

## Onward and Upward! E Building Three-Floor Addition Set to Begin

This month, the long-awaited construction of three new floors atop the E Building and renovation of the sixth floor get under way. The three floors, the first of the Major Upgrade Projects, will bring the building's total number of floors to nine.

"The new space, which will allow us to expand existing programs, is sorely needed," says Jennifer McCartt, Project Manager. Located on the corner of East 68th Street and York Avenue, the E Building houses Medical College offices and labs. The sixth floor, which is currently empty, is designated for Neurology offices; the seventh floor will be occupied by RARC; the eighth floor will be shared by Pharmacology, Neurology and Pediatrics; and the ninth floor is assigned to Dermatology.

"The labs that are being built are open labs that will extend the full length of 68th Street, which is the southern end of the building," says Ms. McCartt. "The office and service areas will be located closer to the interior of the floors."

Building a three-story addition, particularly in New York, is not without its challenges, notes Ms. McCartt. "We have a lot of logistical issues at that very busy corner," she says. "We're putting up a sidewalk bridge, and we will be erecting a hoist as well. There will be sidewalk protection, of course, but the street and sidewalk will remain open so people can get around as normal."

Great care has gone into matching the existing brick on the exterior walls of the new addition. "The southern façade is a curtain wall [Continues on page 2](#)



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### A Spruce-Up for Uris Auditorium



NEW SEATS, CARPETING AND A FRESH COAT OF PAINT ADD UP TO AN ATTRACTIVE NEW LOOK FOR URIS AUDITORIUM.

### B BUILDING ELEVATOR UPDATE

Due to a complete renovation of A-7 from May 2006 to March 2007, the RARC facility on the seventh floor of the C Building will be periodically using the #3 and #4 passenger cars in the B Building to transport materials. During these times, the elevators will be unavailable for passenger use, and staff should use the K elevator bank for quicker service.



## Serving Up New Space for OAC

As Weill Cornell Medical College has grown and expanded, so has demand for the services of the Office of Academic Computing (OAC)—the department that provides comprehensive technological support to faculty and staff. To help meet that demand, OAC is expanding into nearly 4,000 square feet of space at 1300 York Avenue that was previously part of the Library.

“The space, located at LC 003, will double the size of the server room, and more than double OAC staff space,” says Gwen Glass, Project Manager. Phase one of the project, which includes two-thirds of the office space and half of the space devoted to the server, is completed, and

staff have begun to occupy their new quarters. In phase two, the remainder of the renovations will occur.

“In addition, the renovated space will include a conference facility to be shared with the entire Weill Cornell campus,” Ms. Glass adds. •



SPACIOUS NEW OAC OFFICES

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to be constructed of glass and brick—a modern interpretation of the original 1930s building,” says Ms. McCartt.

The design and preparation for the new floors began several years ago, as part of the Medical College’s master plan, and has included rigorous reviews by the City along the way. “The building project has been through the City planning process, and included an environmental review,” says Ms. McCartt. “They were very complimentary of the project.”

The project is being designed by Mitchell/Giurgola Architects, and is expected to be completed in a year.

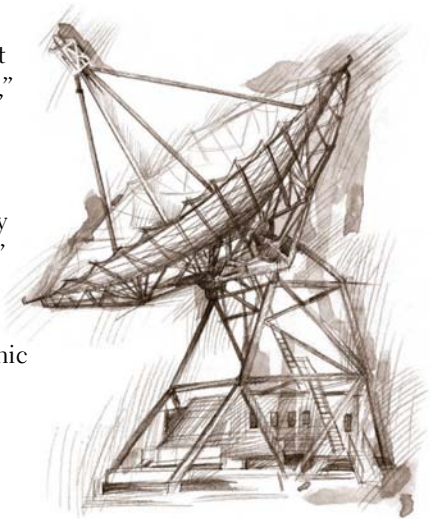
## Live From New York, It’s the Distance Learning Center!

Some September, medical students at Weill Cornell Medical College-Qatar will receive real-time instruction from faculty in New York via two new broadcast studios currently under construction. Two dry labs in the Weill Education Center, located on the second floor of the D Building, are being renovated to create state-of-the-art video streaming/broadcast spaces.

Equipped with the latest broadcasting technologies and special lighting, the studios also will include electronic white boards to capture the notes that are being written on a display screen, as well as picture-in-a-picture capabilities.

“The general-purpose broadcasting studios

also can be combined to create a larger studio for conference-type seminars that will accommodate up to 25 individuals,” says Frank Kubicek, Project Manager of Weill Cornell’s Division of Facilities Development. “At the moment, faculty have to go offsite to meet, so this facility will be made available to them as well.” The project is being spearheaded by Dr. Carol Storey-Johnson, Senior Associate Dean of the Office of Academic Affairs, and Havva Idriss, Vice Dean, Weill Cornell Medical College-Qatar. Construction is scheduled for completion by August 15. •



### Project Schedule

CONSTRUCTION JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2006

PROJECT	LOCATION	JUNE-06	JULY-06	AUG-06	SEPT-06
<b>YORK AVENUE AMBULATORY CARE BUILDING</b>	<b>York Avenue</b>	[Orange bar spanning June to September]			
<b>LASDON HOUSE UPGRADE</b>	<b>Lasdon House</b>	[Orange bar spanning June to September]			
<b>OAC EXPANSION</b>	<b>LC-0, D-0</b>	[Orange bar spanning June to August]			
<b>FIRST FLOOR OFFICES</b>	<b>A/B/C Building</b>	[Orange bar spanning June to August]			
<b>CELL BIOLOGY</b>	<b>A-4</b>	[Orange bar spanning June to August]			
<b>E BUILDING EXPANSION</b>	<b>E-6, 7, 8, 9</b>	[Orange bar spanning June to September]			
<b>RARC RENOVATION</b>	<b>ACD-7</b>	[Orange bar spanning June to September]			
<b>HEM/ONC/PATHOLOGY/LEHMAN BROS. CTR.</b>	<b>ACD-6</b>	[Orange bar spanning June to September]			
<b>DISTANCE LEARNING CENTER</b>	<b>D-2</b>	[Orange bar spanning June to August]			