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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 Palace Empire Mall is located.

The university has enough money in the facilities capital improvement reserve to cover its share of the construction costs. However, University Vice President David McLemore 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.

Learning Skills Center decision put off

"It's a awful easy to sign a petition to show interest, but it's 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 to positions and letters in support of the U1 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 is in support of the $450,000 appropriated money to the university.

The Board 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 barbecue, 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. the governor will speak on "State Resource Management" in room 106 of the Agricultural Science building.

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 and entertainment for everyone.

Highlighting the weekend will be the traditional student awards assembly sponsored by Mortar Board, Beta Sigma 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.

An evening performance schedule are two days of tennis tournament action, golf tournaments, intercollegiate radio 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 Turkey 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 Tennoke Explorers at 10 a.m. Saturday at the SUB Ballroom; an evening river cap event at 9:30 p.m. Saturday with socializing and dancing at the Moscow Art Center; a Sigma Nu fraternity fish fry beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information about Parents' Weekend contact the Office of Alumni Relations, 865-6154, or Maureen Feeley, chairman of Parents' Weekend, at the ASUI Programs Office.

Reminders

All National Direct Student Loan (NDSDL) 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.

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 Edna Chaves, 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."