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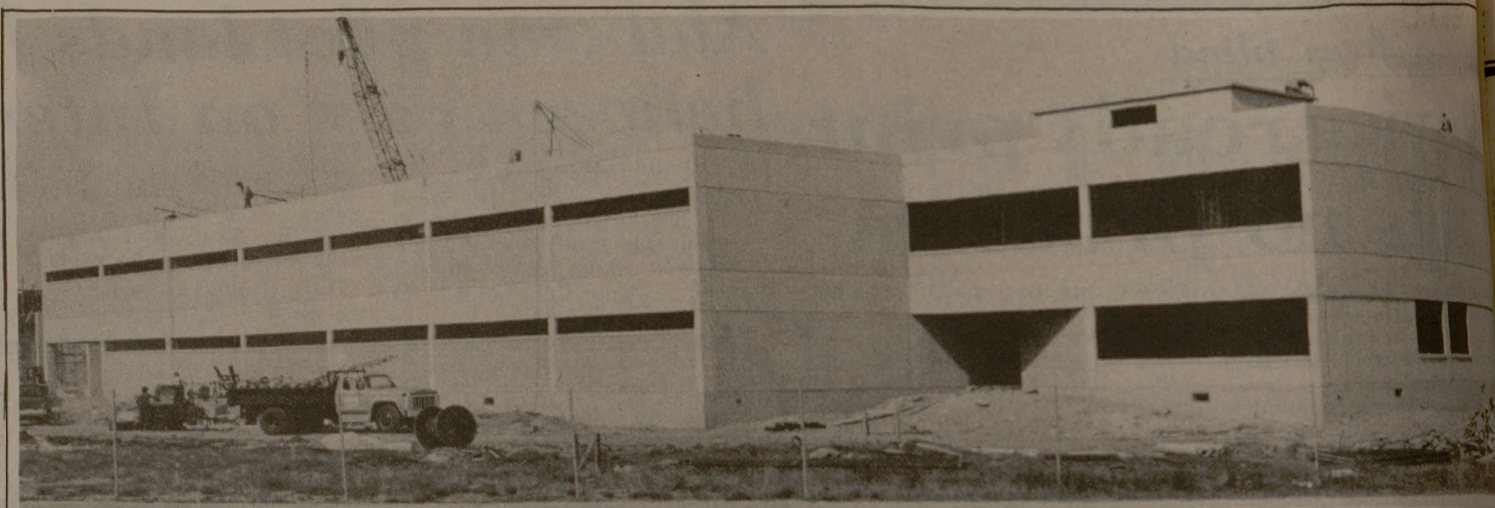
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Moody College expanding New facility near completion

By MARK PERRIN
Battalion Reporter

A \$2.4 million classroom and laboratory building at Moody College that was started March 24 is expected to be completed by March 1979, two months ahead of schedule.

Gary Merkel, associate director of the Moody College physical plant, said the two-story, 29,205 square-foot building will house an auditorium, a computer facility, eight laboratories, and administrative offices.

"There will be biology, chemistry, graphics, navigation, and multi-purpose laboratories in the building," Merkel said. The office of the Moody College president will be located in the building, as will the fiscal office, the student records office, and various academic offices.

The auditorium will seat 306 people when it is completed, Merkel said. The new building will be a multi-purpose facility with no emphasis on one single academic department.

Jack Bodkin of Houston, the project superintendent, said the construction of the building is about 41 percent complete. It is being built by Spaw-Glass Inc., the same construction firm that is completing the contract for the library addition on the main campus of Texas A&M University.

Bodkin said much of the exterior of the main building is finished and the exterior of the auditorium is nearing completion.

Merkel said the original contract was for 420 days to complete the building, but that workers were ahead by about 60 days. "We are extremely pleased with the progress of the building and the first work being done," he said.

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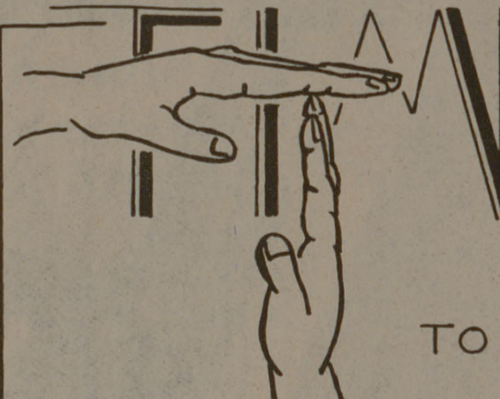
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Satellite orbiting Venus

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Pioneer-Venus I, first half of a million National Aeronautics and Space Administration mission to study the weather and atmosphere of Venus, successfully zipped into orbit Monday around the shrouded planet.

Project managers at the Ames Research Center confirmed the instrument-packed spacecraft called the Orbiter, automatically fired a rocket motor for 30 seconds at 10:58 a.m. EST Monday to boost its speed enough to achieve orbit.

Earth tracking stations picked up communication with the Orbiter four minutes earlier as the spacecraft shaped satellite passed behind Venus after a seven-month, 160-million-mile journey from Earth. There, controllers waited anxiously for about 20 minutes until it entered successfully in Venusian orbit.

Cheers and laughter erupted in the mission control room. Scientists had been working on this project for as long as five years. It was the first American spacecraft to orbit Venus, 68 million miles from Earth. A Soviet spacecraft was the first to orbit Venus, in 1975.

Pioneer-Venus was designed to orbit in an orbit ranging from 180 miles to Venus and as far as 41,000 miles. Officials estimated it would take six hours to determine its actual path.

Still approaching Venus, the spacecraft designed to dive into the planet's dense atmosphere. Four will conduct top-to-bottom measurements before crashing on the surface.

Two Soviet spacecraft also are approaching Venus. They are scheduled to arrive on the planet Dec. 21 and 23.

Pioneer-Venus I will take ultraviolet and infrared pictures of the planet's clouds, make daily measurements of the mysterious atmosphere and study the scorching surface with radar.

The 1,280-pound Orbiter is expected to remain in operation at least one Venusian year, 225 Earth days. Later maneuvers will determine as close as 90 miles to the planet's elliptical circuit.

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