

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LONG RANGE BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE

March 28, 1979
8:15 a.m.
Room 104
State Capitol Building

Subject: HJR 23, HJR 28
HB 761, HB 818, HB 888,
HB 889, HB 417

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Yardley. All members were present with the exception of Sen. Etchart who was excused. Also present was Fiscal Analyst, Judy Rippingale.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 28. Rep. Harold Gerke, District 62, presented HJR 28 of which he is chief sponsor. The bill provides for the acquisition, construction, equipping, and financing of improvements to the physical education, athletic, and recreational facilities at Eastern Montana College.

Joan Van de Wetering, Eastern Montana College, explained that this bill provides for the expansion of physical education facilities which are very heavily used. The existing facility was designed for a much smaller enrollment. He cited a recent student survey which showed the student support for these improvements. He hoped for support from the committee.

HOUSE BILL 417. Phil Hauck, Department of Administration, spoke in support of HB 417. He stated that the department solicits all state agencies for their projected construction needs. These are then presented to the legislature for consideration after the department has established priorities. The total sum of requests was \$125,000,000. The program presented to the legislature totals \$10,000,000. This program is presented in two parts; the cash fund program totaling \$10,000,000, and the proposed bonding program totaling about \$10,000,000.

Tom O'Connell, Department of Administration, gave a brief explanation of how the Capital Construction Program 1979-1980 book was set up.

Mr. Hauck stated that the proposed program was a balanced program against revenue estimates.

Gene Huntington, Office of Budget and Program Planning, explained that the revenue estimates were based on a previous cash program revenue estimate. The cash program receives 3.5¢ from the cigarette tax for every package sold. The total available, less continuing appropriations, is \$10,860,000. With adjustments for the Caled

project the fund is \$3,000 ahead. However, there are subcommittee proposals, not considered in this figure, which will probably make a deficit. The \$490,000 for Galen would be subtracted out of HB 417, but no action has been taken to eliminate this amount.

Rep. Yardley asked about the \$35,000 deficit they had originally reported. It was explained that there is a deficit if you take some of the projects that have been recommended by the subcommittees. These will be introduced as the committee considers these agencies.

Andy van Teylingen, Systems Facility Planner, explained that each unit submits proposals for the improvements they need. The total amount submitted to the Regents last year was about \$65,000,000. This was pared down to about \$25,000,000 and submitted to Mr. Hauck. There is not much similarity between the program submitted and the program recommended by the Department of Administration.

Mr. van Teylingen went on to say the Physical Plant at the University System has not progressed with society. In presenting the maintenance projects, he stated that buildings are going to grow old and must be taken care of, or maintenance becomes very expensive. Such things as roofs, retaining walls and sidewalks have to be replaced. The program presented is bottom line maintenance, it is not a preventative program. If preventative maintenance were done he estimated the cost would be \$45,000,000 for the University System alone. To bring them up to codes would cost about \$15,000,000, and to make the buildings completely accessible for the handicapped would be another \$8,000,000.

With respect to the handicapped program, Mr. van Teylingen said we are all handicapped to a certain extent. Society is just beginning to realize we cannot afford to lose the talents of these people. As a result, the University System is attempting to remove some of the barriers. He asked the committee to give this serious consideration.

The last item addressed by Mr. van Teylingen was how to put together a building program that is not so timely and costly. He was concerned about how to increase the funding sources for the University System's capital program. He cited the state of Kansas which has one mill levy that is dedicated to the University Building Program. If the state is going to keep a University System to be proud of, something has to be done. Otherwise, we are going to have students going to schools with facilities worse than some of our high schools. If something can be done to broaden the funding base for the University System, our system can be improved, or at least kept from retrogressing.

The handicapped program was developed using the guidelines provided by federal regulations and recommendations. The intent is to make all programs offered accessible. They are asking for state funds to make academic buildings accessible as a first

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priority. Student fees will be used to make improvements on such buildings as the Student Union Buildings. The total bill is about \$3,000,000, \$1,000,000 is being requested by the Regents.

John Van de Wetering, Eastern Montana College, said the number one priority for Eastern is maintenance. He explained the "eyeball" which is a window needing to be rebuilt at a cost of \$15,000. After maintenance, the next priority is remodeling the old Oil and Gas Commission Building. It is to be remodeled for use by the Art Department which is presently located in an unsafe environment.

