

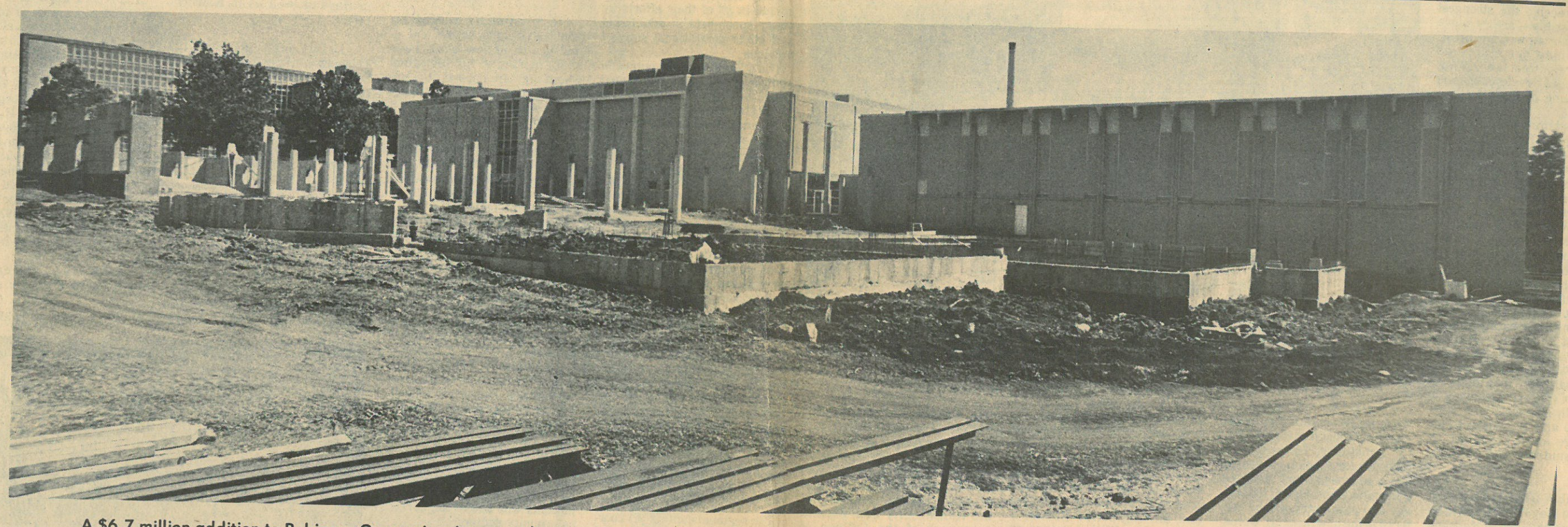
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