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Ag building money okayed

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The State Board of Education/Board of Regents approved the construction and financing of a new \$1.8 million Agricultural Engineering building.

The Idaho legislature earlier appropriated a total of \$900,000 for the project—\$450,000 appropriated for fiscal year 1982-83 and another \$450,000 for fiscal year 1983-84.

The remaining \$900,000 is to be financed by the University of Idaho. This will be financed by a construction loan and a 15-year bank note to be paid from payments received from lease of the property, on which the Palouse Empire Mall is located.

The university has enough money in the facilities capital improvement reserve to cover its share of the construction costs. However, UI Financial Vice President David McKinney told the Board it makes more sense to borrow the money because the money in the reserve account should be left there in case of unprojected needs in the future.

In other action, the Board approved revised enrollment standards for the College of Engineering, and a change in the challenge regulation.

Revised enrollment limitations now say students must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in courses that are prerequisites to upper-division courses normally taken in the junior and senior years of study.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Furgason told board members the enrollment limitations would not solve pressures the college is experiencing, but is a screening device. The college is not taking the attitude of closing the door on students.

The college has seen an increase in permits to register from 347 last year to 449 for this year.

The Board also gave its authorization to allow the university to use interest earned from bonds issued to fund the East End additions/Memorial Gym project for construction costs involved in remodeling Memorial Gym.

Authorization was also given to the university to proceed with a public notice for hearings to be held at the May Board meeting concerning proposed increases in student fees, student housing and food service charges.

A fee increase of \$7.50 is proposed, with \$7 going to cover the cost of operations and anticipated growth of the Student Union Building and 50 cents to support the Alumni Association.

Learning Skills Center decision put off

"It's awful easy to sign a petition to show interest, but it is a lot different when you have to support an attitude with a fee increase," said Robert Furgason, University of Idaho Academic vice president, concerning the overwhelming response of petitions and letters in support of the UI Learning Skills

Center.

Furgason said the University budget for the academic year beginning July 1 is starting to firm up now that the college budgets have been presented and the State Board of Education/Board of Regents has appropriated money to the

university.

The budget committee is at the point where tradeoffs will have to be made between valuable programs and possible alternatives, he said. Budget decisions will be finalized in the next three weeks based on funding available, needs and priorities.

Evans highlights Natural Resources Week

Governor John Evans will be one of the major speakers during the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Management's 36th annual Natural Resource Week here April 19-24. Also on the schedule is a barbeque, a film festival and recreational activities such as the Moscow Mountain Mud Run and logging sports.

On April 20 a reception is planned in the FWR building from 5-7 p.m. to give students and faculty a chance to meet Evans. At 7 p.m. Evans will speak on "State Resource Management" in room 106 of the Agricultural Science build-

ing.

"We hope the program will interest students in all colleges. Topics are not going to be narrowly limited to natural resources and will deal with local, state and national issues," said Casey Meredith, National Resource Week coordinator on campus.

The "Grand Finale" of Natural Resource Week will be at Big Meadow Creek on Saturday, April 24. The finale includes a chicken barbeque, the Moscow Mountain Mud Run, logging sports and softball games. Big Meadow Creek is located north of Troy and shuttle buses will run throughout the

day between the FWR building and the meadow.

Starting at 1 p.m., the college's logging sports team will have a wood chopping competition, cross-cut sawing contests, birling exercises, a limber pole competition, and possibly an axe throwing contest.

The Moscow Mountain Mud Run will start at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the FWR building and in the physical education building.

On Friday, a film festival concerning natural resource issues will take place from 3-10 p.m.

Time to clean: parents arriving

A showcase setting from some of Idaho's best mindpower—University of Idaho students—is planned for Parents' Weekend, April 16-18.

Following the theme "Idaho's Energy is Mindpower," the annual event is planned to include activities of interest to everyone.

Highlighting the weekend will be the traditional student awards assembly sponsored by Mortar Board, Blue Key and the ASUI at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the SUB Ballroom. Special awards will be announced and students will be tapped for various honorary organizations.

Also on the weekend schedule are two days of tennis tournament action, golf tournaments, intercollegiate rodeo action, two evening performances of "The Merry Widow" by the UI Opera Workshop, a special UI Dance Theatre scholar-

ship benefit concert, a football scrimmage, a track meet and a variety of open houses.

Of special interest are the Phi Delta Theta Turtle Derby, a traditional event scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday; the annual Home Economics honors brunch at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the University Inn-Best Western; a classical guitar concert by Terrance Farrell at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the SUB Ballroom; an evening night cap event at 9:30 p.m. Saturday with socializing and dancing at the Moscow Moose Lodge; and a Sigma Nu Fraternity fish fry beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information about Parent's Weekend events, contact the Office of Alumni Relations, 885-6154, or Maureen Feeley, chairman of Parents' Weekend, at the ASUI Programs Office.



B. Bain
Students walking past the snow covered flowers in front of the library last week. This kind of April shower is bound to hurt rather than help any sign of spring greenery.

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Reminders

...All National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) recipients who will either graduate at the end of this semester or will not return next semester, must make an appointment for a loan exit interview.

The Student Loan Office will combine your loans, explain how they are to be repaid, and inform students of the various deferments and cancellations for which they may be eligible.

This is an opportunity to ask questions concerning these loans, especially in light of the regulation changes that have been enacted in the last two years.

...Current University of Idaho students who plan to attend summer school should stop by the Registrar's Office and file a "Continuing Card" to ensure a registration packet for the 1982 summer session.

...Students should be aware that Friday is the last day to withdraw from a course or from the university.

Exit interviews are conducted daily between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and usually take about fifteen minutes.

...This year's Commencement format has been changed to include two separate ceremonies. Students who have relatives or friends who wish to watch more individuals graduating in different colleges should notify Edmund Chavez, chairman of the Commencement Committee. Appropriate plans will be made to accommodate guest attendance for each of the separate college ceremonies.

Members of the class of 1982 are being asked to take part in leaving a gift to their "alma mater" by donating \$5 (or whatever they can) to the Gift from Class of '82."

This year's class will be making a choice between five gifts: benches on the new campus mall, hedging on the mall, a tree grove in the new arboretum, entrance markers, or trophy cases. Other suggestions may also be given.

A special account will be set up in the ASUI to handle the incoming donations. Drop sites for donations have been set up at the ASUI main office, the Alumni center, and Student Advisory Services. Donations should be payable to "Gift of class of 82".