There are two items not on the priority listing that the College would like to have considered. The first is \$250,000 for land acquisition for a block immediately west of the campus. This is the direction Eastern would expand in the future and would be a good long term investment. The second request was for classroom and office additions to the Special Education Building at a cost of \$3,250,000.

Sen. Thiessen asked about options available related to the proposed land acquisition. Dr. Van de Wetering explained they would like to acquire the land as it comes on the market. They would then rent the houses until it becomes necessary to use them.

Dr. Fred DeMoney, Montana Tech, stated their major priority was the remodeling of the Old Gym which is critical to an increasing enrollment. The major area of maintenance was the replacement of an 80 year old roof on Main Hall. Using tile purchased from Boulder River School they can save about \$50,000. The total cost of the project will be about \$95,000.

The second area of concern, not in the bill, is the Heating Plant. They did receive approval from the Regents for a new boiler and accessories amounting to \$200,000. This is to keep the campus functioning in sub-zero weather. This has been modified to \$25,000 and they have a listing of spare parts that should be kept on hand for the existing boilers. The cost of these spare parts is \$5,000.

Another priority was property acquisition, not included in the bill, at about \$200,000. There are several properties within the boundaries of the campus and periferial which they would like to acquire at a later date.

Roy Turley, Montana Tech, said planning must provide flexibility and we must look ahead 100 years. The buildings are getting old and they have space problems in all departments. The Engineering School's accrediting association cited crowded conditions in the laboratories two years ago. They were refused accreditation which is required for graduating students wanting to take EIT tests. Montana Tech has recieved a temporaty option for these students with the provision that they seek accreditation again in 1980

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with an evaluation in 1981. They must be able to show they are making some improvements with regard to the space problems by that time. Remodeling the Old Gym will provide badly needed space. The building is structurally sound and lends itself to remodeling with the opportunity for more flexibility. They have chosen four departments to move into this building. These four departments project the need for 26,158 square feet, based on enrollments. These departments have close curricular relationships and will be able to share many of the facilities. Current space occupied by these four departments is 17,155 square feet or 65% of the space that is needed.

The fact that all instructional activities will be moved out of Main Hall will mean they will not have to bring this building up to meet handicapped standards, at a savings to the state.

The remodeling will enable them to meet space problems in all departments with the exception of the Meteorology Department. The second phase of their total space problems will be to remodel the Library Museum Building to be proposed in the 1981-1982 biennium.

In conclusion, Mr. Turley felt they were being conservative in asking for slightly less space than is actually required.

He provided a handout showing it is more cost effective to remodel and showing a potential increase in the cost of 18% if the remodeling is delayed at this time.

Rep. Kvaalen asked about the stand-by boiler that was originally suggested. It was explained that the problem at that time was the state had never purchased a spare boiler. The other option was to have on hand sufficient spare parts to keep up some level of comfortable operations. They felt that a third boiler is the best way to go. This would have to be added by amendment to the bill.

Rep. Gould, District 98, Missoula County, spoke on the removal of architectural barriers for the handicapped. He has been involved with Section 504 for about two years. A study conducted for the 1977 session showed that to bring the total University System into compliance would take about \$17 million. Last session a request for \$3,500,000 was turned down. The Human Rights Commission has been designated as the 504 compliance agent. The University System has been required to come up with guidelines to be approved by the commission. The figure requested is very conservative at \$1,000,000. If we do not comply with Section 504, HEW can and will delete any money coming from HEW. According to Rep. Gould, \$1,000,000 is the amount necessary to get the program under way. There is a possibility of getting a very small amount in federal funds, however, this money will be divided throughout the region and Montana's share will probably be very small. He urged the committee to adopt this request and get this program under way. We are two years behind schedule and only had three

to begin with. This is a tremendously minimal request, anything less would be a severe handicap to the 504 program.

Rep. Yardley asked if the \$1,000,000 requested for 34 projects would demonstrate that we are trying to comply with Section 504. Rep. Gould thought the request is a little short, but that it is going to be enough.

