Inside and Outside —
Many New Projects Underway

Look around and you will see several new projects underway at the Medical Center:

**STEAMLINE RELOCATION**
In preparation for the construction of the Medical College’s new York Avenue Ambulatory Care Building and prior to the demolition of the Livingston-Farrand Residence, 427 E. 69th Street, it is necessary to relocate the steam and communication lines, which run along the back of the Olin Hall Courtyard west through the back alleys of 427, 425, and 423 E. 69th Street. The relocated lines will run south above the roof of the Olin Gymnasium to the sidewalk, go underground approximately five feet deep, and run west under the sidewalks of 427 and 425, just short of the entrance stairway. The lines will then turn North (right) and run into and through the basement of 425 E. 69th Street to tie into the existing lines, which are supported on an existing retaining wall in the back yard of 425.

The work on the sidewalk will take approximately six weeks to complete. Residents of Livingston-Farrand at 425 and 423 will experience some noise from removing the existing sidewalk and digging near their buildings. But the noise from chopping the sidewalk and digging the trench will last only a short time, and only occur during normal working hours, 8:00am to 4:00pm. Access to 425 and 423 will not be affected.

**LASDON HOUSE UPGRADE**
As part of the Medical College’s Strategic Plan Phase I, Lasdon House is receiving a major interior upgrade. Lasdon, which contains about a quarter of a million gross square feet, functions principally as a housing facility for medical and graduate students, postdoctoral trainees, and their families.

Interior upgrades include modernization of the individual apartments; the public lobby; corridors; elevators; and the cellar and garage levels. Upgrades also include ADA accessibility, new windows, electrical and lighting improvements, fire protection, finish work, and furniture and equipment replacement.

The renovation is slated for completion by early 2006.

**CANTOR AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER**
Renovations of the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Ambulatory Surgery Center are underway, and slated for completion this June. The first renovation, located on F9 and covering approximately 1,100 square feet, involves the reception and family waiting area. The second renovation, on L9 and about 1,600 square feet, includes the creation of separate changing areas for men and women, exam and evaluation areas, and a gowned-patient waiting area.

These renovations will greatly enhance patient privacy and comfort.

**PLAZA AT 70TH & YORK**
Renovation of the existing Plaza on the northwest corner of 70th Street and York Avenue — in front of the Stich Building (Monahan Center) — is underway, and scheduled for completion in March. The goal of this project is to improve the Plaza’s appearance, improve access to Stich, and provide better visual separation from busy corner traffic.

The New York Weill Cornell Medical Center, located in Manhattan on the Upper East Side at York Avenue and 68th Street, comprises NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Weill Cornell Medical College.
A portion of Weill Cornell’s Office of Academic Computing (OAC) and Physician Organization (PO) staff have relocated to the new Information Services Facility on the 3rd floor of 575 Lexington Avenue, at 51st Street.

The facility, about 35,000 square feet, has been constructed to accommodate up to 133 OAC and PO Information Services staff, providing attractive, ergonomic work stations.

A highlight of this new space is the state-of-the-art training rooms and conference area, which can accommodate up to 150 staff. The space offers outstanding audio visual facilities, including digital equipment, in-room projectors, a flat panel screen, and white boards for illustrations throughout the rooms.

The training facilities contain flexible, mobile partitions — to create up to three training rooms at a time. And space is, at last, available to train the entire Weill Cornell community in various computer programs and products.

Four conference rooms are available that can accommodate 8 to 12 persons, and can be used for meetings or small-group training sessions.

The new space also includes a second campus-wide Server Data Center to provide quicker and more efficient transfer from server to server.

Additional space in the building has been leased for PO Business Offices.

In case you haven’t noticed, here’s a partial list of recently completed facility projects and improvements:

- Physician Organization Information Services & OAC Technical Support Facility, 575 Lexington Avenue
- College Bookstore Relocation, Lasdon House
- Development Office Expansion, 425 East 61st Street
- Citigroup Biomedical Imaging Center, East 72nd Street
- Southtown Residential Development, 465 Main Street, Roosevelt Island
- HIPAA Compliance Office, S-Building
- Physiology Department Renovation, B, C, D, LC-Buildings
- Gross Anatomy Labs Renovation, A-Building
- Cell and Developmental Biology Department Renovation, A-Building
- Office of Strategic Initiatives, 1163 York Avenue

Indeed, we’re on the move!