

Renovated Laboratories Combine Efficiency and Comfort

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With recent renovations, the Departments of Pathology and Physiology and Pharmacology are now offering their students and instructors laboratory facilities which are more convenient, comfortable and conducive to study.

Instructors are finding that students are spending more study time in the laboratories and that the new facilities are resulting in increased efficiency.

Laboratory equipment, once kept in a storeroom, is now conveniently located in cabinets inside the lab area. This immediate availability of equipment is proving to be more convenient and efficient for both the instructor and the student.

New lighting facilities have been added to aid eyesight, as well as study and research.

The renovated laboratory pictured below (right), which is located in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, reveals the careful planning that preceded its renovation.

Designed with flexibility in mind, the lab can be used for several areas of research and experimentation. Ceiling fixtures for gas, vacuum and air can be hooked into the lab tables. And, when it is deemed necessary, the lab tables can be moved to provide space for one of the various operating tables. These improvements mean that this one lab can be used for study in the fields of electrophysiology, microbiology and biochemical pharmacology.

Also provided in the laboratory is the convenience of folding "room dividers." This provision has given much flexibility to teaching. Individual and group conferences can be held in the lab, which can be divided into four separate areas. The "dividers" make it possible to have more than one instructor in the lab at the same time and more than one experi-



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ment under way in the same class.

Because it can be sectioned off, this lab is a popular one in the summer months. During this time, it is often used by those medical and graduate

students who are working under fellowships and need a lab in which they can do research for a minimum of three to four months.

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AFTER renovation, the labs took on a new face, exemplified by this new laboratory in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology.