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EXPANDED STUDENT PARKING AREAS PLANNED AT UM

Expanded student parking is one facet of the University of Montana campus projects for the summer which are drawing to successful completion, according to Ted Parker, director of the UM physical plant.

Student drivers will enjoy improvements made in two parking lots and planned improvements for a third lot.

Student parking by the Men's Gym at the eastern end of Keith Avenue is paved and well marked, resulting from improvements completed this week. Capacity of this lot is 105 cars.

The open lot between Duniway Hall and East Beckwith has also undergone improvements, such as curbing, lawn and tree plantings and lighting.

Parker also reported plans to increase the capacity for the open lot just off Arthur Avenue behind Knowles Hall to 94 cars from its current capacity of 39 vehicles.

Through traffic and parking behind Main Hall and Natural Sciences will become restricted when construction begins on the new University Center just north of Dornblaser Field.

Parker predicted no problem with faculty and staff parking, which is expected to shift south to the slightly used area between Keith Avenue and the Forestry School. Through traffic around the east edge of the campus will have to go behind Dornblaser via East Beckwith.

Parker reported the pedestrian mall on University Avenue from Arthur Avenue to the tiny oval was progressing satisfactorily and would be finished shortly after the students return Sept. 18.

He also said the seating capacity of Dornblaser Field would be increased by 420 seats by using movable bleachers from the Adams Field House. The east bleachers were torn down after the 1965 football season.