

New marquee keeps postings more current

When visitors come to Boise State for the April 7 opening of *My Fair Lady*, the new Morrison Center isn't all they'll see.

On Capitol Boulevard will be a new, computer-controlled electronic marquee welcoming them to campus.

The new sign, donated by First Security Bank of Idaho and approved at the State Board of Education's March meeting, replaces a letter board currently standing on Capitol Boulevard close to the Towers. As did its predecessor, the new marquee will display announcements of university-related events and activities.

Boise State's News Services office will continue to keep current messages on the marquee. However,

instead of changing them by hand, messages on the two panels will be controlled via computer, allowing more frequent and timely details to be displayed.

The new sign is slightly larger than



the old. It will measure 19 by 22 feet and will feature a 16- by 4-foot message panel on each side.

Some faculty and staff members have expressed concern about the sign because it will display the name of its donor. In December, a staff advisory committee that occasionally reviews communications-related matters voted against supporting the sign. And, in January, several faculty members were worried that the university could not retain an independent image if the corporate-sponsored sign stood at its main entrance.

BSU President John Keiser said he believes the concerns are because the marquee is "big, it's commercial and it's different," and because there are always reactions to major changes.

Frank Church donates papers to Boise State

Former U.S. Senator Frank Church has donated the papers and memorabilia he collected during his 24 years in the Senate to Boise State University, president John Keiser announced March 1.

"We are pleased that Idaho will retain this important part of its history. It will be the most important historical collection residing in the state to date, and without question will attract the interest of scholars from around the world," Keiser said. "The papers are an important addition to our programs in public affairs. Senator Church represents the ideal of what it means to be educated in public affairs," he added.

In addition to the papers, Keiser announced that Boise State intends to increase the funds in the Frank Church Chair of Public Affairs, which has sponsored conferences on the Middle East and political repression. Keiser said the goal is to fund a full-time teaching position from this endowment.

The Frank Church collection contains the personal correspondence, research materials, and other documents compiled when he was chairman of the Special Committee on Aging and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

It also includes bound volumes, research materials, and correspondence from Church's work on intelligence agencies, wilderness areas, multinational corporations, presidential powers, Vietnam, gun control, and other issues.

His senate and presidential campaign documents, including videotape advertisements, are in the collection along with press releases, photograph files, and copies of most speeches Church has delivered.

About 1,800 boxes currently stored at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., will be moved to the Boise State Library. Boise Cascade Corporation will transport the materials.

Keiser said the collection, estimated at 3,000 linear feet, is one of the largest ever compiled by a U.S. Senator.

The Church collection will be processed and housed in a 2,500 ft. room in the BSU Library, which will include a display area for the memorabilia and space for researchers.

Church, in a statement from his Washington, D.C. home, said, "Having had the opportunity to reflect on the most appropriate depository for my public papers, it soon became evident that Boise State University was best qualified.

"Located in my own home town and the capital of the state I represented for 24 years, the University had already demonstrated its interest by establishing the Frank Church Chair of Public Affairs.

Glittering grand opening planned

With all the grandeur and splendor that one city and university can muster, Boise and Boise State University will join efforts to present a gala evening to kick-off the grand opening month of the Harry W. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts Saturday, April 7.

The inaugural production is the famed Broadway musical *My Fair Lady*, which will also run April 9 and continue 12-14. Curtain time for the Lerner-Lowe adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* is 8:15 nightly.

Topping the list of Boise thespians in the role of Eliza Doolittle is BSU student Nancy Lee-Painter, and starring as the man who changed Eliza from a cockney lass into a lady, Prof. Henry Higgins, is John C. Hunt. Portraying the role of Eliza's street-wise cockney father Alfie is BSU alumnus John Elliott.

An evening of love, betrayal and revenge set in 19th century Spain will be presented by the Boise Opera as they perform *Carmen* April 11 at 7:45 p.m. Seattle Opera Company member Julie Mirel will portray the fiery, seductive gypsy girl Carmen and Daniel Stern, music director of the Boise Philharmonic Orchestra, will conduct the famed Bizet opera which will be sung entirely in English.

