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DALLAS -- Site plan for a \$46 million building program for The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas was approved today by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System at a meeting in Dallas (Statler-Hilton Hotel).

The complex of new buildings, to be erected adjoining the present school structures on Harry Hines Boulevard as a final phase of developments, will encompass --

- * The Fred Florence Bioscience Information Center;
- * The McDermott Basic Science Research Center;
- * A new unit to house classrooms and laboratories;
- * A graduate teaching and administrative center, which will include an auditorium seating up to 1,000, and
- * An animal care facility.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin next January on the first of the new buildings, McDermott Basic Science Hall. Architect is George Dahl.* The building will be erected on columns above ground, to permit addition of the animal center on the ground floor at a later date.

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Other elements of the program are scheduled to be launched over the next two years. The entire new complex is scheduled for completion in 1972.

Also authorized by the Regents today was additional parking and an addition to the present Edward H. Cary Basic Science Hall. The addition would house a new center for treatment of eye problems and research into eye diseases. It would provide quarters for the new bioscience information center pending completion of the Florence Building. Harrell and Hamilton have been named architects for the Florence Building.

Southwestern's physical quarters now include four principal buildings, plus utility structures. Three of the four are contiguous. They are Cary Hall, the Karl Hoblitzelle Clinical Science Center and the Dan Danciger Research Center. These three buildings constitute a unit. They adjoin Parkland Hospital, the medical school's primary teaching hospital. The fourth present structure is the Skillern Student Union, which occupies a separate building on the campus.

The building program will be financed by federal and state funds and by anticipated private contributions.

Approval was given for acquisition of additional land across Harry Hines Boulevard for future expansion of the campus. This land purchase was authorized last year by the Legislature.

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