President William Tietz, Montana State University, added his support to the previous discussion related to maintenance. With regard to the handicapped program he stated that there was a problem on his campus because of the age of the buildings and because of the uniqueness of some of their programs which should be made available to as many persons as possible.

He had two areas of specific interest. The first was the remodeling of MSU's Veterinary Clinic and the second was the Lewis/Cooley renovation. The Lewis/Cooley renovation is the subject of the \$90,000 amendment request for planning money. They have a problem with not being able to provide appropriate space for experimental animals. The Veterinary Clinic remodeling will bring the laboratories up to code.

Another issue was planning money for the Television Building. The plan would be to request construction money in 1981. The proposed building would supplant the location of five different divisions on the campus currently located at different locations.

In addition, not listed in the bill, is Ryon Laboratory used by the College of Engineering. It is an architectural disaster with almost impossible geometry. They are asking for a complete remodeling of that facility. The request is for \$4,000,000 and it is a high priority for the University.

Dr. Joe Aselson, representing the Agriculture Experiment Station at MSU, spoke in support of the request for Controlled Environment Research Facilities. They are continually asking for green houses and never seem to have enough. A program was prepared two years ago, but not in time to get into the Long Range Building Program. They estimate they will need \$1,600,000 this year. The facilities are causing problems in soil fertility, the breeding program and work with plant diseases. The demands are going to increase as time goes on, he asked for favorable consideration by the committee.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23 and HOUSE BILL 761 speak to two projects initiated by student referendum. They involve a modification of the Recreation and Physical Education facilities on the campus. The Field House, one of the first of its kind, it has a very limited application and remodeling would increase its availability to students. The facilities were built to accommodate an enrollment of 3,000 to 5,000. MSU currently has approximately 9,500

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students. This is a high priority with the students and they have elected to use maturing bonds for this project.

The second project approved by the students and the Regents is the remodeling of the Student Union Building (SUB) which was originally designed for about 1,500 students. The renovation and addition would cost about \$5,000,000 which would come from bonds that are maturing which have been supported and repaid by the students. They are asking that these fees be reinvested to provide appropriate facilities for all the students on the campus.

Dr. Dale Tash, Western Montana College, addressed necessary maintenance projects and asked for the committee's support. The first request is the remodeling of the Industrial Arts Building. They would like to separate their metal shop and wood shop to meet accreditation standards. To do this they would like to remodel the Old Gym. This was the number one priority at Western and is not included in HB 417. The other project not included is a vehicle storage building. Presently they have no storage facilities.

Tom Briggs, Fiscal Affairs at WMC, explained they want to renovate the Old Gym into an Industrial Arts Building. It is currently being used as a Crafts Building. They are asking, in addition to HB 417, for \$25,000 to fix the roof which is leaking badly. The Industrial Arts renovation would require \$125,000. The Storage Facility is requested at \$80,000.

Western has been eliminated from the handicapped program because every program at Western is available at another unit of the University System. The Regents are not certain that federal officials will accept this rationale, but this approach will cost alot less money.

Dr. Jim Erickson, Northern Montana College spoke in support of a number of items important to NMC. The first request is to reroof the Old Main Hall which has deteriorated to the point where it can no longer be repaired. Of second concern was the streets. They need about 4000 square yards of blacktop replaced. They also have a sidewalk problem related to the retaining wall which is in disrepair. Northern is requesting \$75,000 for paving in two areas which are inadequately covered with gravel.

Of major concern is the library at NMC which is proposed to be funded in HB 425, the bonding bill. The library is presently housed in Cowen Hall. It is inadequate to serve the needs of Northern and the highline today. He pointed out that Northern is the only unit which has not received a new library.

Herbert Saffore, Director of the Library, said their situation is unique in that they serve the campus as well as the highline. He suggested that the members talk with those who have visited the library.

The building is totally inadequate, particularly with respect to access by the handicapped. In terms of housing volumes, the shelves are full and they have no place to expand. It is important to consider that the surrounding communities depend on the library. They have been redirecting funding to meet the needs of vocational education in the area. The request is for \$2,300,000 which is an absolute minimum. Mr. Saffore asked for favorable consideration and felt this was a fair request.

