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THE FIRST BUILDING

There was considerable elation in the Offices of Administrative Affairs over the outcome of the past week's events regarding the new Multi-Purpose Building, planning of which has now taken a year. First, the low bid of \$5,678,550 for the project was about \$1.8 million under the architect's estimate, according to Dan D'Oliveira, Director of University Physical Planning, which will allow the University to realize savings for other projects. He explained that some of the savings will be used toward a second classroom-office building, which is now proposed to be available before the fall of 1973. The savings in funds will also enable Florida International to use more money for roads and parking areas at the Tamiami Campus.

D'Oliveira also said that if the bids had come in over the estimate, the University probably would not have been able to open for student enrollment at the Tamiami Campus in 1972.

"Much was riding on this," he noted. "Now, the University's

successful performance on this building will help us in future funding."

Then, last Tuesday, the State Cabinet, meeting in Tallahassee, approved the contract for the building. Now, a groundbreaking ceremony has been tentatively scheduled for early January, while actual construction will begin about December 1. The building is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by June 1, 1972.

The floor plans for the new building show this breakdown:

The library will take up the first floor, with capacity for 155,000 volumes. A portion of the second floor will be allocated for library facilities, in addition to student services, academic offices and classrooms. The third and fourth floors will house labs and classrooms. On the fifth floor will be the President's office, administrative and academic deans, office and conference space, with the back wing housing the computers.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAYS: November 26-27 will be Thanksgiving holidays for University personnel, according to President Charles E. Perry.

NEW FACES: Ronald G. Arrowsmith, Director of Administrative Services, will be in charge of Purchasing, Personnel, and Accounting. Dean Donald McDowell, Administrative Affairs, called him "one of the most informed people on administration and finance in the State University System of Florida." The new director was formerly the University Controller at Florida Atlantic University, and before that served in the Finance and Accounting Department at the University of Florida...Miss Elsie Mae Curry, staff assistant to Dean G. Wesley Sowards, School of Education, comes here from Northwestern University. A native of Illinois, she received her B.A. degree from Millikin University, and has a Master's degree in Christian Education.

HERE AND THERE: Dean John E. Lewis, School of Business and Organizational Sciences, attended the meetings of the Southern Business Administration Association (Florida International's School of Business and Organizational Sciences is now a member) and the Southern Economic Association in Atlanta November 11-13...Wayland Slayton, Director of Physical Plant, was involved in an auto accident last Saturday, and suffered injuries to his leg and ribs but is up and around now. His daughter was in the car but was unhurt. The staff wishes him a speedy recovery..."Focus on Drugs," the two-day conference sponsored by the University and the State Department of Education was a big success, according to Dr. E. A. Giordano, University Services and Continuing Education. There were 95 registrations for the conference, and about 70 percent of those were the teachers and administrators who will be actively involved in instituting drug education programs in their schools. An article on the conference is planned for The NUEA Spectator, the journal of the National University Extension Association.

GRANT AWARDED: The Division of University Services and Continuing Education has received a \$6,430 grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for a week-long training program and workshop for dietitians. The workshop, entitled "The Dietitian Reaches the Hard to Reach," will be held next April in Miami.

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