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## Sacred Heart spreads wing

About 400 see opening

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Opening its doors to the community, Sacred Heart General Hospital dedicated a new six-story patient wing Sunday before a standing-room-only audience.

The new building, which cost \$17.5 million to construct and furnish, is scheduled to open officially Feb. 28. The structure will serve as the main hospital building, with its 193 beds replacing beds in the older wings.

"It's not a building," said Gov. Vic Atiyeh, who spoke to a crowd of about 400, "it's a state of mind that we must help people."

Providing maximum health care while attempting to keep costs low is a constant contradiction, Atiyeh said. Because of financial limits, the best alternative is to make the community aware of preventative health measures.

"We should use these facilities only when in need," he said.

The new building "reminds me of the smell of a new car," especially after driving through Albany, he joked.

The community should continue to support and help improve the services of Sacred Heart, said Eugene Mayor Gus Keller.

"Without this facility, I'm sure the livability of this community would be affected," he said.

David Steirs, who plays the role of Major Charles Winchester in the television series MASH, also was scheduled to speak but cancelled because of illness.

After the dedication, the hospital provided a five-hour open house with informal tours of the building.

The building was constructed primarily to replace obsolete patient care units, enlarge the emergency department, and expand and centralize patient regis-



Photo by Bob Baker

Gov. Vic Atiyeh spoke at the dedication for Sacred Heart's new wing on Sunday.

Sacred Heart Governing Board.

A closed-circuit television educational channel also was included in the new wing's features.

Financing for the structure came partially from a community fund-raising drive in 1980 that contributed more than \$1 million for Project III, a building and remodeling endeavor.

With the construction completed, Project III's next step is to begin remodeling this month. The Intensive Care/Coronary Unit will be renovated and expanded along with several therapy facilities.

Sacred Heart's chapel will be converted into a new hospital auditorium for community health education programs and medical staff meetings and conferences. These projects are scheduled for completion in June, 1983.

tration, according to hospital officials. Most of the new rooms will be private.

"The new building enables our health care team at Sacred Heart to provide all the benefits of modern medicine to the patient and to communicate our personal concern in making each patient's stay as comfortable as possible," said Sister Monica Heeran, Sacred Heart administrator and chairman of the

Photo by David Corey

## Salem ponders larger deficit

**SALEM (AP)** — Legislative committees are scheduled to get a look at the state's latest budget forecast Monday, and the view is expected to be bleak.

The Legislature recessed Tuesday after learning that a tentative projection showed a potential deficit substantially higher than the one lawmakers had been dealing with.

When the special session began Jan. 18, estimates were that lower than expected income tax collections would cause the state to be about \$237 million short of meeting expenses in the current two-year budget.

The preliminary projection last week indicated the potential deficit could swell by another \$100 million or more.

The House and Senate revenue committees scheduled a joint meeting for Monday to get a computer-produced, final forecast. The full Legislature is to reconvene Tuesday to continue work on a budget-balancing plan.

Based on preliminary figures, the Legislative Revenue Office estimated early last week that the projected deficit would increase by \$90 million.

But some officials now guess the final prediction will be lower, maybe in the \$40 million to \$70 million range. That's because some data in the draft report was to be revised before being fed into the state Executive Department computer.

When Gov. Vic Atiyeh's Council of Economic Advisors reviewed the preliminary report last week, several members said they thought the state's 1982-83 predictions on such factors as employment and average earnings were too pessimistic.

Whatever the new forecast shows, the Legislature's options boil down to more budget cuts, an income tax increase or a combination of both.

The lawmakers have taken steps to generate \$94 million in new revenue, mostly from a speed-up in employer withholding tax payments. But that's all they have agreed to, and a partisan fight has developed over remaining budget-balancing strategy.

Most Democrats, who control both houses, want to cut budgets less than does the Republican governor and raise income taxes to make up the difference.

Most Republicans oppose a tax increase and call for more spending reductions.

The Senate, with Democrats in charge 22-8, has approved budget cuts half as large as Atiyeh's and passed a proposed one-time income tax boost of about 5 percent.

But the House is another matter. Democrats hold a smaller 33-27 margin there, and a handful of conservative Democrats joined Republicans to kill a proposed 4.25 percent income surtax in that chamber.

Before the latest budget predictions surfaced, tax hike backers said they were close to garnering the needed 31 House votes to pass a smaller surtax of between 3-4 percent.

But a larger projected deficit means a higher surtax would be needed to balance the budget without added spending cuts. Each 1 percent of surtax would yield about \$10.5 million a year.

Some lawmakers predict renewed pressure this week to slice money from a state property tax relief program that pays about 30 percent of homeowner tax bills.

The program is budgeted to cost \$189 million this year, and critics of the program say that expense should be reduced along with cuts in other state outlays.

But taking away tax relief in an election year hasn't had wide support among lawmakers.

## Beer-gardeners highlight Bud film

Beer-gardeners partied a little harder Friday, mugging it up for the cameras, trying to be *ideal* typical college kids.

The inspiration for the extra effort came from a team of people from Budweiser who were shooting a promotional film.

While Dan and Sally (two "typical" University students) played backgammon before the cameras, the film crew perched from the EMU patio, filming other students scurrying to and from classes.

"We wanted a lot of action," said Andrea Berger, a senior project supervisor in marketing communications for Anheuser-Busch, Inc.

"When students think of doing something fun, like backgammon or skiing, we want them to think of Budweiser," Berger said.

The crew from Bud were on campus shooting a promotional film to show at colleges across the nation. "The beer garden has had a contract with Bud from the start," Berger said.

But why the University? Berger said she took her masters from the University and she knows the Gregg Tripp Band, who played at the beer garden.

"We wanted to highlight the college market," Berger said. "Since I'd been to many beer gardens and I know the University, I thought this would be an ideal place."

It's unlikely that many careers were launched Friday, but a few people, like Dan and Sally, found the spotlight, at least for a moment.