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Ground was broken this morning for the Ritter Observatory and Planetarium at the University of Toledo with no fanfare or ceremony. George W. Ritter, for whom the building is to be named, is out of town. Formal ceremonies will be held sometime in May when the cornerstone of the building is laid.

Mr. Ritter originally offered to finance construction of the observatory and planetarium two years ago. Since then, however, the original plans have been changed and TU has applied for federal funds for research and teaching facilities to be included in the building. The total cost for construction and equipment is now estimated at \$800,000.

The building will be located near the TU library, close to the former Cheltenham Road entrance to the campus. That entrance has been closed and a new entrance opened about halfway between Cheltenham Road and Westwood Avenue.

Completion date for the building is set for the second semester of the 1965-66 school year, about 12 months from now.