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Title: WEBSTER UNIVERSITY WILL NAME LIBRARY TO HONOR EMERSON

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* The new five-story library, scheduled to be completed in the 2003-04 academic year, will be on Edgar Road.

Webster University has announced that the university's future library will be named in honor of Emerson, a leading provider of technology and engineering products and services with a long history of supporting the university.

The new five-story library is scheduled for completion in the 2003-04 academic year. The facility will be on Edgar Road west of the Loretto-Hilton Center for the Performing Arts at **Webster University**.

Since 1969, **Webster University** has shared a library with neighboring Eden Theological Seminary. But the university's library needs have grown. Plans call for a new library on the Webster campus and a renovation of the current library at Eden to allow the joint library system to continue.

"The most exciting thing about the library is how it will function programmatically," says Laura Rein, director of the library. "A primary purpose of the new library is to help merge the information technology functions of the university, including research, academic computing and media functions. The new library will include an electronic information commons, which will serve as the central service point in the library for electronic and traditional research."

Students will have access to up-to-date equipment, worldwide resources and professional research assistance and training. The commons area will include 30 online research work stations, 21,000 reference volumes and seating for 50 researchers.

The university is in the final year of a fund-raising campaign, The New Tradition; For Changing Times, For Changing Lives. The campaign has a goal of \$30 million, including \$11.2 million for the **Emerson Library**.

Webster University is an international, multicampus university headquartered in St. Louis. Founded in 1915 as a small private college, Webster now offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs through five schools and colleges.

St. Louis-based Emerson uses technology and engineering to provide solutions to customers in electronics and telecommunications, process control, industrial automation, heating, ventilating and air conditioning, and appliance and tools. Sales in fiscal 2001 were \$15.5 billion.

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