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## Campus changes face in summer



Cranes resemble giant insects over Engineering Center—\$9.3 million building due to be ready next fall.

### Construction on new center on schedule

Construction on the \$9.3 million Engineering Center on campus — officially started more than a year ago — is on schedule.

John Merchant, A&M inspector for the 324,000 square foot structure, reports the five-floor frame should be completed by mid-December and the roof finished by mid-January.

It will be ready for students by September, 1971, Merchant said. Some 85 workers are completing the framing and pouring on the second floor. The third floor work began at the end of July.

Hardware for the utility system is being assembled in the basement. A utility tunnel and two 48-inch storm sewers are completed, Merchant pointed out.

One-inch steel plating for the nuclear reactor sub-critical and accelerator room also is being laid this week.

Merchant said work has progressed on schedule at most times. A three-week sheet metal strike did not hurt construction, he noted.

Merchant expects about 125 men will be working on the building after the frame is completed.

W. E. Bellows Construction Co. of Houston is the general contractor. Bellows bid \$7,546,600 for the two-year project, with the remainder of the costs going for fees, furniture and equipment.



High rise on campus—Construction will start soon on the new 15-story Oceanography-meteorology Building, shown here in artist's concept. The facility will include 121 laboratories. (Related story on page 7)

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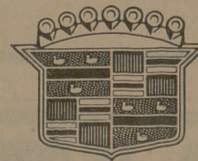
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