

Health sci complex to be unexcelled

March construction date set for teaching facilities

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Spring will bring the first stage in construction of U of A's new health sciences complex.

The \$88 million complex will be completed over the next eight to ten years. When in full operation, it will provide a range and quality of services presently unavailable anywhere in the world.

First phase in the construction of the complex will be a building to house teaching and research in the clinical sciences of medicine.

University hospital planning coordinator Dr. John Reed said the building would be out for construction tenders in approximately three to four weeks. Construction is expected to begin by the end of March.

Dr. Reed explained there are two general branches of medical study—the clinical sciences and the basic medical sciences.

The clinical sciences involve branches like surgery, nursing and obstetrics. The basic medical sciences involve studies like anatomy and pathology.

Final studies regarding dates of construction will not be completed for four to six weeks; however, January 1969 is the tentative starting date for the specialty building.

The specialty building will be another hospital building twice the size of the existing university hospital.

"Regardless of its size, the new building will have nowhere near half the number of beds in the present hospital.

"A large ambulatory patient department will be a unique feature of this part of the complex", said

Dr. Reed.

The building will also contain facilities for open heart surgery, brain surgery, plastic surgery, artificial kidney cases, and special investigative areas for people with difficult-to-diagnose diseases.

BREAD AND BUTTER

"The university hospital will continue to handle the bread and butter medicine," said Dr. Reed.

"We recognize here that education and research are inseparable from exemplary patient care," he added.

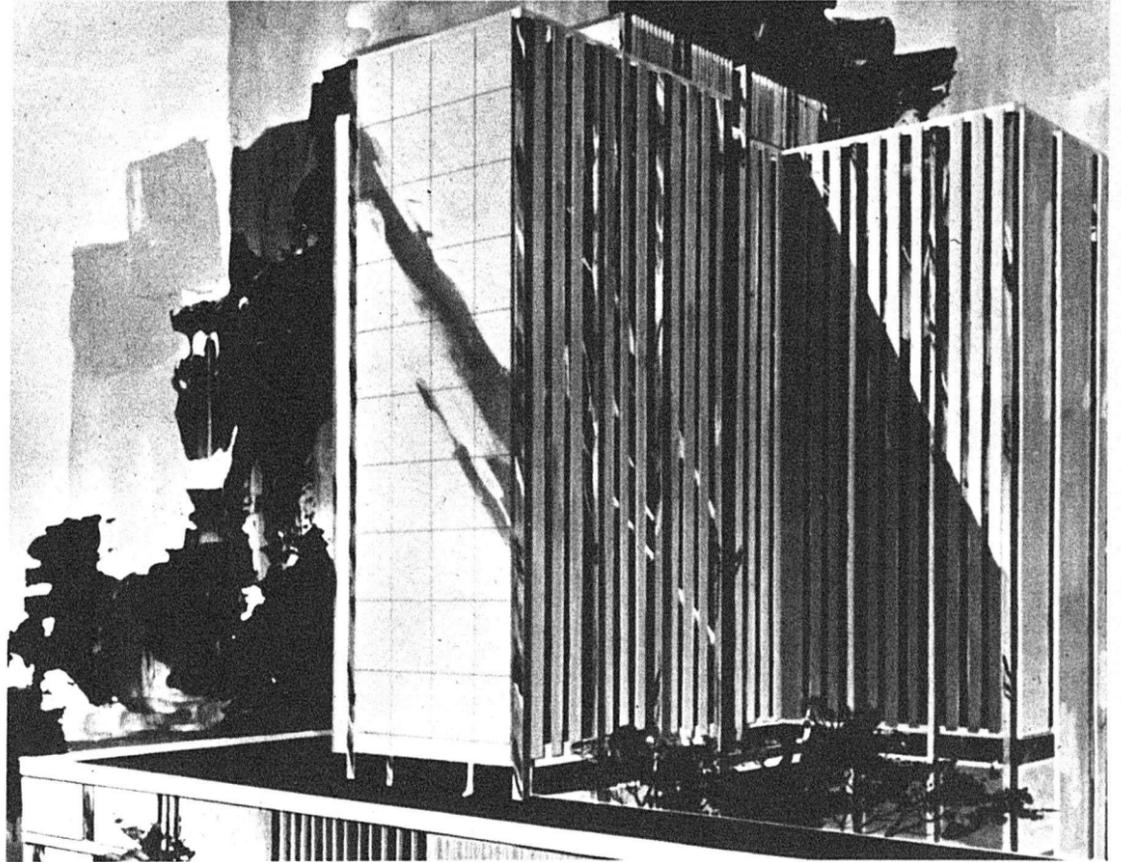
"Some health science centres may tend to pick their patients for purposes of education and research, but in addition to this activity we are going to continue to fulfill our community responsibility to the citizens of this area."

Tentative construction dates for the other buildings in the health science centre are:

- 1969—the basic medical sciences building
- 1969—common facilities and central services building
- 1970 or 1971—buildings for dentistry, pharmacy, the school of rehabilitation medicine, and the health sciences library.

Fate of the old medical buildings will be up to the university, said Dr. Reed. "It is possible the old buildings will serve as float space during preparation of and conversion to the new buildings. The old Mewburn and Wells Pavilions at the university hospital will be demolished," he said.

The centre will make extensive use of computers for research in the areas of patient care and education.