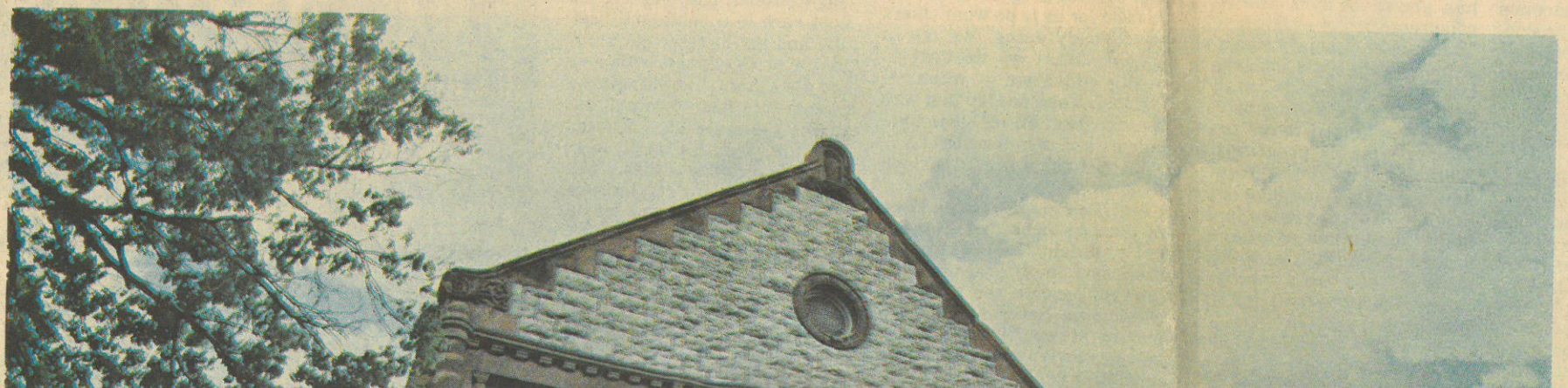
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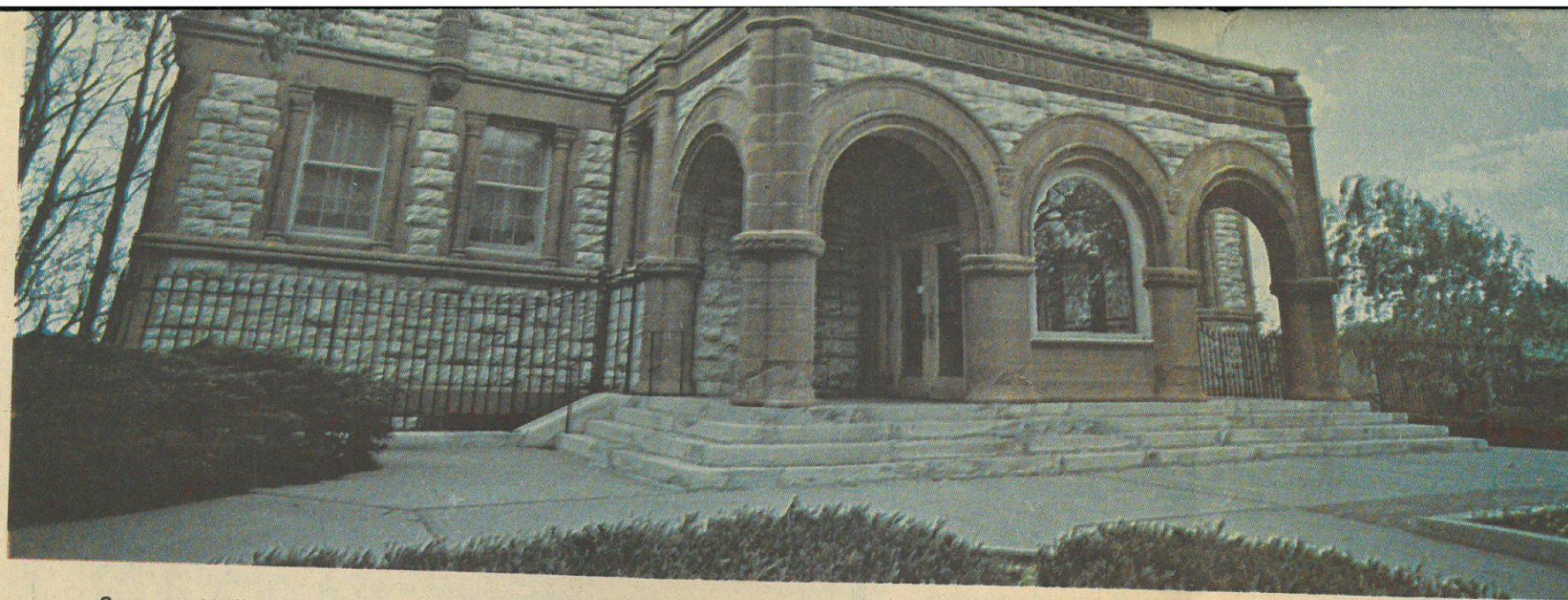


