

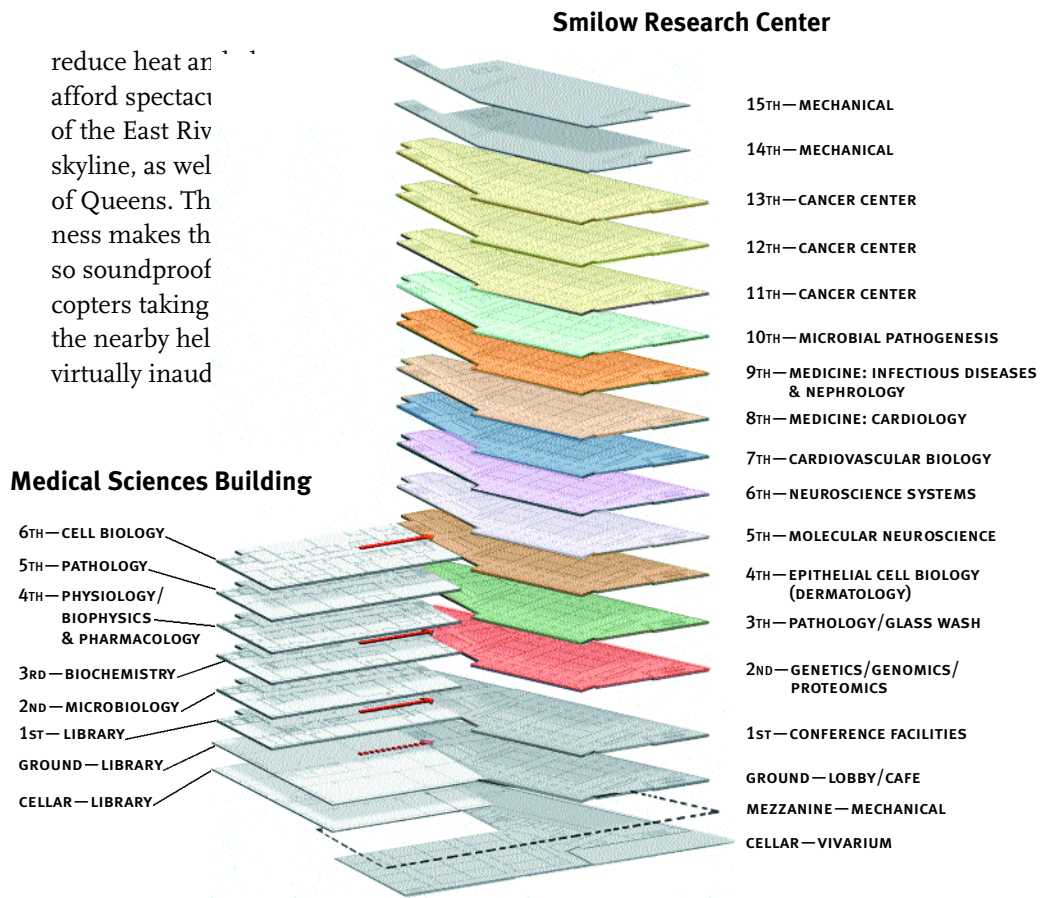
Smilow Research Center Nears Completion

Construction of the Joan and Joel Smilow Research Center is nearing completion, with the finishing touches to be applied by the end of 2005 and occupancy scheduled to begin in early 2006. The 13-story building, which will emphasize translational research, is the centerpiece of the School's efforts to maintain its position as a premier teaching and biomedical research institution for decades to come.

Eleven floors of the building will be devoted to laboratories for research programs, as indicated by the diagram shown here. The building's open-bench labs are designed to foster the sharing of both equipment and ideas.

The Smilow Center, built on a half-acre of landfill that was part of the East River only a century ago, is the largest and most dramatic addition to the skyline along the East River Drive, between 23rd Street and the United Nations, in 40 years. Floor-to-ceiling windows—specially designed to

reduce heat and afford spectacular views of the East River skyline, as well as of Queens. The design also makes the building so soundproof that helicopters taking off from the nearby heliport are virtually inaudible.



Program Plan for Joan and Joel Smilow Research Center

Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery Celebrates 50th Anniversary

This year, NYU's Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery reached a major milestone—its 50th anniversary. Under the leadership of its Director, Joseph G. McCarthy, M.D., the Lawrence D. Bell Professor of Plastic Surgery, the institute treats at least 3,000 patients each year with all types of conditions requiring corrective plastic surgery, making it the largest program of its kind in the U.S.

Throughout the year, patients, longtime supporters, and faculty of the institute have gathered to celebrate

this special occasion. In early April, the National Foundation for Facial Reconstruction hosted a benefit at the Rainbow Room. The gala raised \$1.4 million for the treatment of children in need of reconstructive surgery. This fall, two special events are planned. One, in October, will reunite the institute's residents and fellows. The other, in November, will reunite former patients. Among the attendees will be the first patient in the world who underwent a distraction, a procedure to mold new bone that was pioneered by

Dr. McCarthy, and the first patient in the U.S. who underwent a procedure called mid-face advancement.

Since opening its doors a half century ago, the institute has been revolutionizing the treatment of severe craniofacial deformities. "You want children to feel good about themselves," says Dr. McCarthy, who became the institute's Director in 1981. "If they feel good about themselves, they will become productive members of society. We take care of every child who comes to us, in one way or another—that's our policy."

The institute has brought smiles to the faces of thousands of youngsters, and everyone who treasures it looks forward to many more anniversaries. ■