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A decade of building shapes future at UM

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Provided the necessary funds are raised, the physical character of the University of Montana will be changed extensively during the 1970s.

The main concerns of the future are more classrooms, laboratories and better equipment. The campus is spreading east into the base of Mt. Sentinel and south from the main campus.

According to J.A. Parker, Physical Plant director at UM, the State Legislature has approved multiple projects that will stretch into the 1970s as well as the next decade. "However," Parker said, "they have not provided any means for funding the costly projects as yet."

Among the unfunded projects at UM are a new library, addition to and renovation of the Harry Adams Field House, a Science Complex, and a Sports complex.

Most of the construction is scheduled to be completed in phases, depending on available funds.

The new library, which will be built in three phases at an estimated cost of $6.2 million, appears to be the most immediate of the University's needs.

The Harry Adams Field House will be doubled in size. The tentative addition of two wrestling rooms, a rifle range, an indoor track, and a dance studio will be used mainly for recreational purposes.

First phase of the Science Complex is already under construction and is tentatively scheduled for completion by the fall of 1971. Total cost of the complex is estimated at $4 million. Included in plans for the complex are two additional buildings which will be built later.

The new Sports Complex near Ft. Missoula will cost between $2 million and $8 million and will include facilities for varsity athletics and recreation.

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