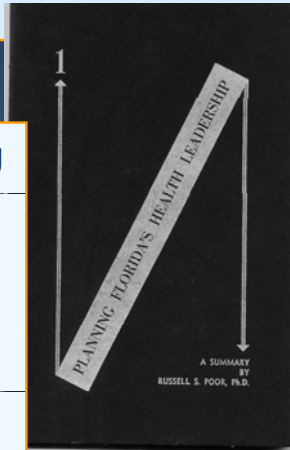


# Planning the Health Science Center

With an official decision concerning siting of the Colleges, Dr. Miller began to plan for an integrated Health Center that included a number of colleges. To that end he initiated a two year study that was published as a 5 volume set. The study was wide ranging and comprehensive, looking at present and projecting future health needs.



Although William Shands, Ralph Turlington and Emory Cross won support in the legislature, the Health Center needed state wide as well as local support. Tempers ran high after the Lippard Report came out, especially after Dr. Cason swung his support to Gainesville

## Gainesville Wins Med School Fight

**Has Argument University City Site Supported By Jax Physician**

**Dr. Cason Assailed By Sen. Mathews for 'Changing His Mind'**

By JIM MASSEY (Journal Staff Writer)

TALLAHASSEE — Jacksonville's hopes for obtaining the proposed state medical and dental college were practically extinct today, but its warriors here in the Legislature went down with flags waving and oratorical

DR. T. Z. CASON ... Favors Gainesville

guns blazing. Jacksonville's bid received a staggering jolt right at the beginning of the hearings when Dr. Cason, originally chairman of a committee to seek the college for Jacksonville turned up on the side of Gainesville.

Dr. Cason declared the Lippard report had changed his mind. The fiery Senator Mathews, who didn't know of Cason's switch until shortly before the doctor got up to speak for Gainesville, attacked him bitterly as a "Judas Iscariot."

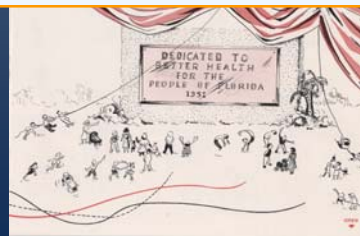
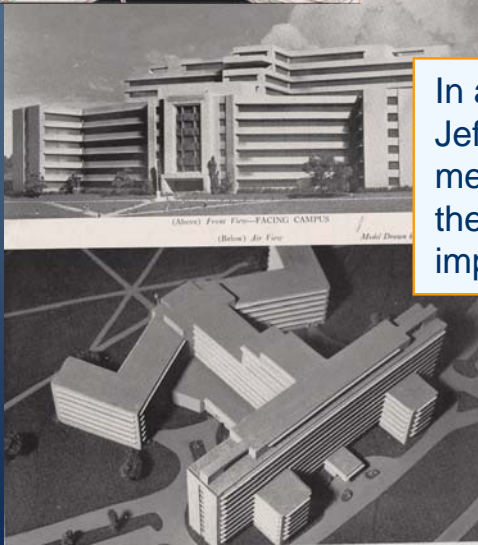
"You have left me out on a limb by coming here tonight to cut my throat and all the people of Jacksonville," he shouted.

Later, in the presentation of Jacksonville's bid, Senator Mathews again scored Dr. Cason for "deserting Jacksonville" and said "I was greatly embarrassed here tonight." "I've practiced law at the bar of this state for many years," the senator asserted, "and I've had my difficulties with hostile witnesses, but this is the first time I ever had my star witness desert me.

"In all my experience, I never have had anyone to lead me up to the slaughter house and then attempt to cut my throat.



In an effort to gain state-wide support, Jefferson Hamilton designed a model medical school that was taken throughout the state. Brochures also argued for the importance of a health center.



In Gainesville, local physician William Thomas developed a series of questions who answers would allay the fears local practitioners had of competition. His son, William Thomas Jr., would become one of the early faculty members at the College of Medicine.



Right: William Thomas, Jr.