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something the '67 addition didn't do at all," he said.

Bonamici said the noise generated by work on and around the library, and the construction work itself, will present an obvious inconvenience for students walking around the site and those trying to study in the library.

"We've tried to deal with it, but there's only so much you can do," he said, adding that the contractor tried to have the noisiest work out of the way by the end of summer. For example, workers in July and August were using torque wrenches to secure the addition's steel support rods.

"It's like being in a tire shop, only you're in the library," Bonamici said. "There's some pain in the process, but we're getting a fine building as a result."

Bonamici said slabs of 3/4-inch thick plywood and sheetrock, which replaced the windows on the south side, will dampen

the noise and make the study areas "amazingly quiet with the work going on outside."

Work will take place Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with some special work on weekends. Bonamici said the construction will be toned down near final exam week.

"We've tried to work with the contractors to keep the sensitivity to the academic work going on inside," he said. "They've been very responsive."

In addition, as workers pour a petroleum-based sealant on outside concrete projects, the Knight Library's outside ventilation vents will be closed to keep out fumes. Bonamici said the six-hour shutdowns "shouldn't be too unbearable."

As the construction goes on, students can find out about its progress and the impact on studying and library use by hitting the information key on the library's JANUS computer.

When work is completed, the playing field will be moved

south and take over what is now the parking lot near the education and music buildings.

Chris Ramey of the University planning office said the parking spots will be moved to the corner of 15th Avenue and Agate Street, in place of the small buildings there now, some of which are being torn down to make room.

Construction activities have made a small dent in library seating. Before the library staff moved bookshelves and seating to make room for the construction wall, there were 730 reader stations and 97 graduate study carrels — special seats where grad students can study and store their materials.

After the construction preparations were done, 714 seats and 24 carrels remained. Although general study space hasn't been affected much, Bonamici said some graduate students "will have to do without" until construction is finished, and that the remaining carrels are reserved for grad students who have dissertation work.

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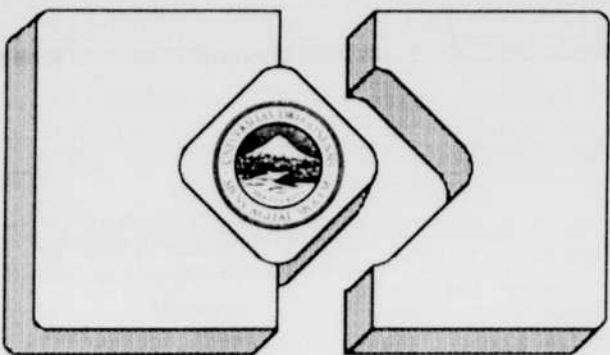
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