

# New A&S building is scheduled to begin construction in October

Construction of the new Arts and Sciences building is scheduled to begin in October and will be completed in two and one half years according to Nick Leonelli, Director of Campus Planning and Development. When completed departments such as psychology, foreign languages and sociology will be centralized in the new building.

Considered in the planning of the new building was the fact that at present the A&S building houses only six of the college's 18 departments: economics, English, history, philosophy, political science and sociology, in addition to the WYSU radio station. It has no offices for limited service faculty or graduate assistants. It is the only academic facility on the east side of Wick Avenue.

The new six-story structure will provide offices for the six departments already housed in the building, and incorporate the psychology and foreign language departments as well. All the departments will be provided with laboratories, some for the first time.

At present the psychology department occupies nine small bedrooms in Kilcawley Dormitory. According to Dr. Hotchkiss, Department Chairperson of Psychology, the new building will provide facilities to insure the "proper training of our graduates." These will include animal and psycho-physical laboratories plus labs for testing and counseling, and offices for graduate assistants. At present the psychology department has no laboratories but uses an old residence for animal behavioral studies and another residence for the Counseling Center.

The foreign language department has two small labs in Jones Hall at present with insufficient storage space. The new building will contain three foreign language labs plus adequate storage space.

In addition, the sociology and anthropology department will have access to a lab in the new structure.

The political science and economics departments will share the use of a computer terminal room in the new building. Such a facility is not available to either

department now.

The English department's phonetic lab, located in a closet in the present A&S building will have a much larger room in the new structure.

The building will be located between the Technical and Community College and Kilcawley Center.

Faculty offices will be single loaded and private but in the

future can be doubled up, according to Leonelli. Another feature will be a lecture hall. It will be connected to the main building by a courtyard. No such facility is available now.

The present A&S building will not be raised right now, according to Leonelli. Plans are vague but perhaps it can be converted back to a motel and used by seminar visitors to YSU.