



Greetings, History Fans....as we embark on another construction project at the main campus, we thought it would be interesting to look back at another major capital project from some 25 years ago....this clipping is from 1985, detailing some new additions to the campus made possible by the 1984 bond election. Check out the map in the story, to see which buildings were here from the beginning, and which ones came later....

Buildings going up at college

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Construction of a new business building, a new student center and a new wing on the library are under way at South Mountain Community College, 7050 S. 24th St.

It is costing the Maricopa County Community College District \$2.5 million, including \$105,000 for a "wellness center" scheduled to be built next year in the gym.

The money is South Mountain's share of the proceeds from a 1984 bond election that authorized \$75 million construction.

Classes are proceeding as usual during the construction. Some of the outside covered walkways were closed last week, but school officials said they would reopen in about a

week.

The school's open-air amphitheater is fenced off as a staging ground for the construction equipment and will remain that way for the rest of the school year, South Mountain spokeswoman Chris Godley said.

She said the graduation ceremony, traditionally held in the amphitheater, would take place in the gym this spring.

The library remains open despite the work being done on it, which will double its 8,500-square-feet.

The new space will include a larger tutoring area, more computers, a larger audio-visual center, a television studio, more stacks and more offices.

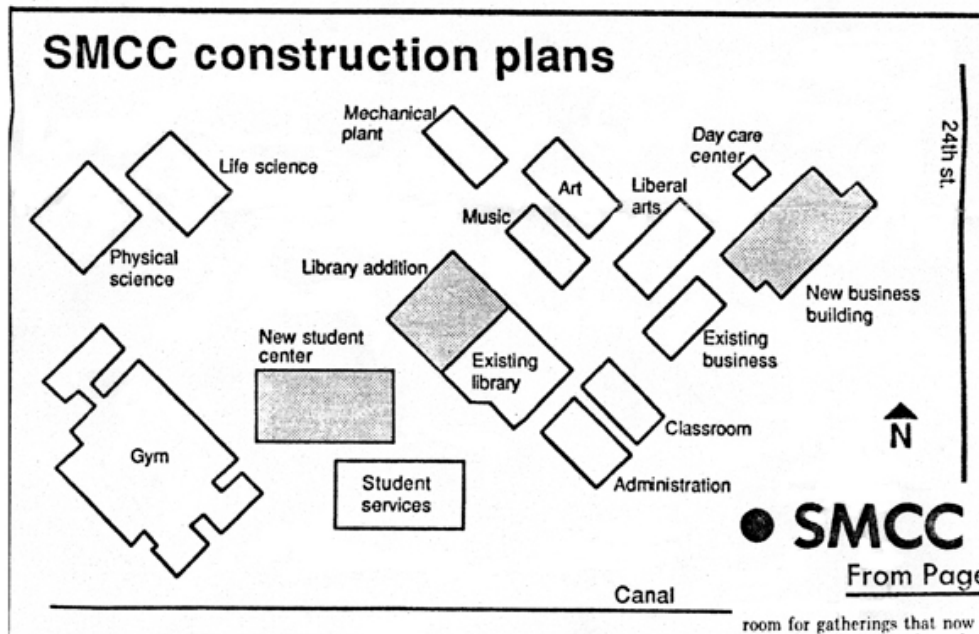
The construction of the library wing is expected to be completed in August. Then, books and equipment will be moved into the new wing to enable remodeling of the old. The remodeling should be completed by January.

The business and student buildings should be completed by August, said Gina Kranitz, director of business affairs.

The 14,000-square-foot business building will include accounting classrooms, word processing labs and offices for business faculty.

The student center, also 14,000 square feet, will have "quiet rooms" for study or reading, meeting rooms, a games room, a television room and a large multipurpose

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room for gatherings that now must be held in the gym, the only large room on campus.

The student center will have a large window and patio on the north side, allowing a view of the amphitheater and the city.

The new buildings' styles will blend in with the existing buildings. The outsides will be a better grade of stucco, however, as the old one tends to crumble, Kranitz said.