

# news THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT DALLAS

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DR. SPRAGUE ANNOUNCES OCCUPANCY OF THE FIRST PHASE ONE BUILDING,  
DETAILS PLANS FOR A NEW NINE-STORY CLINICAL SCIENCES STRUCTURE

DALLAS--The University of Texas Health Science Center has begun moving into the major part of the vast new building complex which will allow it to double production of doctors, scientists and health professionals.

This fall, the center's principal component, Southwestern Medical School, will accept 200 first-year medical students.

A year or more ahead of schedule, Southwestern has been building up to this level for three years, noted center President Charles C. Sprague. There will be 150 sophomores, 135 juniors and 134 seniors in September, Dr. Sprague said. Previous year's class levels ran about 100.

More than 120 graduate students will be enrolled in the Graduate School of Biomedical sciences and about 175 will be in the School of Allied Health Sciences--the other two components of the UT Health Science Center at Dallas.

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first add building program

The Health Science Center will jump from half a million square feet of space to 1.2 million square feet with total occupancy of the new medical complex.

Chronologically, the center occupied a \$7.3 million Basic Sciences Research Center in the summer of 1972. At that time it had underway its major Phase One building program (one for which Southwestern Medical Foundation raised \$8.5 million).

This program consists of:

1. The Eugene McDermott Academic Administration Building, a 12-story office tower surmounting the entire Phase One complex.

The structure, which has 57,526 gross square feet, contains offices of the president and vice president, deans and other administrative officials, plus academic offices.

First occupancy of the \$2,155,000 tower was on April 25.

2. The Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium, a structure seating 1,200 persons and employing generous use of glass with a large lobby display area. Facilities include rear projection devices surmounting a stage with speakers platform. The area of 29,966 square feet is located above a cafeteria which seats 500. It will use a scramble system food line. The cafeteria contains four small dining rooms seating 20 each and a book store. Total area is 29,383 square feet. The combined cost of the auditorium and cafeteria is \$3,471,000.

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3. Fred F. Florence Bioinformation Center. This is a five-story building which contains a medical library with a 200,000 volume capacity. A special area houses Southwestern's historical book collection. Departments of Medical Illustration, Medical Computing Resources Center, Instructional Communications, Bioinformation Science and Regional Medical Library Program, scientific journal editorial offices and faculty center all are contained in 162,225 gross square feet. Cost of the Bioinformation Center was approximately \$4,095,000.

4. Cecil H. and Ida Green Science Building. This five-story structure contains laboratories and offices for the departments of Cell Biology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Pharmacology, Physiology, Neurology, Cancer Center, Radiology and Bioengineering.

One of the most important features of this building is provision of multipurpose student laboratories. This gives each student in his first and second year of medical school a laboratory home base.

The building contains seven seminar rooms with student lounges.

The total project also includes four lecture rooms, two seating 275 each and two seating 225, built under the main plaza. Arranged in pie slice fashion, all four areas are served by a central core equipped with rear projection and other audiovisual devices.

The plaza which serves as a connecting level for all the Phase One buildings is being planted attractively with various flora. It has a raised dias and reflecting pool, plus a sunken area and fountain. Cost of the Green building, classrooms, plaza, fixed equipment and landscaping with total area of 346,211 square feet, is \$13.5 million.

third add building program

Occupancy of the Green Science Building and the Florence Bioinformatics Center is expected shortly after June 30 and use of the Gooch Auditorium and cafeteria is expected shortly after July 15.

A single mass dedication observance will be held for all the buildings and structures in the Phase One complex. This will be on April 27, 1975, and ceremonies will feature Dr. Lewis Thomas, president of Sloan Kettering Memorial Institute, as main speaker.

The new building complex has enabled the Health Science Center to enrich its research commitment both in terms of projects and people.

The center's total dollar flow per year now stands at around \$30 million. Of this, nearly \$10 million represents research and training grants or contracts funded through both the government and private sources like Southwestern Medical Foundation.

Dr. Sprague said that by September it is estimated the total physical worth of The University of Texas Health Science Center will be well over \$100 million dollars. This includes upwards of \$50 million for the older buildings, equipment, land and other improvements plus more than \$50 million in construction just completed, that which will be finished this summer and buildings and projects still in the planning stage.

The latter category includes a major new building which will be designated the Harry Moss Clinical Science Building. This is in honor of the late Dallas oilman whose will provided that income from \$6 million be used in heart research by Southwestern.

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fourth add building program

Dr. Sprague announced that the total estimated \$9.3 million cost of the nine-level structure will be borne by The University of Texas System.

The new building will house much needed research animal facilities on its first and second floors. The departments of Neurology, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Surgery will occupy other floors of the building. At present the basement is unassigned and the ninth level will be shelled in for future use.

Plans drawn by Fisher & Spillman and Preston M. Geren, architects, call for a brick and glass structure which connects to the west side of the Karl Hoblitzelle building and to the south side of the Basic Sciences Research Building. Included in the specifications is a landscaped atrium or plaza area between the Basic Sciences Research Center and the Cary Building.

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