



UH Board of Regents Chair Welcome Wilson, UH President Renu Khator, UH alumnus Michael J. Cemo, and Bauer College Dean Arthur D. Warga break ground on Cemo Hall.

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New Bauer building bears graduate's name

A building named for an alumnus has broken ground in the University of Houston's Bauer College of Business.

Michael Cemo, retired president and CEO of Houston-based AIM Distributors Inc., donated \$3 million of the \$9 million price tag to construct Cemo Hall.

The 33,000 square-foot addition scheduled for completion in January 2009 is going up next to the college's main building, Melcher Hall.

Arthur Warga, dean of Bauer College

of Business, notes Cemo has a long history of contributing to his alma mater. Cemo introduced the college to Houston businessman Ted Bauer, who donated \$40 million in 2000.

The largest tenant will be Bauer's Global Business Minor Program, which tutors students on today's globalized economy.

"It is an important part of our trying to bootstrap off having the most international business school in the country," says Warga.

The addition has come at a welcome time for Bauer. A sharp increase in admissions over the past few years has crunched available space in Melcher Hall.

Says Warga: "Melcher Hall is famously short on space. It's one of the most efficiently employed state buildings, but we've been growing. The college is expected to grow 20 to 30 percent bigger than it is now in the next few years."

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