A \$6.7 million addition to Robinson Gymnasium is proceeding on schedule, officials say. In this northeasterly view the natatorium will be in the foreground and additional classrooms, office space plus a multi-use area will be to the north.



KU builds and builds

Kansas University is building at a record pace as its construction in the current; fiscal year. Remodeling to accommodate



Spooner Hall, one of Kansas University's oldest buildings, is between tenants. The former home of the Museum of Art, Spooner in the future will house the Museum of Anthropology. First, renovation of the 84-year-old structure must begin. Roof repairs and stonework refurbishing top the agenda of work that will begin when a \$150,000 federal grant is assured, KU officials say.

...sas City, Kan., campuses. The jobs range from parking lot resurfacing to construction of the \$58 million new hospital at the KU Medical Center. Seven more projects are still in the planning stage.

Allen Wiechert, university architect who has been acting university director of facilities planning since the resignation of Max Lucas July 16, predicted the busy trend will continue. The projects will be as numerous, he said, if not as large or expensive.

"WE'LL BE as busy as we've ever been, but it will be with different types of projects," Wiechert said. "We're starting to refurbish our older buildings. We're also getting into what I call motherhood projects — capital improvements to accommodate the handicapped and energy conservation projects."

The 1978 Kansas Legislature appropriated \$339,000 to double-glaze windows and \$22,700 for extra insulation to keep the lid on energy consump-

to fund the first phase of the work.

The types of projects that will occupy KU planners' time isn't the only change this year; after four years as the university's chief building officer, Max Lucas resigned to return to the classroom as a professor of architecture and urban design. Lucas supervised a building program that at one point reached \$99 million worth of projects.

Wiechert said that nearly all work under way is rolling along on schedule.

"RIGHT NOW we're probably in the best shape we've been in for any year at this time," he said.

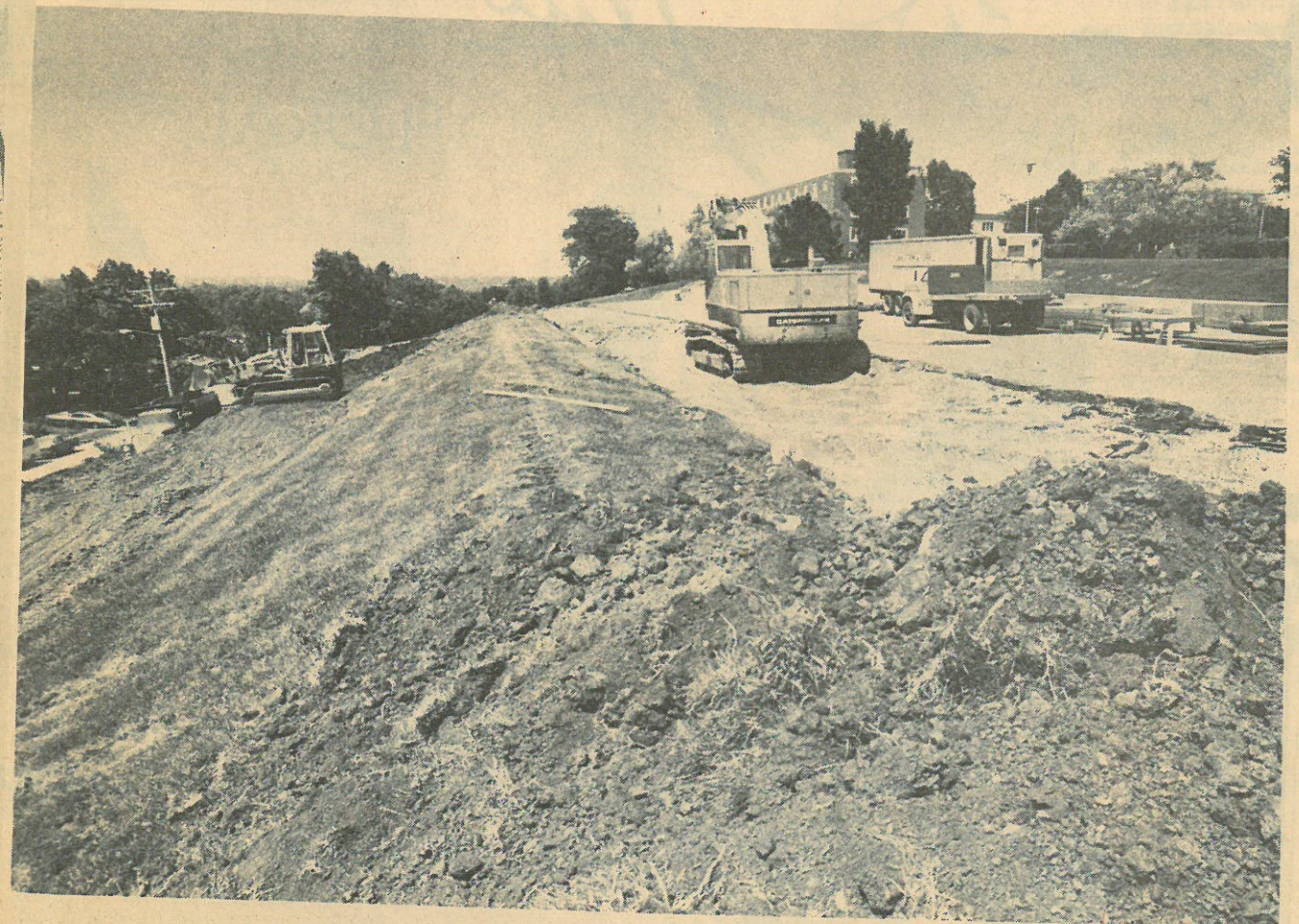
Heading that list is the \$1.8 million renovation of Memorial Stadium. Concrete restoration, weatherproofing, renovation of dressing rooms and public rest rooms and the addition of new aluminum seats, a new artificial playing surface and a new sec-