Sen. Himsel questioned the need for a \$2,300,000 library for 1000 students. This provides for 30,000 square feet to include small study areas, a learning center and technical areas. They have a good deal of microfiche and about 75,000 volumes. The library planned would be adequate for the next 10 to 13 years in terms of stack space growth. The space has been pared down to the point where less footage would require additional money at a later time for expansion. The building will meet minimum standards.

Sen. Thiessen asked what they planned to do with the existing space. It was explained that it would be used for classroom space by the Education Department and others which are short on instructional space. Renovation will be about \$30,000.

Dr. Richard Bowers, President, University of Montana, addressed five projects which were either included in HB 417, or which he would like to see added as amendments.

Maintenance projects total \$300,000 and cover three projects; reroofing the Women's Center and the Art Annex and the complete replacement of windows in the Botany Building. Total maintenance needs would be over \$1,000,000, this request represents only a portion of the needs at the University of Montana.

About \$200,000 has been included for making buildings more accessible to the handicapped.

The University has received federal funds to complete the top two floors of the Library, however, this money cannot be used for the purchase of equipment. The needs are over \$500,000, the Regents recommended \$300,000 and \$100,000 is included in HB 417 which will not satisfy the total needs of the library. He said that perhaps it was not necessary to completely equip the library now, but over the years they will have to keep coming back for more money.

President Bowers asked for authority to use building fee funds for the remodeling of the Old Library. This is not included in HB 417. The funding made available for this project was not sufficient to complete the work. IMS would like to remodel at a cost of \$45,000. Another space would be remodeled to replace the Art Gallery in Turner Hall at a cost of \$10,000. The Anthropology Department has proposed remodeling at \$13,000. The total cost will be \$79,000.

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The final item discussed by President Bowers was a request for an amendment for planning money for Clinical Psychology space. The original request for the New Science Building was reduced, making it necessary to eliminate a lecture hall and all the clinical psychology space. The needs are great in this division and the request is for remodeling and an addition to the small house they are now using. The addition adds 25,000 square feet at \$191,000.

HOUSE BILL 818 is a request for a Fine Arts Building at UM for \$6,000,000. This was included in the Regents' recommendation but does not appear in HB 417. Extensive planning has gone into this building and the estimates have been pared down to bare minimum. The Drama and Dance programs are using 6 different locations, which are further hampered by serious safety conditions, and do not accomodate the basic needs of the programs. The accreditation report stated that the department has doubled in size and the space available is totally inadequate. They did receive full accreditation because of their excellent program and because they were requesting funding for a new building. Since that time the enrollment in this department has continued to grow. President Bowers closed by saying adequate facilities were critical and should be provided.

Sen. Fasbender, raising a point of information, said it was misleading to compare Montana's University System Building Program with Kansas. Kansas dedicates 1 mill levy to the University System. However, his information was that the \$130,000,000 fund is part of a five year program. The amount spent is about \$22 million from that one mill levy. Montana would not be able to collect that amount with one mill levy. Sen. Fasbender seriously questioned the validity of making these comparisons.

Mr. van Teylingen stated that Montana did not come close to 1/3 or \$6,385,000 of this five year plan. Over a five year period the University System state funds will not generate or show that we are building 1/3 as much as Kansas. Sen. Fasbender stated that if the bonding program goes through appropriating about \$6,385,000 that is about one third of the \$22,000,000. Mr. van Teylingen said the last time bonds were issued in Montana was in 1972, so that figure was for a ten year program.

Sen. Fasbender went on to say that if we are going to make comparisons we must look at Montana's resources and at the fact that Kansas has 7 units and Montana has 6. We can use all kinds of figures that really do not justify each other.

Mr. van Teylingen said his intention was to point out that Kansas has a dedicated source of funds for the University System Building Program. This is what he would like the committee consider.

Clark Johnson, representing the Students of the Montana University

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System, about 23,000, stated that the students should not be considered a mouth piece of the administration. The MSL has taken a strong stand against the use of student fees for system maintenance and handicapped accessibility. They feel such capital improvements should come from the general fund and not student fee revenues or other lawful purpose monies. The MSL definitely believes there is a legal question involved, and a class action suit is a real possibility to determine whether this authority exists. To say that fee revenues are going to contribute to making improvements elsewhere is ridiculous. For the legislature to intervene on the local level and mandate where the self-imposed levies will be spent is going to be challenged. Although the students will make improvements on their own buildings, they find the mandate to update the state buildings totally unacceptable. In conclusion he said there were other alternatives and urged the committee to seriously consider such alternatives. The students are best able to determine where they want to spend their money. This is the MSL's only problem with this bill.

