The new Art and Architecture building will be located on the corner of Girard Park Drive and Woodson Street, he explained, with an expected completion date of no earlier than the fall of 1974. The project is currently undergoing a process of competitive bidding in which the winner will be awarded the contract by Dec. 31, 1972.

Losses ran high in the spectacular blaze which destroyed Brown-Ayres Hall this summer. The destruction of its remains should be near completion by the end of next week, according to Joe Gossen, head of University maintenance.

The remaining portion of the building which appears as a mystery to many people is actually a live transformer vault which supplies current to some buildings and portions of the arcade around the quadrangle. It should be torn down in about a month, after these circuits are transferred, Gossen said.

In the meantime, grass will be planted over the site. The overall long-range campus plan calls for a plaza area there. Gossen said he hoped to have some benches in the area after the destruction is completed. "The fire just came two years too soon," he said.