

emergency visits in 1985 after the Health Sciences Centre and the St. Boniface General Hospital. The new Concordia Emergency anticipates an annual total of 35,000 visits, noted hospital executive director Sig Enns.

Additional projects under the current Concordia \$3 million construction program are as follows:

- A Not for Admission Surgery, Recovery and Endoscopy Unit that opened in late November, 1985 following construction costs of approximately \$250,000 with total costs of \$365,000 including equipment.

- A doubling of the capacity of the Intensive Care Unit from the current four patients to eight patients (although only 6 spaces will be opened initially) is expected to be completed in March, 1986 at a cost of \$185,000.

- A new hearing centre which will receive its first patients in the next few days

- A relocated and replanned Respiratory Medicine Unit.

The hearing centre is one of a province-wide chain of hearing centres under the Provincial Hearing Conservation Program. The hospital provides space and support staff and Manitoba Health supplies equipment and the services of an audiologist.

The hearing centre at Concordia occupies space that was formerly the Respiratory Medicine Unit. The Respiratory Unit was relocated as part of the Emergency Department construction.

In total this project created approximately 12,000 person days of employment for the design and construction industry.

An additional 16.5 equivalent full-time staff will be added to the existing Concordia staff complement to provide for the expanded programs. The Manitoba Health Services Commission has provided funding approval of