

Projects continue on schedule

Work on Boise State University's two major building projects, the multi-purpose pavilion and Morrison Center, continued on schedule this summer.

Officials from ASC Constructors said their work crews are moving smoothly toward an early 1982 completion.

After months of work on the intricate substructure, the project began to poke out of the ground this June after crews put up a skeleton of 87-foot long pillars that will hold the walls.

Another major step in the construction will begin this month with large concrete pours for seating at the concourse and second levels.

About half of the seats will be poured in August, according to ASC vice-president of contract administration Glenn Evans.

The company will use double shifts during the pour, with one crew working in the evening on forms and shoring, and another crew in the day working on rebar and concrete placement.

Pouring will last into December. Then in January crews will install large metal trusses that will span the walls. With a partial roof in place, workers will be able to continue through the winter months, Evans said.

Crews from Asphalt Paving and Construction will begin work on eight new tennis courts in August. Located on the old baseball field, the lighted courts are scheduled for completion by Sept. 13.

Morrison Center

Ground-breaking for the Morrison Center is still at least one year away, but the firm of Lombard-Conrad Architects is moving steadily toward completion of conceptual drawings.

Those drawings are the result of months of meetings between university and community arts groups.

Major changes in the location and design of the Morrison Center were approved by the state in June.

Originally, the building was to include music and theatre arts departments and would have been built on the site of the present Music Auditorium.

But the State Board of Education and Permanent Building Fund Council approved a new plan that eliminated the theatre arts department and shifted the location to a more open area between the Towers residence hall and the Science-Education Building.

Under the new plan, the theatre arts department will be housed in the current Special Events Center, a move that architects said will save about \$1 million.

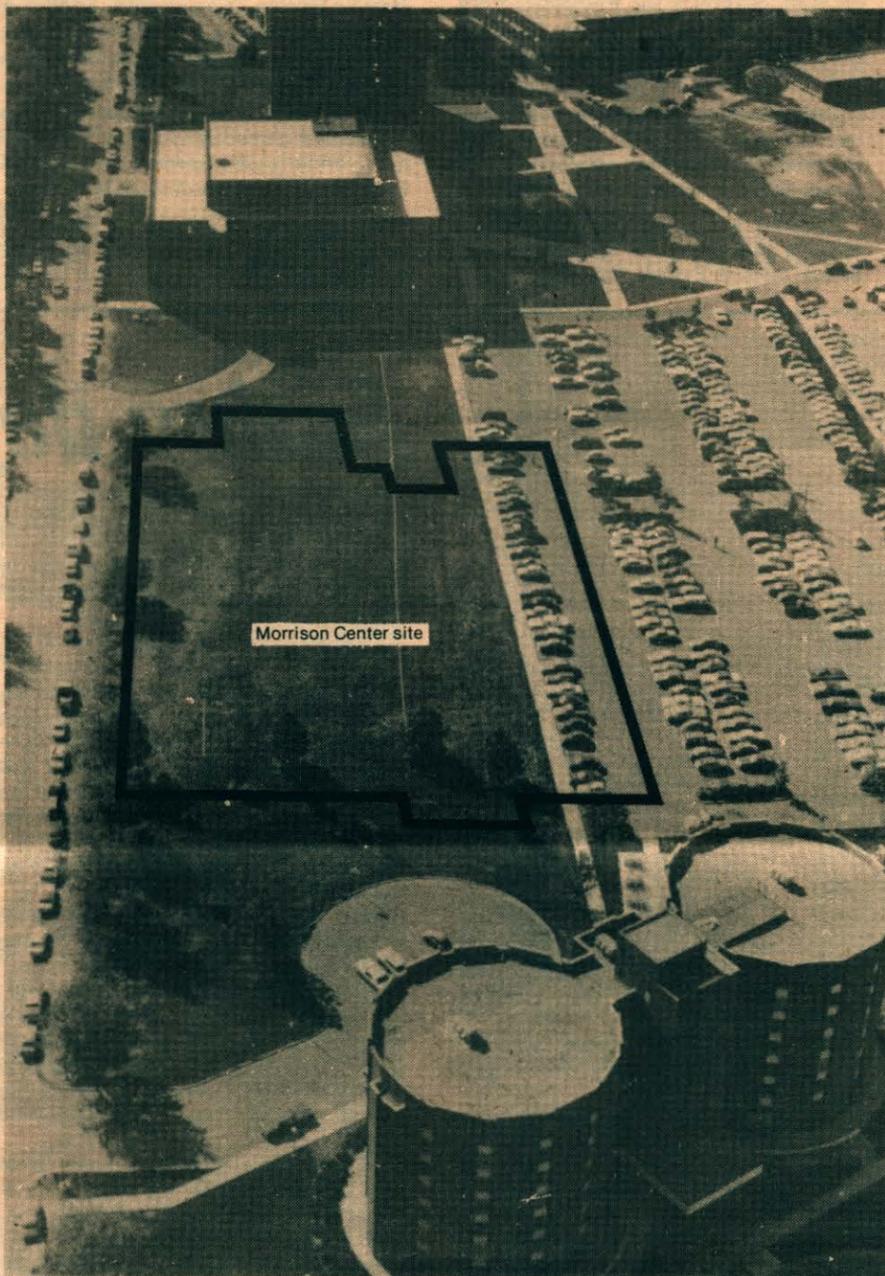
Offices, rehearsal rooms, and a small theatre will be added to the existing building. Acoustics in the 435-seat theatre will also be improved.

