

Construction Planned for Future

(This is the final part of a series dealing with renovation and construction at the medical center. This article concerns future building plans.)

As the medical center's patient care, training, and research programs grow, plans are continuously in the works for expansion of physical facilities.

A research facility known as Medical Sciences I-B, a fourth building in the Research Park group, a central vivarium for new animal quarters, an eye center, a communications-education-administration complex and a new community health sciences facility are in the not-too-distant future of the medical center. Some of these projects will be under construction within the next few months, while others will not get underway for several years.

A \$2,843,000 grant approved just a few weeks ago by the National Institutes of Health will match medical center funds to finance construction of Medical Sciences I-B, to be located on Science Drive next to the Nanaline H. Duke Building. The construction cost is expected to be approximately \$5.5 million with the total project cost set at about \$6.4 million.

The structure will house the Department of Anatomy and clinical basic science research laboratories of the departments of medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry and surgery. It will have five floors and may at a later date be joined to the Nanaline H. Duke Building by a corridor. Construction is expected to be underway by the summer of 1970 with the completion date set as 1972-73.

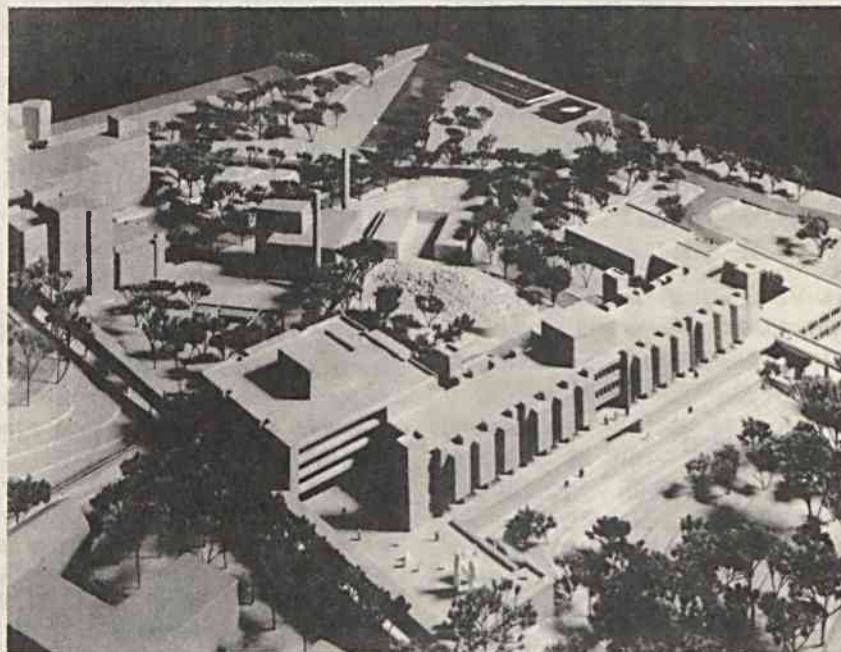
Construction on the fourth Research Park building is expected to begin within the next two months. The other three buildings in the group, all located on Science Drive, are now being furnished and should be occupied shortly. The fourth structure will house the Department of Microbiology and some research laboratories of the Department of Pediatrics. The project is being financed by medical center funds.

The vivarium, which will be used as quarters for dogs, rats, rabbits, guinea pigs and other small research animals, is expected to be out for bids in March.

The structure will also house the research facilities and departmental offices of the Department of Veterinary Medicine, a suite of animal operating rooms,



EYE CENTER—The proposed regional referral eye center will be a complete unit within itself, permitting the introduction of the latest hospital planning and patient care techniques. *(photo courtesy of the Department of Ophthalmology)*



COMMUNICATIONS-EDUCATION-ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX—Preliminary plans for the \$16-18 million complex have already been completed. The unit will be constructed in an area adjacent to Bell Building. *(photo courtesy of medical center planners)*

X-ray facilities and some areas where investigators can work on their animals for short periods of time without taking them out of the vivarium.

The building is being constructed as one part of a project to improve and expand the medical center's animal care facilities. New dog kennels, barns for larger experimental animals and storage

facilities are being constructed at the animal farm. The \$2.6 million combined project is being financed by 50-50 matching of funds from the medical center building fund and the National Institutes of Health.

The eye center, to be located across from the VA Hospital on Erwin Road, will be a 55-bed regional referral facility.

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