Symbolizing the neck-and-neck finish between build-
ing completion and opening of the new university Sat-
urday was President F. Kenneth Brasted, who holds a
worker's trowel at the University of Dallas site.

Opening Set
For Dallas
University

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Workers still greased the first
half-dowm buildings of the new
University of Dallas Saturday as
the Southeast's newest college
pre-
pared to open its doors Monday to
its first students.

About 135 freshmen of both sexes
are enrolled and will begin Mon-
day classes. By 1969, a full student
body; freshmen to seniors, is ex-
pected.

The 4-year university, located on
a 1,000-acre site north of High-
way 115 between Dallas and Fort
Worth, is open to all sexes. Estab-
lished under Catholic auspices, it
will be formally opened for its
first academic year at 9:30 a.m.
Monday with a mass celebrated by
Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of the
Dallas-Fort Worth Diocese — the
university's first chancellor.

"We are making no attempt this
weekend to get anything launched
except the students and the uni-
versity," said President F. Ken-
neth Brasted Saturday. "No public
function for a while."

Buildings erected so far: the Sci-
ence Building (including adminis-
trative offices; lecture hall, wom-
en's and men's residence halls,
chapal and student union.

Curriculum includes pre-medical,
pre-engineering, pre-dental and
pre-law courses, plus business
administration, nursing education and
teaching. In the future is a well-
rounded athletic program stressing
student participation, plus a full,
electric-curricular program.

"We are very proud of it," said
Architect Moffat Adams, 38, a
Texas A&M graduate and partner
in Adams & Adams, Architects.

"We built it in eight months and
we had no water or electricity on
the site. Water will be turned on
for the first time at 6 a.m. today
(Saturday).

The six buildings now receiving
final polish are of brick and tile,
with redwood concrete frame.
Large pool walkways cut sun glare
and ceilings are acoustical tile
with floors of rubber tile. Outside,
brick walls, copper gutters and
down spouts and aluminum window
frames eliminate periodic painting.

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The architect proudly pointed to a building cost, including air conditioning, of $15.40 per square foot—compared to the average of $17 to $20. “Simplicity of design,” he gave as the reason.

About 40 boarding student will move into the residence halls for term opening. On hand Monday will be nursing students (off-campus) from St. Paul’s Hospital for first-year courses in science, religion, psychology, sociology, etc.

Nearly half of the University of Dallas teaching staff hold Ph.D. degrees—pointing up the emphasis being placed on high academic standards, said President Brasted.

Dean of the University is Dr. Eugene C. Curtsinger Jr., Ph.D. at Notre Dame and former teacher at Marquette University.