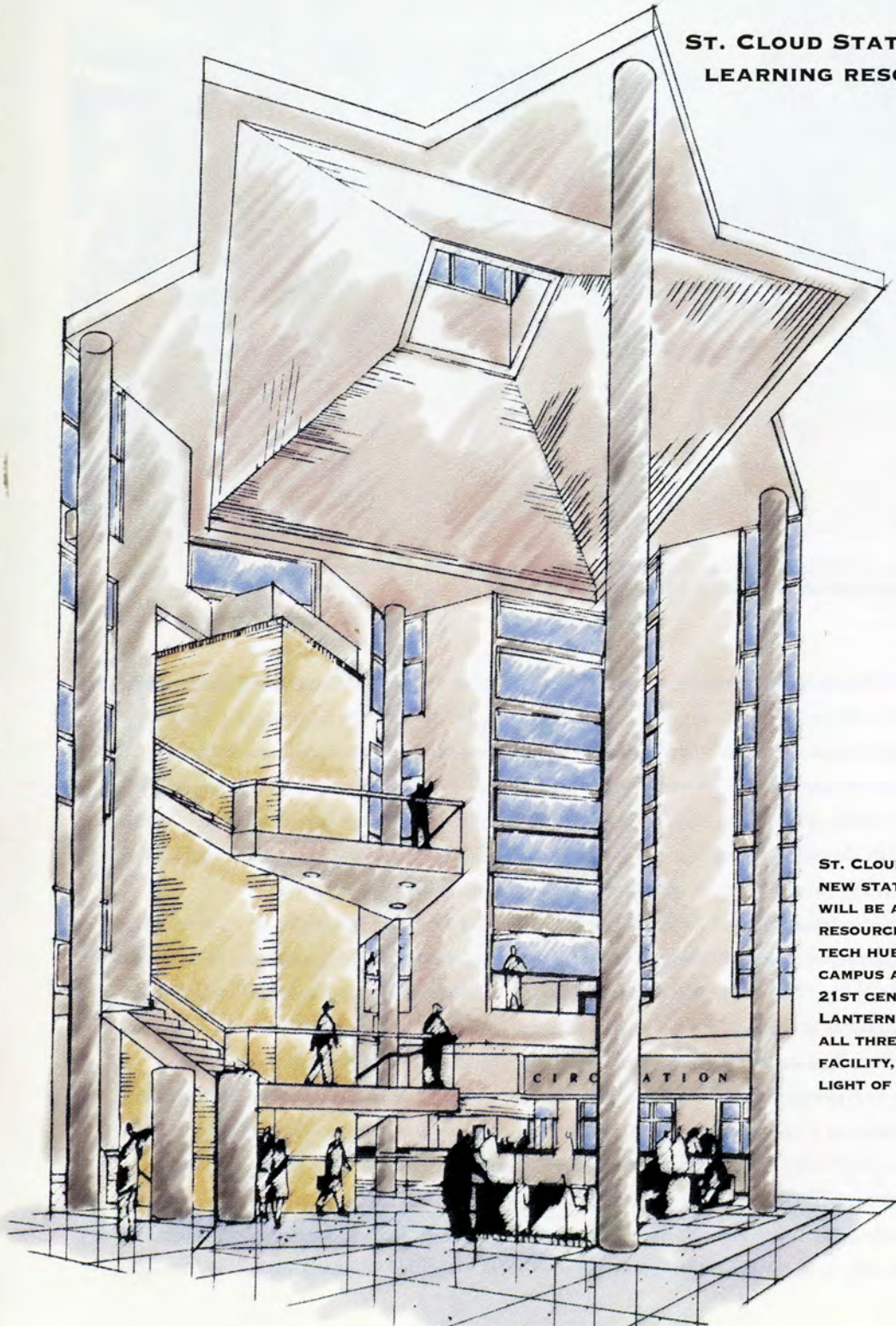


# Library for a New Century

**ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY'S  
LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER**



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NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART LIBRARY  
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RESOURCES CENTER AND HIGH  
TECH HUB FOR THE SCSU  
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LANTERN TOWER, SPANNING  
ALL THREE STORIES OF THE NEW  
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LIGHT OF LEARNING.**





**CONNECTIONS FOR USERS' PORTABLE COMPUTERS WILL BE AT EVERY TABLE IN THE NEW LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER'S SELF-SUPERVISED STUDY AREAS.**

**S**t. Cloud State University will enter the 21st century with a new, state-of-the-art library that truly will be the centerpiece of the campus, both visually and academically. This new learning resources center is destined to become the foundation for carrying St. Cloud State to the next level of excellence and be the focal point for study, learning and the exchange of ideas. The new library clearly is the most significant project for St. Cloud State University in decades. It represents a giant step toward realizing the university's vision for the next century, continuing its tradition of excellence and opportunity.

More than a decade ago St. Cloud State University had the foresight to start working toward the realization of a new library to take Minnesota's largest undergraduate university into a new millennium. The current facility was built when enrollment was half what it is today and information technology was in its infancy. In the three decades since Centennial Hall was built, there has been an explosion of change in the field of learning resources. Thirty years ago the printed word was the primary source of information. Now computer networks link users to a seemingly unlimited stream of global resources for learning on the information superhighway. In the future these resources will continue to multiply. While the home computer will continue to provide access to a limited number of these resources, community learning resource centers will become the primary link to sophisticated technology that students, faculty and community business and education leaders can now only imagine.



