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Aber Hall adds to face change at University of Montana

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MISSOULA--

University of Montana alumni who haven't been on the Missoula campus for some time may not recognize the place when they do come for a visit.

And not the least of the reasons for this lack of recognition may be Aber Hall, the newest of two 11-story high-rise dormitories on the UM campus.

Construction of Aber Hall, a $2.2 million building, recently was completed and J. A. Parker, director of the UM physical plant, said that furnishings for the structure soon will be installed.

The Aber building, named after the late UM Professor William M. "Daddy" Aber, joins Jesse Hall, the first 11-story high-rise on the Missoula campus, in satisfying a burgeoning enrollment of 6,400 at the University. The new dorm will house more than 400 students.

Parker said that "long-range plans" call for construction of additional high-rise dorms in the area now occupied by Aber Hall and the new $4.3 University Center under construction in the northeast corner of the campus.

Game rooms, meeting rooms, student food service and other activities will be located in the University Center.