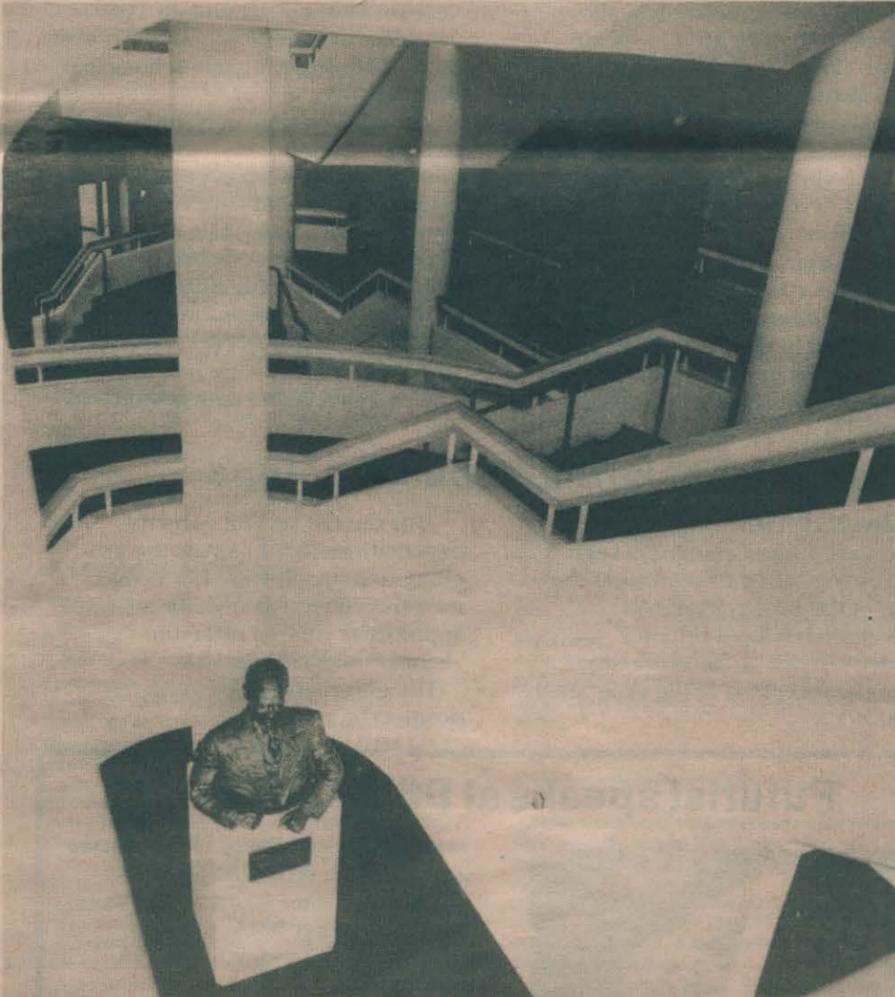
On April 24 the Boise Philharmonic will launch into a new era as it performs Giuseppe Verdi's *Requiem Mass* in the new performance hall. The exciting sounds of the Philharmonic, directed by Stern, will be enhanced by the Boise Master Chorus and the College of Idaho Concert Choir. The performance begins at 8 p.m.

Demonstrating the ability of the Morrison Center to accommodate more than just Boise productions, the University of Idaho Jazz Ensemble and Wind Ensemble Vandaleers will present a concert April 26 at 8:15 p.m.

Closing out the month-long festivities will be an Open House sponsored by the BSU Music and Theatre Arts departments. Events such as stu-

dent recitals, a children's theatre play, a faculty recital and a concert honoring BSU president John Keiser will be the featured attractions for April 27-29. The President's Concert

will salute and explore the many facets of George Gershwin's music as the Meistersingers, Concert Band, University Singers and University Orchestra join forces April 29.



The Morrison Center lobby is quiet now, but after April 7 it will greet thousands of patrons as Boise's new performing arts center becomes a reality.

School reorganizes departments

A new School of Social Sciences and Public Affairs was approved for Boise State's College of Arts and Sciences at the State Board of Education's March meeting.

The school will include the departments of communication, history, military science, political science, social work and sociology, anthropology and criminal justice

administration. Approval of the school is the "first step in implementation of long-range plans for the College of Arts and Sciences at Boise State," according to the college's dean, William Keppler.

Eventually, the college will be further reorganized to include a School of Science and Mathematics and a School of Arts and Humanities.