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CONSTRUCTION OF MALL BEGINS MONDAY AT UNIVERSITY

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Construction of the mall between the new University of Montana Library and the University Center will begin Monday (March 18), Wallace Roberts, University staff architect, has announced.

"The temporary parking lot behind Main Hall will be closed permanently to vehicles beginning with the construction period," Roberts said. The mall's tentative completion date is Sept. 30, 1974.

General contractor is Rolf Tandberg Construction, Missoula.

Commenting on the purpose of the mall, Roberts said: "The mall is being built to improve pedestrian circulation routes between the major campus buildings and the campus interior, and to beautify the area. We are trying to continue the tradition of improving the aesthetic qualities of the campus. Essentially, the mall will be an extension of the University Oval's beauty."

The mall will include concrete sidewalks and landscaped areas containing trees, shrubbery and lawn.

During the construction period the contractor will enclose the construction zone with snow fence barricades. Besides the mall construction itself, the temporary asphalt sidewalk behind Main Hall will be replaced with a permanent concrete sidewalk, Roberts said.

"Sidewalks south of the University Center and north of/new Library will be retained for pedestrian, vehicular and emergency access to the campus during the construction period," Roberts said.