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The University of Toledo today announced preliminary plans for a \$4,336,278 Science Building for graduate and undergraduate research and instruction in chemistry and biology. Total cost of the building, which is the most ambitious in TU's 92-year history, is expected to be paid through federal and state funds.

"Though it will be the most costly of any building at TU, no local tax funds will be involved," according to Dr. William S. Carlson, TU president. The major portion of the cost, he said, would be paid from TU's share of funds raised through State Issue 1, which was approved by Ohio voters last year. TU already has applied for \$1,445,426 in federal project development funds through the Ohio Board of Regents. In addition, Dr. Carlson said, applications are being made for a total of \$750,000 from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

The proposed building, a U-shaped structure, will have a total of 114,860 square feet of floor space. It will include classrooms, laboratories, shops, library and study facilities, administrative offices and maintenance areas.

Construction of the building will increase TU's classroom and laboratory space by about 20 per cent. Dr. Alfred Foster, professor of chemistry and head of a faculty committee which planned the building, said it would replace classroom and laboratory facilities which are 35 years old. "Present facilities," Dr. Foster said, "allow no room for expansion and are barely adequate for modern teaching and research methods."

Plans, prepared by the Toledo architectural firm of Hahn and Hayes, call for a three-story structure with a basement. Ground-breaking for the new building is tentatively set for early next year, with a completion date in 1966. Site of the building is TU's old baseball diamond, which is adjacent to the proposed site of the medical school and near the Secor Road entrance to the campus.