,000-square-foot student mall built with a revenue loan.

Leases to a fast food restaurant, a delicatessen and a book store are expected to pay off the mall's costs. Revenues from a game room are expected to provide funds for student activities.

A student mixing area with a game room and a long, narrow, enclosed mall is the building's most visible feature, but it also includes 67 faculty offices and 25 classrooms.

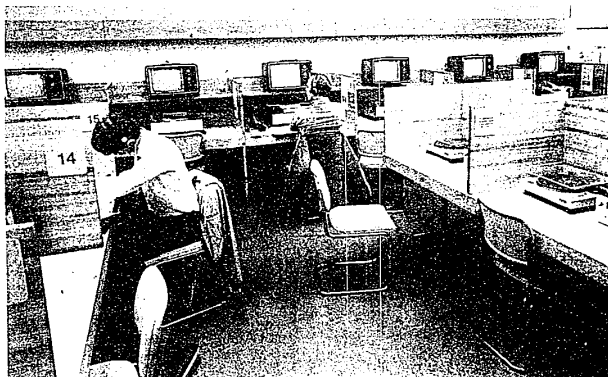
Created in 1959 with a gift of 210 acres of land and \$6.5 million from the Ford Motor Co., the college last year had a budget of some \$14 million.

The school labored as a weak sister to the main Ann Arbor campus for some time after its creation, but Richard Reynolds, director of university relations, says that's changing now.

One indication, he said, is that transfer students are now nearly as likely to be entering Dearborn from Ann Arbor as transferring to the main campus.

Entering students tend to be more elite now than ever before — with some 40 percent of last year's entering freshmen class having achieved high school grade point averages between 3.5 and 4.0, compared to only 25 percent with that kind of academic record in the entering class of 1976.

There are three UM campuses. The third is in Flint.



The library is equipped with machines to both produce and view videotape. Several classes are now taped and available for student viewing whenever the library is open.

ALSO CHANGING is the campus itself.

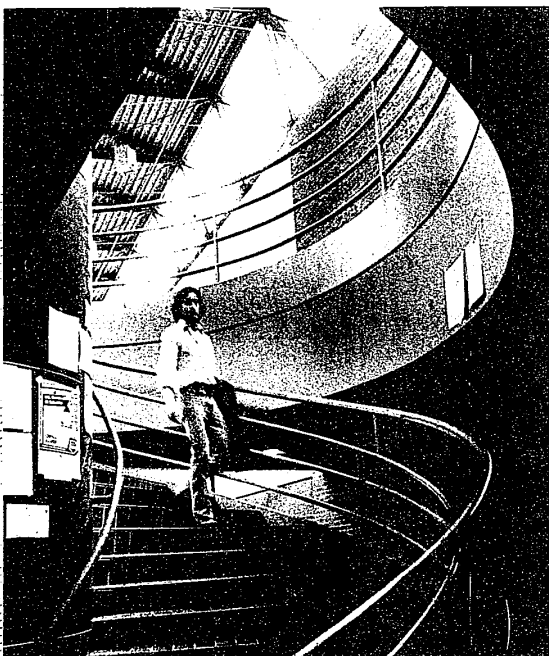
Recent additions include a new 220,000-volume, \$10 million library which includes computer-assisted research files.

The four-story structure, completed in January, dominates the center of the 200-acre campus.

It is the first major state-funded building at UM-D. Architect was Charles Sherman & Associates of Bloomfield Hills.

With an ultimate capacity of 350,000 volumes, the new library houses a three-room curriculum center for present and future teachers, a television studio and control room, a foreign language learning laboratory, an audio-visual laboratory and an administrative data processing center.

It will be dedicated in ceremonies beginning at 2



The two-story mall features a spiral staircase, descended by Ralph Cortese.



Restaurants, game rooms, blaring music and a bulletin board posting the latest victim in the campus Assassin game are standard features in the mall,

tagged with the sobriquet "SS Dearborn" by students for its faintly nautical air. The building also houses classrooms and faculty offices.