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Blueprints For Future UO Related

Proposed Surplus Allocation to Provide Building Betterment

A long range building program for the future will permit the schools in the state system of higher education to realize a single goal—that of being able to supply adequately the demands of students regarding utilities, classrooms, and laboratories.

In addition to the use of \$12,000,000 in income tax surpluses for future building construction as outlined by Governor John H. Hall last Saturday, the state board of higher education will submit a recommendation to the next legislature asking appropriations for absolute minimum building construction needs.

Nothing Immediate

The legislature will be asked to appropriate \$24,500,000. This amount will include the \$12,000,000 emergency portion which the state board recommends be put in use immediately on the emergency phases of the minimum building program.

The remaining money would be used over a period of years for construction of buildings and completion of projects according to the needs of each institution. However, nothing will be done immediately to put this fund to use because of the high cost of building construction.

Under the existing plan the University would receive \$5,275,000 to be allocated for construction in the following way:

Schools to Expand

Expansion of the architecture and allied arts school to cost \$550,000; school of journalism, \$400,000; \$150,000 addition to the physical education building; infirmary addition to cost \$225,000; and a \$700,000 addition to the women's PE building.

Completion of an administration building to house agencies now located in Emerald hall would cost \$600,000. Additions amounting to \$650,000 will be made to Condon and Chapman halls.

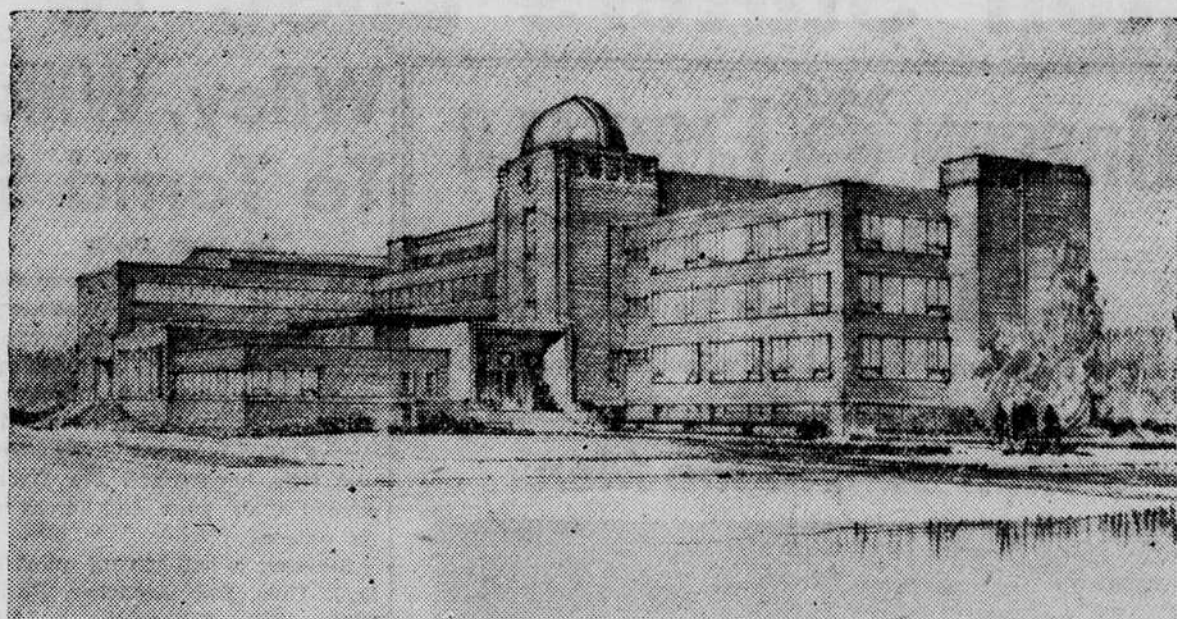
\$150,000 will be spent for utilities, and \$550,000 will go for land acquisitions.

Dorm Unit Plans In Final Stage

One of the first projects on the University's building schedule will be the women's dormitory on Emerald street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth.

Architects will complete final plans and specifications for the first unit of the women's dormitory February 22. Bids will be called for the following day. On March 16, the bids will be opened by the building committee of the state board of higher education.

It and the Erb Memorial building are the two self-financed structures planned by the University. Both are scheduled to be under construction before the end of the year.



