

Campus Renovations

Bob Jones University is currently engaged in two renovation projects on campus. The University is demolishing the Administration Building as well as re-facing the Alumni Building.

BJU's chief facilities management officer Steve Hensley said the demolition project has turned out to be more involved than was originally thought.

"Once we got a bit deeper [into the project], we realized that we would need to make a schedule adjustment, so right now we are about three weeks behind."

Hensley said the project is estimated to be finished in early November.

BJU has been making decisions of what items in the Administration Building will be kept, sold or left in the building. Hensley said that a number of fixtures and ornate wood fixtures have been either saved for future use or sold. The actual demolition, however, has been contracted out.

Preliminary steps, such as installing fences, applying for permits and checking for harmful materials, will be taken. Then, the roof, windows and clock tower will be removed in preparation for the final stage of demolition.

After demolition has been completed, the grounds of the former Administration Building will be temporarily landscaped before plans for the space are finalized. Mr. Steve Hensley said that the plans for the space will involve student participation. The administration wants to know what students would like to see built there. Ideas include an outdoor dining area, a meeting place or a place where students can go to escape the crowds.



In addition to the Administration Building project, the Alumni Building exterior is currently being re-faced. This project is also being contracted out. While the original intent was to replace the brick, sealing the brick was soon decided to be a more economical and functional option.

Hensley said the chosen sealant will be aesthetically pleasing, blending well with the rest of campus while also adding variety.

In addition to improving the overall look of the Alumni Building, the sealant will add insulation to keep the inside of the structure safe from water damage. The administration wants to ensure the classrooms, offices, and newly renovated spaces like the Center for Global Opportunities stay preserved.

The first step to re-facing the Alumni Building is applying the sealer. Next, a closed cell foam will be applied as insulation. A substrate will then be added in order to prepare for the final step—the stucco.

The re-facing of the Alumni Building is running on schedule and should be completed in mid-October.