Rick Boylan, Associated Students, Montana State University, spoke in support of the planning money for the Film and Television Building. A detailed copy of testimony is attached.

Fred Thomas, Associated Students, Montana State University, spoke in support of HB 761 and HJR 23. A detailed copy of testimony is attached. He cited a recent poll showing 77% to 78% of the students in support of these proposals.

Rep. Ellis, Sponsor of HB 818, stated that the proposed Fine Arts Building at UM is definitely supported by the community of Missoula and beyond that into the 5 Valley areas. The existing facilities are inadequate to service the area. He felt this would be a good community project and that it should also be the responsibility of the community to participate in the funding. He urged support of this bill.

J. D. Holmes, Montana Institute of the Arts Foundation, said the foundation strongly supports this bill. The facilities in this cultural area are neglected and very inadequate. He asked for support from the committee on HB 818.

HOUSE BILL 888 and 889. Joe Aselson, Agriculture Experiment Station at MSU, said HB 888 provides for the construction of a room in the Veterinary Research Lab to house an electron microscope being purchased.

HB 869 requests a machine shop and storage complex at \$130,000. It would also set up 3 stations for fuel dispensal at \$2,000 each. They will need a fire proof oil house for machine storage at an estimated \$45,000. At present they are using a dilapidated quonset building. The need for this building is further emphasized

by a study of management and farm operation program. They did request this building last session but it did not get past the Board of Regents. The hope is that this would take care of the repair and maintenance of their machinery. This funding would come out of the general fund. The building would be fully insulated in accordance with all codes adopted by the legislature.

Representative Oberg spoke in support of the new Library at Northern Montana College. He said the library at NMC is much like a public library. It cannot have very much use if it is not accessible. The physical structure of the facility makes it very difficult to find materials and get to them. There is a large investment in books and materials that cannot be used for this reason. The proposed bill would make books available to the students and to the people along the highline. The design offered has great potential and serves the desired purpose. He was also concerned that if we do not build the library now, we are not going to get very much for our money. The library is going to have to be built sooner or later, and the bonded indebtedness seems a reasonable way to go. He hoped the committee would consider inflation and would look favorably on this proposal.

In response to a question, it was explained that the cost of renovating Ryon Hall is \$4,000,000. This is to rebuild the 1953 portion because there is very little that can be done to remodel the existing structure. Renovation would occur on the 1922 portion representing 17,000 square feet.

With regard to the Radio and Televesion Program, Rep. Kvaalen asked if there was going to be one program at MSU. It was explained that the Board of Regents is expected to adopt a new roll and scope statement for the system. Rep. Bardanouve commented that this statement should be approved before putting more money into the system. It was further explained that the major in Film and Televesion is at MSU. The program at UM concentrates on the journalistic aspects of this area. Both University Presidents agreed that there was no duplication in this area.

In closing, Mr. Brandy stated that the proposed program is a fair indication of the system's needs. He said they knew some of them would be back next session with the same needs. His last point was his hope that the committee did not appropriate the plant funds. In the past, the state has used these plant funds to complete projects, many of which should have been funded by the state. The money was not there so these funds were used for a great many projects. The fact is that it was a good thing these funds were available. The last building completed at MSU with state funds was the Physics Building in 1954. All buildings since then have involved multiple sources of funding. He urged the committee to not appropriate those funds. The students do recognize their obligation to make their own buildings accessible to the handicapped. He said he preferred that these funds be re-

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placed with general fund or bonding fund money.

Requests submitted by the Vo-Tech Centers were not considered by the Budget Office. The reasons for this are explained in the attached letter from George Bousliman to Dr. Larry Key. Larry Key said he hoped the committee would consider some of these requests. Three of the Vo-Tech Centers are requesting Long Range Building funds.

The number one priority is a parking lot and side walks at the Great Falls and Missoula Centers. The work at Great Falls is estimated at \$158,928 and the work at Missoula would be \$49,060.