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Pipes and trestles await their use in the construction of an \$11.5 million addition to Malott Hall.

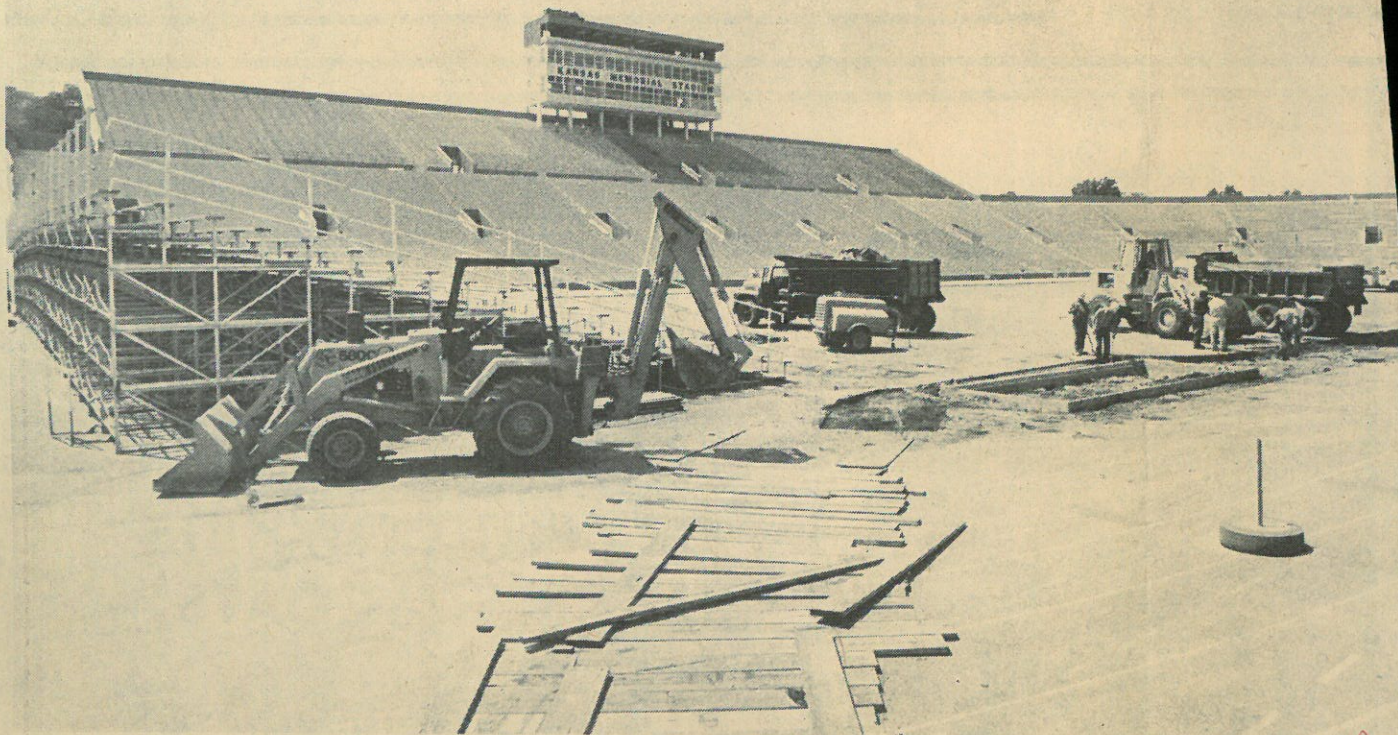


A two-level parking facility is taking shape near Gertrude Sellards Pearson-Corbin residence halls.



(Staff photos by Richard Gwin)

The satellite union, top, under construction at the foot of Daisy Hill, may be completed by spring; the renovation of Memorial Stadium, bottom, is expected to be finished by the home football opener against Texas A&M Sept. 9.



KU builds at record pace

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tion to the press box are to be complete for the first football game Sept. 9.

While the stadium figures to be ready, parking facilities nearby may not be, Wiechert said. Bad weather would delay completion of resurfacing parts of zone "X" parking lot, a \$161,000 project financed through parking fees. Officials have developed contingency parking plans in that event, he said.

Only one project currently is behind schedule, Wiechert said: a 120-space parking garage near Gertrude Sellards Pearson-Corbin Residence Halls at 11th and Louisiana. Construction of the two-level, \$372,000 facility began two months late because of delays in approving the contract by the state Department of Administration. It was to be ready by the beginning of the school year, but Wiechert said the scheduled completion date now is January 1979.

OTHER PROJECTS, Wiechert said, are on or ahead of schedule:

- Robinson Gymnasium addition. The addition, which will house a second natatorium plus a multi-use area and more classrooms," Wiechert said. Conground," Wiechert said. Construction crews have been pouring the foundation walls on the \$6.7 million project.

- Satellite union. Construction began about the same time as the Robinson addition and is at about the same stage. The \$2.5 million building located northwest of Allen Fieldhouse, which is being financed through student fees, is to be completed in late spring 1979.

- Malott Hall addition. The

