



IN LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Construction Begins on New GCSAA Headquarters

Ground was broken on January 12 for the construction of the new \$4 million headquarters complex of the Golf Course Superintendents of America (GCSAA).

President Dennis D. Lyon, CGCS, said that the groundbreaking ceremony was an important step for the future of the association.

"We're excited to see the building becoming a reality," Lyon said. "This new facility will allow us to keep meeting the needs of our growing membership for many years to come."

Joining Lyon in the ceremonial "first shovel," were GCSAA Vice President Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS; GCSAA Secretary/Treasurer Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS; GCSAA Executive Director John M. Schilling and Mayor of Lawrence Robert Schumm.

Part of the building's planned 40,000 square feet will be a state-of-the-art educational facility. An extensive periodical library and advanced audio/visual equipment will aid the GCSAA education staff in the growth and development of its programs and seminars.

"It will allow us to bring GCSAA members here to Lawrence to attend educational activities in a facility that is custom-designed to meet our instructional needs," said Colleen Smalter Pederson, GCSAA Director of Education.

An eye-catching feature of the new headquarters will be the surrounding landscape. In addition to being situated on a championship golf course, the building will be highlighted by fountains and a wide variety of shrubs and flowers: approximately \$300,000 worth of professionally designed landscaping.

The landscape will tie in closely with the look of the neighboring golf course.

"We wanted the landscape to reflect the professional quality that our members maintain on their golf courses," noted Schilling.

The building design was completed by PKG Design Group, P.A., a Lawrence architectural firm. At the ceremony, Schilling announced that R.D. Andersen, Topeka, had been selected as general contractor for the project. Construction of the building has begun. Schilling said

plans call for the building to be ready to occupy in about 10 months.

The new site is one mile west of the current GCSAA building, which has been located on the Alvamar Golf & Country Club since the association moved to Lawrence in 1973. Despite the relocation, the new headquarters will still overlook an Alvamar course: a new 18-hole championship layout being designed by architect Ken Kavanaugh and developed by Alvamar owner Robert Billings. The new course is also expected to be open in 1991.