PROPOSED CLINICAL SCIENCES BUILDING
... first part of health sciences complex

Completion of facilities

Completion of full facilities of the health sciences complex will be highly significant to students and faculty of the medical sciences.

Dean of medicine Dr. W. C. MacKenzie said present enrolment in his faculty is "pretty well fixed".

The faculty hopes to see an increase of undergraduate enrolment to 120 students after completion of necessary aspects of the complex. Dr. MacKenzie said the complex will mean "marked enlargement" of the graduate enrolment.

NURSES EXCITED

Director of nursing Miss R. E. McClure said, "The school of nursing is most anxious and excited about the development of the health sciences complex.

"Completion of the project will provide for much greater scope in

our teaching program," she said.

Greater scope will become possible through plans for a trend toward comprehensive medical care involving extension of care into the community.

The development of community medicine will mean a change in philosophy as far as total medical care is concerned. A plan for rehabilitation of patients after they leave the hospital would be incorporated, Miss McClure said.

Miss McClure also hopes the complex will allow increased enrolment in the school of nursing.

"Our present quota in the four-year degree program is 25 students," he said.

"The complex will enable us to provide expansion of courses and a more sound degree program for registered nurses. With these new developments, we plan to offer a program at the masters level.

"Only two English-speaking universities in Canada presently offer masters programs in nursing. Our aim is to have the program by 1969 or 1970," said Miss McClure.

Dean of pharmacy Dr. M. J. Huston does not know when his faculty will enter the new complex but he says the complex will provide for increased enrolment of up to 600 undergraduates. Present enrolment quota allows for only 230 undergraduates.

Dr. Huston hopes the complex will allow graduate enrolment to increase from the present 15 students to 50 or 75 students.

"Completion of the complex will make for a very great improvement and development in curriculum, particularly in the training of hospital pharmacists, because we will integrate our program with that of the hospital in the complex," Dr. Huston said.

Executive changes approved

Changes in the executive structure of students' council were given final reading at Monday's council meeting.

The position of CUS chairman was abolished. The vice-president will be in charge of CUS business. The duties of the secretary-treasurer were divided between a secretary and a treasurer.

These changes will come into effect for the March students' union elections.

The sex restriction clause governing the position of vice-president was taken off.

Previously, only a female student could hold the office.

However, the secretary of the students' union must now be a woman.

Wauneita Society rep Leslie Campbell moved the president of Wauneita lose her vote and seat on students' council.

Mrs. Campbell said she would be bringing a report to council Feb. 27 on a recent study of the society.

"There are going to be some radical changes made," she said.

A students' union charter flight to Expo will leave Edmonton May

13 and return May 21, council decided.

A round-trip ticket is \$116. The executive was mandated to investigate feasibility of expanding the offer to include the price of an Expo passport. The price of passports goes up after this month, and the move could save students money.

Anyone taking the flight will have to arrange his own accommodation for the eight-day stay in Montreal.

In other business, a motion for a constitutional change that would have made illegal the president's double vote in a tied situation was defeated. Secretary-treasurer Al Anderson explained that the matter was already up before the discipline interpretation and enforcement board. He suggested action be deferred pending the board report.

Melvin Strickland, ag 3, was appointed ag rep to council for the remainder of the year. Former rep Harvey Glasier has been forced to resign by academic pressure.

Robert Rosen, arts 4, was appointed returning officer for the students' union elections.

OFFICIAL NOTICE of THE STUDENTS' UNION

The annual students' union general elections will be held March 3, 1967. A vigorous election involving broad student participation is in the best interests of this university's traditions of robust student government, and students are encouraged to take part in election proceedings as much as possible.

OFFICES to be contested are the following:

- president of the students' union
- vice-president of the students' union
- secretary of the students' union
- treasurer of the students' union
- co-ordinator of student activities
- president of men's athletics
- president of women's athletics
- treasurer of men's athletics
- president of the Wauneita Society
- vice-president of the Wauneita Society
- secretary-treasurer of Wauneita Society

Both men and women may nominate and elect the first eight of these officers; only a woman may contest the office of secretary of the students' union, however. The three Wauneita Society positions are open to women, and only women may nominate or vote upon candidates for them.

NOMINATIONS will be received in the students' union office, main floor, students' union building, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22. Blank nomination forms are available in the students' union office; it is not necessary to use the form provided, but all information requested thereon must be included on any nomination paper.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the returning officer. Detailed regulations may from time to time be posted in the main lobby of The Students' Union Building.

Bob Rosen
Returning Officer

Federation

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"We did hope to consider a new national federation," he explained. "There has been discussion to that effect. And it depends on McGill and U of A.

"But UGEQ takes a hard line. Members are either in UGEQ alone or they get out."

Students' union vice-president Marilyn Pilkington commented, "I think McGill joined UGEQ partly in order to protect its provincial interests, and if it is forced to support all the actions of UGEQ, it might reconsider membership."

UGEQ

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He called McGill's move into UGEQ "the first piece of unfinished business McGill had to do," emphasizing the importance of a new role for McGill in UGEQ and the "problems of all Canadian students."

DELIGHTED

Future relations with McGill will be friendly, the CUS chief indicated. "We will be delighted to cooperate with McGill as we would with students in any fraternal union," said Ward.

About 30 per cent of eligible voters turned out for the referendum. The vote reversed results of a similar referendum held Jan. 26 last year, when students voted, 893 to 2,254 to reject affiliation with unilingual UGEQ in favor of continued CUS membership.