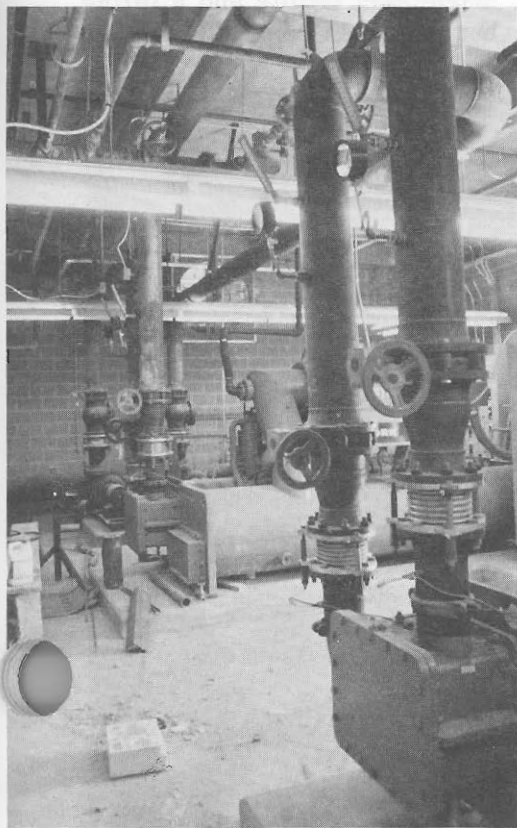




Entrance (left) to the new Chemical School academic facility—Sibert Hall—impresses. Construction is expected to continue even as occupants move in.



Sibert Hall

—new home for Chemical Corps

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Most Chemical School staff members are very excited this summer. The cause of their excitement is they are moving into new work areas. For many of them, their new work place will be the new Chemical School academic facility — the new Sibert Hall — which is scheduled for completion this year.

Tours of the facility have been very popular since February — so much so, they had to be restricted to one day a week to ensure workers a chance to meet their target completion date of 16 July. This, by the

way, matches the schedule set two years ago when work began — and in spite of more than two months in delays early in construction due to rain.

John Blackstock, superintendent of the project for "C" Construction of Tyler, Texas, is justifiably proud of this accomplishment. It has been a massive project. The building will have more than 150,000 square feet of floor space — about the same as 75 average sized homes. Total cost will be over \$11 million.

According to Don Fletcher, chief of quality control for "C" Construction, they have moved over 26,000 cubic yards of dirt, poured 11,000 yards of concrete, and reinforced the



building with 650 tons of steel. About 300,000 manhours have gone into all this, plus installation of 350 doors, 141 windows, 13,000 square feet of ceramic tile, and 6,000 square feet of marble. The local market for concrete blocks was just about drained by the use of 150,000 in this building.

The new Sibert Hall, named for Maj. Gen. William L. Sibert, Chief Chemical Officer from 1918 to 1920, will contain much needed space for the Chemical School. In addition to new classrooms, it will contain a spacious library learning center, an up-to-date radiological

laboratory, CPX complex, PX snack bar, weapons and communications laboratories, and a target analysis classroom. Also, it will house administrative space for the School headquarters, the Directorate of

Training and Doctrine, and the Command and Staff Training Department.

The new Sibert Hall will be a magnificent facility and a fitting home for the Chemical Corps. ●●●



View from the new building reveals part of the original building (1081, far left) plus the classroom annex in the foreground. New classrooms will provide much needed space.

