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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
TO OPEN SEPT. 22

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MISSOULA-----

The University of Montana, located in Missoula on the western slope of the Rockies, opens Sept. 22 with an expected enrollment of 8,500.

This rapidly expanding university had 3,703 students registered in 1960 and has grown to accommodate 7,903 in the 1969-70 academic year.

Students will notice several physical changes on the 201-acre campus when they return Fall Quarter. The first stage of an \$8 million science complex is 48 per cent complete with construction presently at its peak. The four-story building will be ready for student occupancy by the fall of 1971. The second and third phases of the complex, which was begun in September 1969, are still in planning stages and will depend on demand from other science departments.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new \$3.6 million library on the old Dornblaser Field are slated for 1970 Homecoming weekend, Oct. 31.

Some controversy might surround another addition to the campus. A free-form steel sculpture, standing 12 feet high and weighing 2500 pounds, has been temporarily erected in the center of the Oval. The sculpture was done by art student John Vichorek with the \$1,000 first prize he was awarded in the UM Foundation art sculpture contest. Vichorek said his sculpture would resemble a teepee burner. This offended many students who did not want the serenity of the campus disturbed by a model of a wood-waste incinerator commonly associated with air pollution.

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Several new administrators assumed their positions during the summer. Wayne C. Woolston, director of admissions and records at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs Center, succeeded retiring UM registrar Leo Smith. The new academic vice president, Dr. Richard G. Landini, who succeeds Dr. William G. Graig, arrived July 20. He had been assistant to the president at Arizona State University.

Dr. Robert R. Fedore came from Michigan State University to succeed dean of students Andrew C. Cogswell who retired after 39 years at UM.

An Indian Studies Program has been initiated at the University. Through academic Indian culture courses open to all students, tutoring, academic research and recruiting services, the program director Alonzo Spang hopes to bring about understanding between Indian and non-Indian students.

The University of Montana includes 24 academic departments and 7 professional schools--business administration, education, fine arts, forestry, journalism, law and pharmacy. Five hundred academic faculty members hold degrees from major institutions throughout the world and the United States.

Sixteen academic buildings, five administrative buildings, 11 dormitories and a recently completed \$4 million University Center complete the campus.

Winter Quarter will begin Jan. 4 and Spring Quarter is scheduled to open March 30, 1971, at UMC. The 1971 commencement will be June 13.

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