Council of 50 hears University of Montana plans

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The University of Montana Council of 50 learned of the grand plans for the growth of the University throughout the remainder of the decade and on into the next at a meeting on the campus last Friday.

Robert Pantzer, UM financial vice president, said the University would request at the 1967 Montana Legislature $2,560,000 for the first building of a proposed science complex, which with available federal matching funds would make an investment of $3.3 million.

Second priority would be a request for authorization for a $4 million library. Modernization and improvement funds would also be sought for the physical plant facilities and several of the older buildings, including renovations of the psychology building--formerly the law school and before that the library--and Main Hall.

In his introductory remarks, UM President Robert Johns stated the Dornblaser field facilities would be utilized through the 1967 season, and likely into 1968.

Council members from across the state also heard reports from Dr. Laurence E. Gale, UM academic vice president on the "Academic Program and Enrollment for the next biennium; and from President Johns and William J. Fox, architect, on the new university center for which bids are to be opened in July.

Dean Robert E. Sullivan of the UM School of Law spoke on the Montana Defender Project which will swing into action in Montana this summer; Dr. John J. Craighead, UM forestry and zoology professor, discussed his studies of the Grizzly bear; and Um student Lee Simmons reported on the "Administrative Internship Program."

William A. Cordingley, publisher of the Great Falls Tribune, attended his first meeting as a new member of the Council.