A team of Percheron draft horses pulled an antique plow during a May 7 groundbreaking ceremony for the Veterinary Medicine Instructional Facility (VMIF), one of a series of new facilities that are either finished or under construction.

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New classrooms are critical to restoration of full accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association and to accommodate growth in class size.

The two-story, 34,810-square-foot VMIF will be the instructional “heart” of a modernized and centralized veterinary medical campus at UC Davis. Located just north of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, the VMIF is expected to be complete in 2006. It is one of five buildings in the first phase of the school’s $354 million long-range facilities plan, which includes the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory Facility, completed in 2002; the Center for Companion Animal Health, completed in 2004 (see story, page 4); the Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory; and “Vet Med 3A,” a teaching and research facility now under construction.

Two Percheron horses pull an antique plow to break ground May 7, 2004 for the Veterinary Medicine Instructional Facility, which will house the school’s first new, permanent classrooms in 35 years.

Construction is under way! See the latest photos on page 12.

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