Cool And Bright Chem Building Is Nearly Complete

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Chemistry students may at last breathe a sigh of relief. Externally unchanged, the Chemistry building and lecture hall are now in the final stages of what amounts to a complete rebuilding job.

The undergraduate labs on the first floor of the building have already been completed. They include such improvements as better distilled water facilities, higher desk partitions for safety, new desks and cupboards, and more individual smoke hoods.

TWO NEW ORGANIC labs and one large, inorganic, physical lab on the upper floor will be used principally for research. Because of the size and complicated nature of the project, it is hard as yet to determine when it will be completed or how much it will cost.

Its financing has been aided by grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The present project should be completed by the end of the academic year, but it may eventually be expanded to include the entire Chemistry Building.

THE LECTURE HALL, long known as the hottest and gloomiest place on campus, was completely gutted and rebuilt over the summer. The hall was stripped to bare concrete, steel and brick, and was rebuilt from there.

Now virtually finished, the place has pushbutton drapes and movie screen, new floors, walls and ceiling. And air conditioning. The only vestiges of the old hall than can be seen are the big carved corbells which hold up the beams across the ceiling.