

New self-service bookstore opens; employees push for two wk. deadline

George B. Conner, Director of Bookstore Services at YSU, said that bookstore employees are "working diligently" to open the new bookstore in the Student Center within two weeks.

The new bookstore, said Conner, is a separate building connected by a corridor to the Kilcawley Student Center. Conner disclosed that the bookstore will still be operating under his jurisdiction.

According to Conner, students will be able to serve themselves in the new bookstore. "However, during the 'book rush' at the beginning of each quarter, counter service will be maintained," said Conner. The reason for counter service is to cut down the concentration of students in the aisles, said Conner. "Counter service during 'book rush' is also essential because it keeps the aisles clear, and most important it gets the desired books out to the students much faster," Conner added.

Presently, mentioned Conner, the bookstore employs twelve full-time persons and six additional emergency clerks. "We are anxious to have all the books and materials moved to the new location by August 31; this will then permit the bookstore to be open for public viewing at summer commencement," said Conner.

According to Conner, the employees are first packing all of the books and materials that are not being used by the students now and are transferring them to the new bookstore area with the assistance of the maintenance crew who does all of the hauling, loading, and unloading. "Inventory is at its lowest," said Conner, "which also makes moving easier."

According to Conner, the new bookstore is approximately 15,000 square feet with space for personnel offices and a possible expansion area of 9,000 square feet in the basement.

The offices will accommodate

the textbook buyer, receptionist-typist, assistant manager, and the director. All areas are fully carpeted and air-conditioned.

Conner also said that all new equipment, such as shelves and display cabinets, will be used in the new store except for cash registers, which will be transferred from the old location. Other facilities will include 61-inch high and 16-inch deep shelves for easier self-service, and will allow more books to be placed on shelves. More storage space will be available and a better display of "soft goods," such as sweaters, jerseys, and jackets; magazines, jewelry, and gift items will be offered too.

"There are many advantages of the new bookstore, especially in the area of convenience for each student now that the bookstore will be located on campus," said Conner. He also emphasized that, "the main purpose of the bookstore is to service the needs and wants of the students. The bookstore is the students' store."

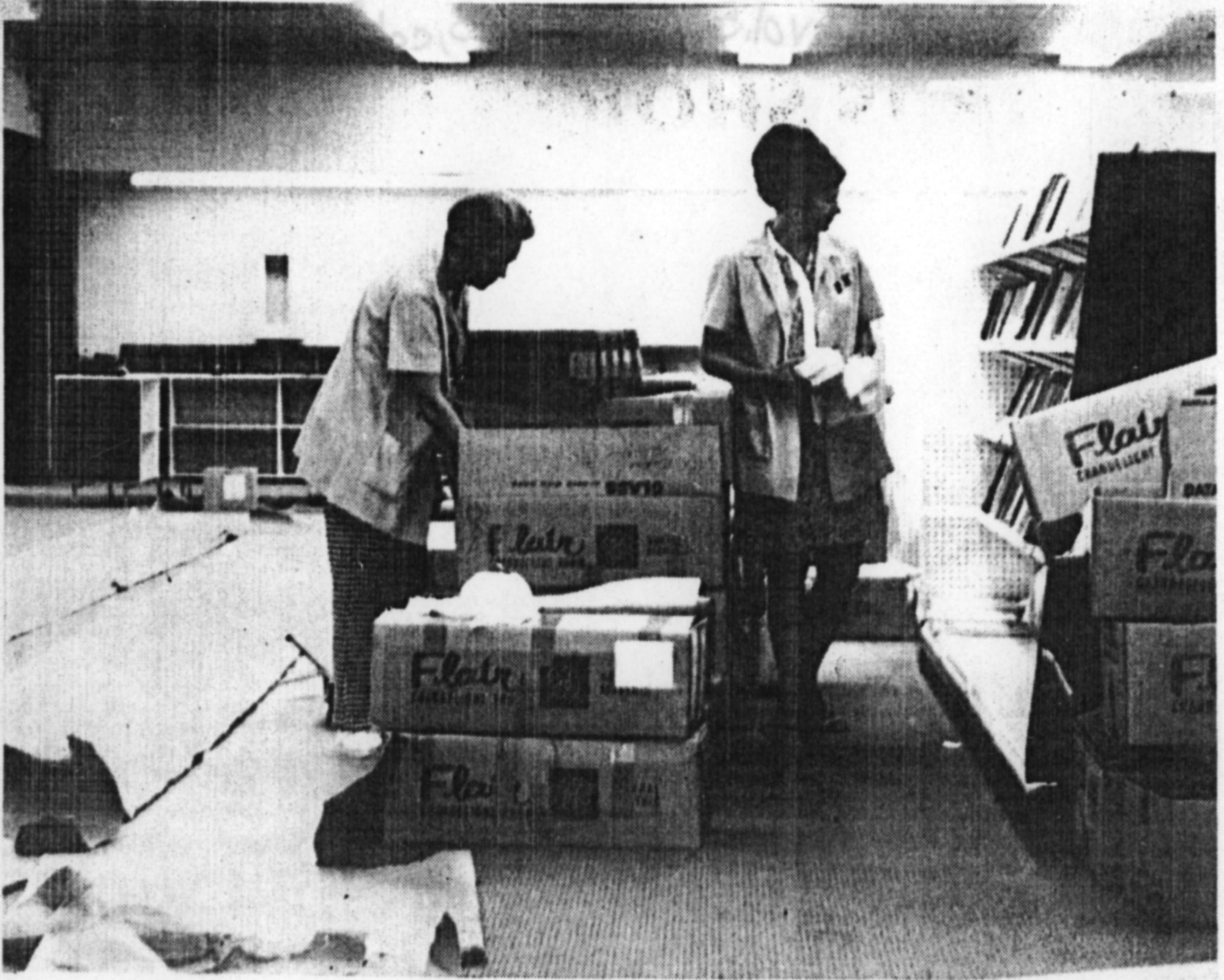


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MOVING IN--Bookstore employees Olga Krupa and Kay Williams arrange their ware on newly-purchased display shelves. The two are working to ready the new bookstore, which adjoins the Kilcawley Student Center by a corridor, for opening in two weeks.