The science building, shown above in architects' drawing, is one of the first projects to be undertaken in the University's building program. The building will be situated at the corner of Fourteenth and Kincaid. The physics, chemistry, biology, and astronomy departments are to be housed in the new structure.

Proposal to Speed Building Program

Critical building needs at the University of Oregon and other state institutions of higher learning call for immediate action on the part of the State of Oregon, according to University officials interviewed yesterday.

The significance of Governor Hall's proposal that \$12,000,000 in tax surpluses be made available through initiative action that would place the allocation of these funds on the November ballot, lies

in the fact that this money could then be used in the near future to alleviate the existing cramped conditions.

Need Established

"There can be no question among thinking people of the extreme need of the institutions of higher learning for the \$12,000,000 as proposed by the governor. It has been well established that a sizeable surplus exists in the state treasury.

"To wait for the 1949 legislature to make an appropriation from this surplus would mean that buildings needed right now would not be available for use until the fall of 1951 or later. The governor's proposal for a vote of the people this fall would accelerate the program at least a year," Dr. C. D. Byrne, secretary of the state board of education said.

University Lags

In order for the University of Oregon to provide educational facilities equivalent to those found in the institutions of higher learning in other states, it is necessary for considerable building expansion to take place, University officials stated.

Business office figures show that the University of Oregon's "emergency" building program amounts to \$8,675,000. \$3,500,000 of this would be obtainable from the proposed state allocation, the rest to be received through future appropriations. These figures can be compared to the \$90,000,000 building program of the California state system of higher education or the \$21,000,000 program now underway at the University of Washington.

Little Allotted

Another significant comparison is that of the state allotted funds for the years 1930-45, during which time Oregon spent \$100,000 for state institutions, Washington \$6,000,000 and California \$10,000,000.

"If the educational standards of the University of Oregon are to be maintained, the state must do something. We feel it is the state's responsibility to provide classrooms and adequate facilities. The need is undeniable, the money is here, and we think it should be put to use," was one University official comment.

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pared to similar institutions in nearby states. It only provides for the needs of "yesterday" not for the requirements of "tomorrow!"

Campuses Neglected Financially

Record Enrollments, Small Allotments Pose Big Problems

An overall picture of building construction on the campuses of the state system of higher education during the past 19 years shows that appropriations made for the period 1945 to 1947 were greatly in excess of the appropriations made during the 15-year period, 1929 to 1945.

Today, institutions of higher education face a difficult problem. They lack proper facilities to serve the largest number of students in the state's history. The state board of higher education puts the blame on two fundamental causes: the first, a "failure of the state over a long period of time, to provide adequate physical plant for its institutions of higher learning." And second, "inadequacy of emergency measures and funds chiefly because of the familiar inflation bugaboos—higher costs of wages and building materials."

Low Appropriations

From 1929 to 1945, the state legislature appropriated only \$100,000 for buildings. Compared with the appropriations of other western states for the same period, this was remarkably low. The state of Washington provided \$5,000,000 and California made available \$10,000,000.

During this period, a number of buildings were completed through a self-financed program, supplemented by federal aid. Student building fees were pledged to provide funds for this program.

In 1945, the legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 for emergency building purposes and an additional \$4,000,000 was granted by the people.

Three Completed

Over a span of 10 years, this amount was to provide for 29 essential projects. At present, three projects have been completed, and three are under construction. Six other proposed works, plans for which are practically complete, will exhaust the building funds available.

From the money in this fund, (Please turn to page six)

If Millrace Restored We Could Float

Oregon students just haven't a foot to stand on. In fact, each student of our fair institution of higher erudition lacks something like 60 square feet according to our calculations.

National standards specify that each university should have 170 square feet for each student enrolled. At present Oregon has only 110 square feet per student, or almost one-third below the national norm.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This page was prepared to give students a round-up of University building plans and the manner in which Gov. Hall's proposed allocation of funds will alter the situation. The articles were written by Virginia Fletcher and Bob Reed.

AWS Petitions Needed Monday

Petitions for committee heads of the Associated Women Students preview weekend should be turned in to Barbara Johns at the Delta Gamma house by Monday, February 23.

Positions to be filled include chairmanship of Nickel Hop, exchange dinners, Saturday afternoon fun fest, and invitations committees.

body are equally aware of the pressing need for expansion was asserted by Stanley Williamson, student body president.



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