most complex project on the Lawrence campus also is proceeding on schedule. Tiers for the addition are being drilled, poured and tied together while the heating and cooling systems in the existing building are being refurbished. Wiechert said the tiers must be tied together because evidence of slight slide conditions was discovered when soil bore samples were taken. Work on the \$11.5 million project is to be completed by 1980.

- Athletic field improvements at 23rd and Iowa. Grading, resurfacing and installation of a sprinkler system is to be finished soon after school starts, Wiechert said. This fall the six fields will be seeded and sodded. Total cost of the project, which is also financed by student fees, is about \$40,000.

AT KUMC, TWO projects are ahead of schedule and two more are being planned. Work on the six-level hospital building (each floor is larger than a football field) is about a month ahead of schedule, which will allow the move to begin in October, according to latest estimates. The building is to be completed soon after the first of the year, but equipment, staff and finally pa-

tients won't be moved in until a year from now.

KUMC's new radiation therapy center also is under construction. The \$3.5 million facility will house the radiation therapy department, including a linear volt accelerator.

On the drawing board is a \$2.4 million parking garage to accompany the new hospital as well as a \$4.9 million new library. The three-tiered garage will be financed through the issuance of revenue bonds, while the state will be asked to fund the library construction. KU received \$125,000 from the 1978 legislature in preliminary planning money for the work.

In Lawrence, renovation of Watson Library and Summerfield, Lindley and Marvin Halls is being planned. The Watson, Summerfield and Lindley projects (all approved last spring) will require one year for planning and two for construction.

Lindley Hall will take only two years to complete because existing interior spaces won't be altered, Wiechert said.

Also being planned is a solid waste-fueled steam generating plant. KU is working under a second \$100,000 appropriation for engineering studies and plans. Depending on the specific type of technology that is used, the cost could range from \$10-\$17 million.