Music Department classrooms, studios, offices, and recital halls and a 2,000 seat performing arts theatre will still be included in the Morrison Center.

University officials and architects said the new riverside location is better for several reasons, including increased parking, better access, and less crowding in the campus core.

With the Center located across campus from the pavilion and stadium, events could be scheduled in both areas at the same time without major traffic or sound problems. That would not have been possible if the Center had been built in the center of the campus, architects said.

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THE OUTLINED AREA between the Towers and the Science Education Building is approximately where the new Morrison Center will be built. The location was moved to the above site from the central campus this summer.

Cuts ahead

BSU administrators are now studying ways they can trim an already tight operating budget in response to Gov. John Evans' order to cut agency budgets by 3 percent.

Evans issued the order July 31 after learning that state revenue will not keep up with expenditures this year.

BSU President John Keiser said the 3 percent reduction will take nearly \$500,000 from the operating budget.

New student numbers rise

The number of new students admitted to Boise State University is running about 7 percent higher than this time last year, according to figures compiled by Dean of Admissions Guy Hunt.

Hunt said that 3,221 undergraduates were accepted by July 15, compared to 3,011 on the same date last year.

The figures do not include continuing students who have already been accepted.

The biggest jump, said Hunt, is in students who are transferring from other schools. That category is up 23 percent over last year.

As for the graduate school, the 192 applications accepted so far are only 3 percent ahead of last year. The biggest shift in that school is a 26 percent increase in women who have applied.

The Vocational-Technical School is also running 43 students ahead of last year, an 8 percent increase, and Hunt predicts that most programs will be full by fall.

The early figures could translate into a jump in fall enrollment, but Hunt is cautious to predict just how big the increase will be.

August is the month when most students submit applications, so figures from that period could change the final enrollment picture. In addition, the final total will depend on how many students don't show up for registration.

But Hunt said the signs of an enrollment increase are there. Many of the reasons are related to the economy.

"We are offering good programs in many fields where there are red hot employment possibilities right now, and Boise is a great place for students to find work while they attend school," Hunt explained.

Summer school enrollment up

Enrollment in Boise State University's 1980 summer session is up about 500 students from last year, according to director William Jensen.

This summer over 3,100 students are taking classes in the ten, eight and five week blocks of classes. That is a 19 percent increase over last summer.

Enrollment is up in all categories, including the vo-tech and graduate schools, Jensen said. The School of Business drew especially large numbers. Classes in general business, management, and accounting had to be added to accommodate the increase, Jensen said.

Registration set Aug. 29

Open registration for Boise State University's fall semester will be held all day Friday, Aug. 29 in the school gymnasium.

Classes will start Tuesday, Sept. 2.

New freshmen, transfer, and continuing BSU students will be able to register from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Students will be admitted to the gym by the alphabetical order of their last names.

Registration for all evening courses will run 6-8 p.m. Late registration for all courses will extend through Friday, Sept. 12 in the Administration Building.

Students living in BSU residence halls can move in beginning noon, Wednesday, Aug. 27. New student orientation will be held at 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 28 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Full time student (8 or more credits) fees this fall are \$237.50 for Idaho residents. Non-residents pay an additional \$750.

Undergraduate students enrolling for 7 or fewer credits pay \$30 per semester

hour plus a \$1.50 registration fee.

More information about BSU registration is available at 385-3486.

Classes postponed

Three days of rioting and disturbances at the Idaho State Penitentiary July 23-25 have forced the postponement of Boise State fall semester classes to be taught there and the cancellation of a final week of BSU summer classes at the prison.

About 60 prisoners are studying in a federally funded associate of arts degree program offered at the state pen by BSU.

According to Linda Urquidi, BSU continuing education administrative assistant, before any classes in that program can resume, extensive cleaning and restoration work must be done to burned penitentiary library, classroom and office facilities.