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DULUTH--The symbolic spade of earth was turned Monday(May 6) to signal the beginning of a new period of construction on UMD's continually growing, modern campus.

Dr. Ruth Palmer, head of the Home Economics department, wielded the first shovel in breaking ground for the \$896,000 Home Economics building to rise alongside the Education building, its two-year-old sister structure.

A concourse will connect the two buildings. This is in keeping with the campus scheme that will provide a network of concourses and corridors between all buildings.

The ceremony also served to note that construction will soon begin on a \$505,000 top floor addition to the Humanities building.

Provost Raymond W. Darland; Academic Dean Thomas W. Chamberlin; Business Manager Robert W. Bridges; Dr. Valworth R. Plumb, chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology; and Dr. R. Dale Miller, head of the Division of Humanities took part in the ground-breaking along with representatives of construction and architectural firms.

Melander, Fugelso and Associates are architects for the Home Economics building; Jyring-Whiteman designed the Humanities addition. J. D. Harrold Construction Co. and Fraser-Wipson Inc. are general contractors for Home Economics and Humanities, respectively.

Other contracting firms include O'Brien Plumbing and Heating, Arrowhead Electric Co. and Otis Elevator Co.

The three-story Home Economics building will provide offices and classrooms for Home Economics, several all-purpose classrooms and office space for other faculty members.

Two underground, auditorium classrooms are part of the home economics complex. They will have fixed-seating capacities of 196 and 252 and be situated between the Home Economics and Education buildings.

The Humanities addition will include English offices and classrooms for English, philosophy and languages plus a language laboratory.

The Home Economics building has a projected completion of spring, 1963 with the Humanities addition work due to be finished by Dec.15, 1963.

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Third floor: Clothing and textiles classroom.

Home furnishings classroom -- normal household size partition units for teaching furniture selection, arrangement of rooms, etc.

Other offices, a workroom, TV control and audio-visual room and one more all-purpose classroom.

Building committee: Thomas W. Chamberlin, academic dean; Valworth R. Plumb, chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology; Ruth Palmer, head of the Home Economics department; Robert W. Bridges, business manager; and two members of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, staff; Roy V. Lund, assistant vice-president of business administration and director of plant services; and Winston A. Close, advisory architect and committee chairman.