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, remodeling, and renovation projects continue. The university is experiencing a period of rapid growth, with numerous new facilities and improvements being completed or planned.
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 $150,000 federal grant is assured, KU officials say.

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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. Wichert said that weather could 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, Wichert said: a 128-space parking garage near Gertrude Sellards Pearson-Corbett Residence Halls at 11th and Louisiana. Construction of the two-level, $172,000 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 Wichert said the scheduled completion date now is January 1979.

OTHER PROJECTS

Wichert 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, "is underway," Wichert 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.
- Main Hall addition. The

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

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. Wichert said the tiers must be tied together because evidence of slight slide conditions was discovered when new 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, Wichert said. Thus 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 patients 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 $9.9 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.