



Architects Kirkham, Michael and Associates depict what Grinnell General Hospital will look like in late 1983 or early 1984. The facility improvement

program will allow the hospital to provide more outpatient services and improve and enlarge many departments, including the emergency room.

Hospital drive tops goal

Grinnell General Hospital's fund drive was officially declared a success last week by Rick Ramsey, general fundraising chairman, as he received word of the donation which boosted the total gifts over the \$825,000 goal.

The unofficial total, recorded by hospital staff members, reached the \$829,412 mark on Thursday, June 24.

"The board of trustees and the fund drive committee join with the volunteer workers and all of the donors in the Grinnell General Hospital service area in celebration as we surpassed the goal," Ramsey said. "Everyone's tremendous effort and generosity will help

ensure that Grinnell General will continue to provide top-quality health care in the future."

The success of the drive, Ramsey said, "is evidence that the positive attitudes and feelings toward the hospital that existed in 1969 are still alive."

Ramsey added: "Even in the midst of the difficult economic times that prevail, many of the donor categories such as major industry and the medical staff doubled their giving, as compared with 1969 donations."

Ramsey said he was "particularly grateful" to major employers and industries in the community that initially demonstrated strong support

in the advanced-gift portion of the drive. But attainment of the goal would not have been possible without private donors, he added.

Hospital administrator Michael Faas said: "Now that the fund drive is complete, we can focus our attention upon the expansion program itself.

The groundbreaking ceremony and the ground work is scheduled to begin in July. Thanks to everyone — division heads, captains and workers — we can now begin an expansion program which will dramatically change and improve health care in the Grinnell area."

The hospital's planned con-

struction program will provide Grinnell General with an additional 21,000 square feet of space for various facilities and services, including outpatient, emergency room, X-ray, laboratory and physical and respiratory therapy.

The fund drive which has exceeded its goal, however, represents only a portion of the cost of the new facility. The Grinnell City Council has given the nod to the issuance of \$2.7 million in industrial revenue bonds to help pay for the project.

A portion of Prairie St. will be closed to allow construction to the west of the existing hospital.