



Southwestern Illinois College

A new academic building is under construction on SWIC's Belleville campus, and the Fire Sciences Training Center is being expanded. Both are slated for completion early next year. Also, pending approval, a mixed-use project is on tap for construction next spring on an eastern section of the campus.

More than \$7.7 million in Illinois state funds are earmarked for the 46,000-square-foot academic building. Another \$792,806 will fund the 4,500-square-foot addition to the existing fire training tower.

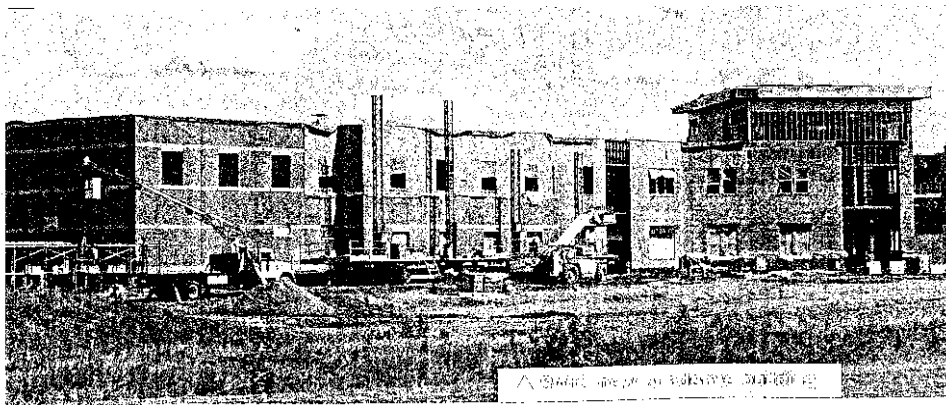
The new building will provide 16 high-tech classrooms, a computer lab and offices for the Social Sciences department. Barnes and Noble will also expand with a 5,000-square-foot bookstore.

Subject to the negotiation of a final agreement approved by the SWIC board, Koman Properties of Clayton will develop The Shoppes at College Square. This \$60 million to \$70 million project is expected to offer approximately 400,000 square feet of mixed-use space designed, in part, to offer SWIC students access to enhanced amenities.

In May 2006, SWIC acquired a 156-acre parcel east of the campus for expansion consistent with its long-range plan.

"We determined that the 23-acre parcel was not needed for educational or facility use and that there would be advantages to introducing additional retail and other services to our college campus environment," says Elmer H. Kirchoff, SWIC president.

Plans are to feature popular retailers and restaurants appealing to the student body, faculty and staff as well as area residents.



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