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If funds of $800,000 from the National Institute of Health become available, the building will contain an auditorium, first floor parking and two additional floors for the College of Nursing.

If a proposal for a grant from MSF is approved, an additional one to two floors for microbiology will be added, making the building a five-storied structure.

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The third floor will provide for storage for nursing, nurses and faculty offices, lecture rooms, and a faculty lounge and faculty lockers.

The fourth floor will be allocated to microbiology administrative offices and a preparation and stock room. There will also be graduate laboratories; specialized research laboratories and an electron microscope suite with dark room and a major preparation stock room.

On the fifth floor there will be undergraduate instructors laboratories; small lecture rooms, a secondary preparation and stockroom; and three graduate laboratories.

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