The second priority is the to complete the Trade and Industry Lab at Great Falls. The cost of construction went up because construction was delayed one year. They now have one lab, that still has a dirt floor.

The third priority concerns the Helena and Missoula Centers and is very important, having to do with making their buildings accessible to the handicapped students. The Helena Center is a two story structure with no elevator to the second floor. They also need ramps and improvements to the restroom facilities. The estimated cost is \$183,000 and would include two elevators. The renovation of the Missoula center is estimated at \$7,500.

The fourth priority is two warehouse facilities at the Helena Center to store education projects and equipment. They have a real problem with vandalism because of a lack of storage space. The estimated cost is \$200,000.

The fifth priority is remodeling of the Building "A" at the Missoula Center. Present demands have changed the functional requirements and the structure does not meet these criteria. The estimated cost is \$134,443.

The sixth request is for completion of the Poplar Street Facility to better use the space allocation for instruction at an estimated cost of \$130,000.

The seventh request is for alterations at the Great Falls Center to utilize space more effectively at an estimated cost of \$70,860.

With regard to the handicapped accessibility program it was brought to the committee's attention that they are presently involved with a complaint filed against the Helena Center. This particular student could have received the same program at another center where barriers did not exist which is probably the way they will approach the case.

Gene Downey, Missoula Vo-Tech Center, expressed extreme concerns for the maintenance projects. These projects have never been

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addressed in the Long Range Building Program. He asked for the committee's consideration.

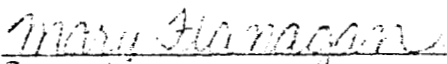
In response to a question by Rep. Kvaalen, it was explained that the enforcement procedures for the handicapped program involved providing special assistance to these students, or else making the programs accessible.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m., until Tuesday, April 3, 1979, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



REP. DAN YARDLEY, Chairman



Secretary

TESTIMONY FOR THE \$225,000 IN PLANNING MONEY

FOR THE

FILM AND TELEVISION BUILDING

AT

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

From the standpoint of political strategy and need, it might seem more reasonable for the Associated Students of Montana State University to be here advocating funding for building a Film and Television facility at Montana State University, rather than just \$225,000 to plan it. Yet ASMSU agrees with our administration in recognizing the importance of fully planning the project in order to meet the Department's needs and to avoid the need to request supplemental funding for completion.

Because there is not room for all the students that are either interested in this field or are required to take Film and Television classes to complete their own curriculum, the enrollment has had to be capped. As a consequence, students have had to be turned away, and may have been held up in meeting their schedule of taking classes for graduation. There is quite a large interest in Film and Television, and with adequate space, there is potential for growth. In FY 1978, 6,500 students enrolled in Film and Television classes, and there are many students each quarter who are unable to take these classes, simply because there is not room.

Upon graduation, according to a recent survey, students from this Department had an average of 88.8% employment, with only 3.4% unable to find a job. Of those who do gain employment upon graduation, 55.2% are employed in Montana. Currently, the number of MSU Film and Television graduates contribution to this state's economy, by being employed in Montana is 67.9%.

In analysing the classroom conditions for students majoring in this Department, two words can best describe the situation: Inadequate and Dangerous.

A basement of a girl's dormitory (Hannon Hall) houses the Still Photography option---in space originally used as a recreation room and later for overflow sleeping space and storage for the Student Health Center. While the amount of space may be adequate for the classes as they are now (with limited enrollment), it cannot be described as safe, because of inadequate means of fire escape and ventilation.

Montana Hall, built in 1895, houses the Motion Picture option, in what most people would refer to as an attic. Offices are tucked under the eaves, and the small studio is severely limited in its use of contemporary electronic equipment. Adequate fire escape from the top floor of this very old building is questionable and the safety of students could well be at stake.

In space originally designed as a Veterinary Research facility, the Television option shares McCall Hall with the Chemistry Analysis Laboratory. Presently, one studio doubles for two different functions: one, the operation of an academic program for TV majors and two, a closed circuit TV operation serving various academic departments. Both departmental missions are severely handicapped by sharing the same space. This program requires expansion in the area of color television production.

Other places where pieces of this Department are scattered around campus include: temporary use of a remodeled storeroom in the Student Health Center for a darkroom; and, a quonset hut that provides marginal space for building sets and props.

