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Merger May Help Medical Center

A merger of the University of Omaha and the University of Nebraska would strengthen Omaha's position as a medical center, the dean of the N.U. College of Medicine said Wednesday.

Dr. Cecil Wittson said he foresees a variety of opportunities, mutually beneficial to the two institutions and the community they serve, if the merger is approved December 12.

The "most important," he said, would be the development of co-operative programs in the education and training of allied health personnel.

"We need medical technologists, surgical technicians, physical therapists, medical record librarians, nursing

home administrators, radiological technologists, child care specialists, nutritionists, dietitians, physicians, office assistants, medical electronic data processors . . . to mention a few," he said.

Dr. Wittson said the complexities of modern medicine have created a "great and growing demand" for technical and professional personnel whose training "lends itself ideally to a co-operative program of an undergraduate university and a graduate medical school."

Dr. Wittson said a joint approach to urban health problems, developed by the faculties of both campuses, would be a "positive force" to the community.

He said the College of Medi-

cine's clinical faculty and programs could assist the science programs at O. U. and "could be assisted in turn," he said.

Dr. Wittson spoke at a convocation for the faculty and students at the College of Medicine. Also speaking for the merger was O. U. President Kirk E. Naylor.