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CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS
ON UM SCIENCE COMPLEX

MISSOULA--

Construction is now in progress on the new science complex at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Pew Construction Co. of Missoula has begun digging the foundation of the building, which will house the geology and chemistry departments and part of the forestry school at UM, according to J.A. Parker, director of the UM physical plant.

Parker said that the building will contain 100,000 square feet of new space for the sciences. He said this will enable these disciplines to expand their services to accommodate the growing UM student enrollment.

George L. Mitchell, UM administrative vice president, said the total cost of the first phase of the complex, now under construction, will be \$3,150,000. This includes cost for the general contractor of \$1,197,000; the mechanical contractor, \$627,000, and the electrical contractor, \$288,888.

Funds for the building come from two sources, said Mitchell. Funds from the federal government total \$1,049,999, and from the state government, \$2,100,001.

Phase I is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1971. Two additional phases of the project are planned.

Paul F. Swallow of Missoula is superintendent of the construction project at the building site, south of the UM Forestry Building. He said that construction will continue into the winter as long as the weather permits.

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