Construction begun on Bio growth; new wing to be completed next year

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The construction currently muddying the west end of the Rice campus will eventually double this University facilities for research in biology.

On October 26, the Board of Governors approved an expenditure of in the neighborhood of $1.2 million. The majority of the sum will be paid by the National Institute of Health for the advancement and continuation of research. The rest of the cost will be paid by the University.

The new wing will extend the existing one to within about 15' of the roadway on the west end of the area. The building will be used entirely for research.

The architects, Pierce and Pierce, who designed the existing structure, and Samuel Marshall, Contractor of the present biology labs, have indicated that the building will be completed about the end of November, 1967. Personnel will be committed for the spring semester following that date.

The plans, including working drawings, prepared by Pierce and Pierce, in coordination with Dr. Clark Read of the Rice biology department and Dr. J. R. Sims, Campus Business Manager, were submitted to NIH before approval of the grant for the 16,000 sq. ft. structure.

Included in these plans is a 120 man departmental seminar room, a private graduate reading room with 10 study carrels, and a heavy duty elevator.