The second and third floor addition of 90,000 square feet to complete Dupre Library has been under construction since early summer of last year.

"The completion of the Dupre Library with the addition of these two floors," said Kenneth E. Toombs, director of libraries at Southwestern, "will provide space which is the equivalent of more than three acres, making the USL library one of the largest buildings in the South. The building will have a total capacity for approximately 2000 readers and will house about 600,000 volumes."

Federal funds of $500,000 and state funds of $1,100,000 have been allocated for the completion of the building, which when originally built in 1962, was built with a foundation for the two additional floors.

The repeated 8-foot precast concrete panels around the building are separated by 12-inch lucite windows and are highlighted by projections two feet in depth, serving the dual purpose of sun shields and providing interesting use of light and shade.

The upper floors will be served by two passenger elevators, and there will also be a service elevator. The entire building will be cooled by 400 tons of air conditioning.

The three divisions of the library in the new quarters, the humanities, the social sciences, and the sciences, will be virtually the equivalent of libraries in themselves and will be staffed by subject-trained specialists.