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WICHITA, KANSAS--Senator Bob Dole has hailed the dedication of Sacred Heart College's Ryan Library as an example of "what a community can accomplish when it puts its mind to it, and its people pull together."

"Today marks more than just the dedication of a valuable educational facility--important though that is," Dole said yesterday afternoon. "We are marking the consecration of a living, growing ideal that is a vital part of Wichita--not just a physical presence of books and magazines, steel and concrete."

Ryan Library, named after retired Florence, Kansas, businessman James J. Ryan, has a 125 thousand volume capacity. It is designed to serve a student body of up to 1,200. Besides being used by the student body of Sacred Heart, it will be used on an exchange basis by neighboring Friends University.