**F**aculty, staff, students and the community look forward to groundbreaking for St. Cloud State's new 213,000-square-foot library, set for May of 1998. While the Minnesota Legislature provided \$30 million for the new library's bricks and mortar, another \$6.5 million will be raised for technology and endowment. The technology will connect students and the community to learning resources throughout the world. Endowment will ensure future expansion of what surely will continue to be an explosion of electronic information sources. Some features of the new library include:

**COMPUTER WORKSTATIONS/NETWORKS:** With hundreds of high-tech computer stations, users will have access to the latest technological tools to organize ideas and communicate them in multiple formats. Students engaged in research and study will benefit from traditional library services and materials as well as from access to networks that will link them to vast global resources. State-of-the-art software will allow them to design and produce printed and electronic academic projects that will help bring those resources into perspective.

**DISTANCE LEARNING/INTERACTIVE TV:** As we head into the next century, education will continue to change. New distance learning classrooms will accommodate individuals in need of education off campus as well as on. Interactive television will assist St. Cloud State in taking its faculty to every corner of the state and the world, meeting the needs of students, communities and companies far beyond the boundaries of its physical campus.

**TECHNOLOGY ENDOWMENT:** The university needs resources to continue its competitive edge in educational technology well into the future. Each year, students arrive on campus with increasing capabilities and expectations in the realm of information systems. Clearly, if St. Cloud State is to remain true to its goal of preparing graduates with a competitive advantage in the workforce, it must strive to give its students and faculty continued access to the exploding opportunities offered by technology, including high-speed computers, campus networks, discipline specific software, CD-ROM technology, digitized images and internet access. A technological endowment will provide SCSU with essential resources needed to keep pace with developments in these fields.

#### **PHYSICAL FEATURES:**

☐ The Lantern Tower with its vast windows will bathe the center of the new library with light, long recognized as a symbol of enlightenment and learning.

☐ A 225-seat auditorium will provide space for lecture classes, academic presentations and public events to enhance opportunities for faculty, students and community residents. The latest information technology and audio/visual equipment will help create dramatically effective presentations.

☐ An expanded Center for Teaching Excellence will provide cutting-edge technology, allowing faculty to tap into optimum resources for developing better instructional methods and expanding knowledge of academic fields. Rooms for study and faculty-student collaborations will enhance the experiences of learning and teaching.

☐ A welcoming, efficient entrance lobby and accessible reference areas will offer a full range of services and reference materials, including online catalogs of full-text articles and other printed materials.

☐ The InforMedia Services Center will provide a variety of services to users, including guidance in the most effective use of software for students to produce high-tech course projects and for faculty to produce optimum learning experiences. With specialized computers and a faculty development lab, St. Cloud State University's tradition of excellence and opportunity will be greatly enhanced.



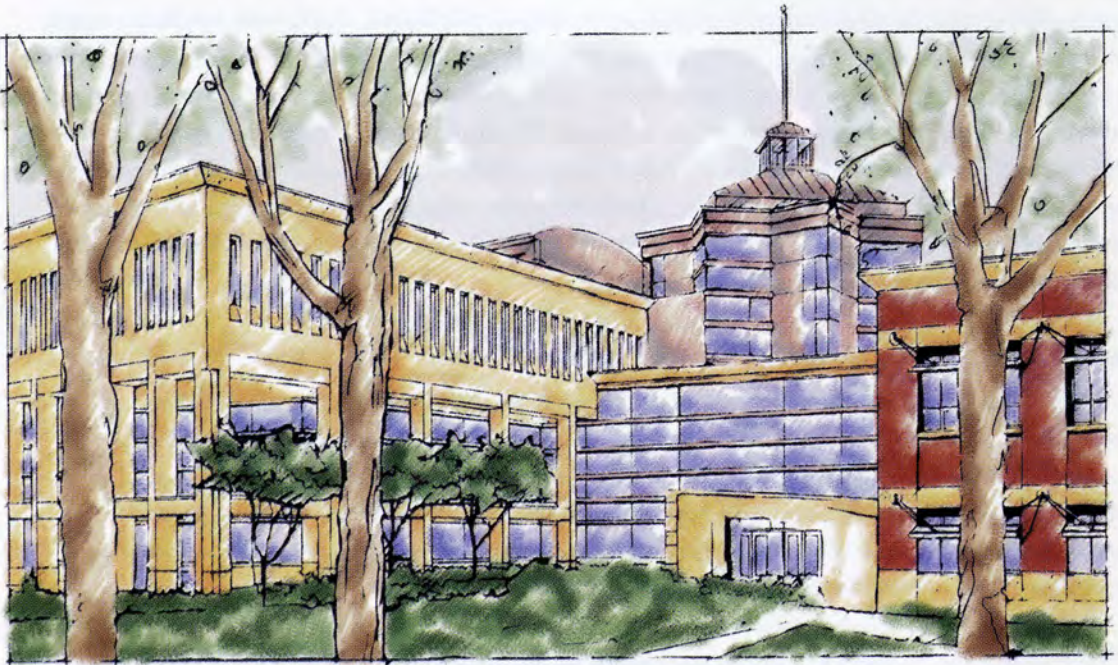
**W**hen it opens its doors, St. Cloud State University's library for the 21st century will be on the cutting edge of global technology and must continue to remain on the cutting edge for future campus and community users. A significant endowment is needed to provide strong support for St. Cloud State's continuing, consistent investment in a learning resource center that will help SCSU remain a leader in providing excellence and opportunity to its students and its community.

As the new hub for learning, the library will allow access to Internet, CD-ROM, PALS and other cyberspace networks through hundreds of high tech user workstations. Students will be linked to the exploding variety of information available in a increasing variety of forms. More importantly, the library will be built with the flexibility and capacity to respond to rapidly developing technology and continue to be an important resource for the community.

The new learning resources center truly will be the nerve center for St. Cloud State University.

**LIBRARY: THE TRUE UNIVERSITY**

— THOMAS CARLYLE  
19TH CENTURY SCOTTISH HISTORIAN AND ESSAYIST



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