A consolidated, safe and efficiently designed building is needed now. But rather than possibly having to return to you in two years to ask for more money in order to finish the structure, ASMSU agrees with the philosophy to plan ahead. By doing so, we believe that in two years, we will be able to present to you a complete picture of what is involved, and the best way to make a quality education to MSU students and the taxpayers of Montana.

AS. ST. TESTIMONY
IN SUPPORT OF
HJR 25 AND HR 781

-HISTORY

- Charette
- Summer planning
- ASABU Senate
- Student vote
- Board of Regents

-PROPOSALS

- Physical Education, Athletic and Recreational facilities

- Fieldhouse

- Dirt floor

- Dust

- Flexibility

- Bleachers

- Present situation with Basketball floor

- Need for more intramural sports space

- Tennis Courts

- Presently, only 10 courts

- Only two indoor courts

- Eight more courts under construction

- During winter or bad weather

- Only two courts available

- High student demand persists

- Basketball Courts

- Lack of space

- Over 180 students participate in intramural program

- 100 teams were turned away for lack of room

- Student Union Building

- Built for only 3,000 people 9,000-10,000 now

- Cafeteria too small

- Food service

- Seating

- Kitchen

- Student services need consolidation

- Large meeting rooms

- Study rooms

- Multi-purpose room for 2,500-3,000 people

- Present game/recreation room too small

-PROJECTS:

- (1) Will not use general fund monies

- (2) Will not raise existing student building fees

- (3) Will use existing student building fees to keep up with demands of increased student population, in areas originally approved by students

- (4) Have involved students in the planning process---
since this is their money

- (5) Were overwhelmingly approved by student vote

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Dr. Larry Key,
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Dear Dr. Key:

Following our telephone conversation earlier this week, I reviewed the Long-Range Building requests submitted to the Architecture and Engineering Division for Vocational Education. Listed below are the reasons Vocational Education projects were not included in the Executive Budget:

1. None of the projects submitted for Vocational Education appear to be maintenance or repair projects. For purposes of prioritizing requests for building projects, OBPP and the Architecture and Engineering Division distinguish between projects that repair a facility or provide preventive maintenance and those projects that improve or renovate existing facilities. A review of the projects submitted by Vocational Education would seem to indicate that all of the proposed projects were more in the nature of improvements and renovation. Because of the demands on LRBP funds, very few projects were recommended which were not in the nature of repairs or replacement of wornout or outdated facilities.
2. The funding of renovation or maintenance projects at Vo-Tech Centers would represent an expansion of the Long-Range Building Program. In the past the building program has only participated, on a 50% match basis, in the initial construction of Vo-Tech Centers. This limitation on LRBP funding is not only based on tradition but is also addressed in the statutes dealing with Vo-Tech financing. Section 75-7709 (d), RCN 1947 reads as follows:

(d) The board of trustees of any designated high school district or county high school district where a postsecondary vocational-technical center is located may be required, as to condition for the construction in that district of a postsecondary vocational-technical center, or any part thereof, to furnish up to 50% of the amount of funds required for any such construction. The percentage of construction funds to be furnished by the designated district shall be derived, in whole or in part, from any of the following sources:

- (i) the sale of bonds issued by that district (such bonds shall be issued in conformity with the requirements of chapter 71 of Title 75 in the case of high school and county high school district);
- (ii) any other funds available to that district which may be legally and properly applied toward such construction;
- (iii) the reasonable value of land, buildings, fixtures, or equipment furnished by that district, subject to the approval of the board of public education.

While the above statute may not preclude funding construction other than initial construction, there is no mention of how capital improvements other than new construction are to be funded.

3. Recent proposals concerning governance of Vocational-Technical Centers have become snarled in the issue of ownership of the Vo-Tech facilities. These facilities should be repaired and maintained. However, to fund projects that are aimed at new construction or improvements may only further impair efforts to resolve the governance issue.

I appreciate your concern and your desire to upgrade the fine vocational-technical facilities we have in this state. I would ask for your understanding of our budget limitations and of the number of construction requests that must be funded. If you have

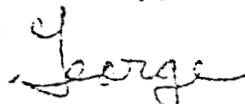
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any further questions on this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George".

GEORGE L. BOUSLIMAN
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Rick Reese
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