

Idaho State Board approves bond sale for Dome expansion

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BOISE — Over objections from students who said educational programs should come first, the State Board of Education approved plans Monday to sell \$5.95 million worth of bonds to build locker rooms, coaches offices and racquetball courts at the University of Idaho.

The money will be used to partially complete an addition to the east end of the domed football stadium known as the Kibbie Dome, to remodel Memorial Gymnasium, and to refinance a 1961 bond that was issued to pay for the university's student union.

About \$3 million will go to the Kibbie Dome addition and the gymnasium, while the rest of the money will be used to pay refinancing charges.

Petitions signed by more than 1,200 university students were presented to the board in opposition to the bond sale.

"It is not in the interest of Idaho higher education for the University of Idaho to construct an athletic locker room-office facility at a time when academic programs may suffer from the 3.85 percent holdback in funds to the university," the petition said.

The governor has ordered a 3.85 percent budget cut because tax revenues have been lower than expected. A student fee increase has been proposed because of the holdback, and there has been talk of cutting some programs and firing faculty members.

The petition also said that students "have not been given the chance to agree or disagree that \$17.50 of their fees should finance \$3 million of the project."

The \$17.50 per semester fee was approved in 1961 to pay off the student union. University officials say a reserve adequate to pay off that bond has been collected, and the \$17.50 can be diverted to other student activities.

University President Dr. Richard Gibb told the board that it would not be legal to divert the student fee money to academic programs or buildings.

"This is not a sports palace built for the exclusive use of athletes," Gibb said of the east end addition.

Corrections

Arthur Barnes of 2953 Riverview Terrace, Lewiston, is a director of Erb Hardware Co., not the former owner. An article concerning a hole in one he made at the Lewiston Country Club Friday was in error.

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Walt Berry of the Idaho Fish and Game Department said Monday that 100 permits have been issued this year for either-sex elk in the Game Management Unit No. 11 of Craig Mountains. An article Monday said the permits were for antlered elk.