



There were smiles all around at the opening of the Basic Medical Sciences Building. Shaking hands with Dr. Arnold Naimark, Dean of the Medical College, is Dr. Ken Hughes (back to camera), Special Assistant to the Dean for Research and Graduate Studies. Far left is Ben Hanuschak, Minister of Education, Colleges and Universities Affairs; behind Dr. Naimark is Dr. Dan Snidal, Associate Dean.

SCIENCES BUILDING OPENS

The University of Manitoba's Basic Medical Sciences Building was opened on April 5.

The \$8.9 million building, attached to the west end of the General Centre, was financed equally by the Federal Government's Health Resources Fund and the Provincial Government.

It will provide teaching facilities for students in medicine, dentistry, physical and occupational therapy, graduate students in the medical sciences, internes and residents. In addition, there will be room for professional continuing education pro-

grams and other health sciences teaching activities.

A major part of the building is for staff offices and research laboratories for the departments of anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, medical microbiology and immunology. A new central animal care area will serve all the departments in the faculty.

The five-storey building is the first major facility to be built in the province for teaching and research in the health sciences for more than 10 years.

Trailers To Be Added To Emergency

Plans are under way to add three trailers, totalling approximately 1,600 square feet of space, to the General Centre Emergency Department.

This is an interim measure to alleviate some of the overcrowding in the triage area of the department, and the project will be completed in the fall.

The trailers will be situated in Parking Lot D where the present entrance is to the department. This will mean a small reduction in the number of parking spaces.

They also will be connected to the Primary Health Care Unit, so that patients intended for that area can be routed directly there.

Triage Area Renovation

The trailers will house patient waiting areas, a main triage desk, police room, area for disturbed patients, a documentation area for Emergency and Primary Health Care patients, and a bereaved relatives' room. The present triage area of the Emergency Department will be renovated as an observation area.

In addition, there will be some minor renovations, including relocating and modifying surgical treatment rooms and equipment, revision to the resuscitation room to make access easier and modifications to the nursing station to make it more functional.

The overall cost that has been approved by the Manitoba Hospital Commission, taking into account construction, equipment, professional fees and interim financing costs, is \$82,000.