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BSU Fund Goals Face Floor Test

While students, faculty and alumni backers watched and waited, the Idaho legislature continued to juggle some key Boise State University money questions without much progress during February. Still waiting for its critical examination by the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee is the Governor Andrus recommendation that BSU receive \$3.3 million from the state's building and surplus funds.

That amount would allow full completion of the now-rising Science-Education complex, second phase—a long-awaited "home" for scattered Education school faculty and students.

A little closer to legislative floor action is the \$47-million lump sum from which all state colleges and universities must draw their operating funds for next year.

Now clear of the Joint committee, the lump appropriation contains another BSU goal. In that total, and ticketed for BSU by the Governor's suggestion, is \$625-thousand to use for "resource modification"—bringing BSU to parity with other state schools in common programs.

It is considerably less than the \$1.4 million parity sum fiscal experts seek here, but President John Barnes seemed in no mood to quibble the relief.

"It gets us part-way there," he says. Major question at mid-month: how much more trimming will the House and Senate do to the \$47-million lump? Opinion was rarely risked in the open, but suggestions were all around.

State Board of Education member A.L. Alford told BSU students that he sees "rough sledding ahead" for the lump sum total. The more it shrinks, the tighter the squeeze on all schools when the state board begins to divvy up the shares, he explained.

Few board members would promise that specific new programs such as radiologic technology would survive the legislative-board review ahead. They did agree to raise the rad-tech priority status at the last minute, to give it a better chance against the trimmers.

Another important face in the budget battle, Governor Cecil Andrus, seemed much less optimistic in his comments to board members and students on campus early this month.

"If education does get hurt in this session, it won't get hurt any worse than other aspects of state government," he cautioned.

Later, the Governor had another consolation theme:

"I know Idaho institutions are not fat, but I can tell you they are certainly better off than those in neighboring states."

Still, the Governor repeated his "keen interest" in the \$3.3 million science-education complex need here, to several public meetings in early February.

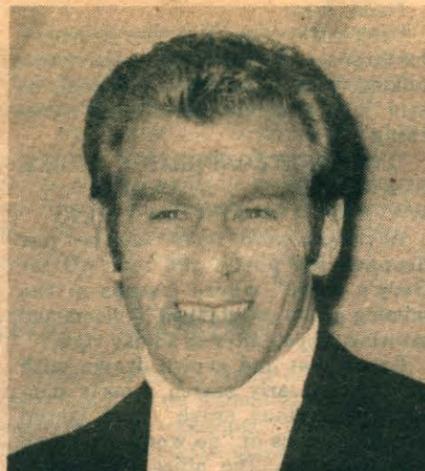
If funds for new programs do not survive the lump sum debates in House and Senate, can BSU expect to get help for those from the quarter-million dollar contingency fund voted for board use by the Joint Finance committee?

Dr. John Swartley thinks not. He sees that fund as closed for all uses except "unanticipated budget-emergencies."



PREDICTIONS OF how BSU funds will fare in the legislature are made by Governor Cecil Andrus at "rap session" with students and the State Board of Education. Clockwise around the table from left are Nate Kim, Ron O'Halloran, Howard Welch, Milt Small, Andrus, A.L. Alford, and Dr. John Swartley. —Chuck Scheer photo

Fifty-Two Set for VP Screening



Criner 'In'

While BSU's search for a Financial Vice-President went on almost unnoticed, the one-week race to fill the school's suddenly-vacant head football post had all the sights and sounds of pure public drama.

There, after all the inter-candidate maneuvering, the swift telephone calls from corner phone booths and media men ducking in and out of disguises to scoop the rest, emerged one Jim Criner, 35, Los Angeles, California, to blink in a packed press conference floodlights.

"Yes," he said, he liked to be here. Of course this was a new challenge, he agreed. No, he didn't look down on this kind of football just because he spent last fall with UCLA on a Rose Bowl bound show.

That, over and over at the press conference and in every sports column and TV show was all Criner had chance or time to say. Then he whizzed off to pick his assistants, a whole new crop with the exception of Nickel, who did finally agree to stay on.

With fifty-two applicants to choose among, a BSU screening committee will start early next month on the search for a new Financial Vice-President to replace the late Roger Green. Careful procedure under affirmative action prin-

Five Plan Honorary

Reminded by Student Union Director Fred Norman that "every walk of life has its own aristocracy, based on excellence of performance", six BSU student leaders picked up gift pens and the responsibility for founding the school's first leadership honorary society, February 13.

Named as charter members of the yet-untitled society by a panel of student affairs judges were Toni Portman, Doug Gochenour, Ron O'Halloran, Dave Wynkoop, and Debra Towne.

Their new organization, for which they are expected to write an operating charter as their first membership responsibility, will vary from others in the nation's universities, says student activities director Christa Bax.

Charters of most other leadership honorary societies included some discrimination potential, she told the group during an awards luncheon.

Main goal here is to have these charter students write a charter tailored to BSU honorary requirements, open to "the very cream" of the student body on a basis of leadership performance, purely.

To mark membership, each student was given a silver gift pen "because this honorary hasn't even got a name and you can start writing your goals right now," said Mrs. Bax.

ciples has caused the impressive number of applicants, according to President John Barnes. Under guidance of AA Director Rosalie Nadeau, applications have been obtained from eighteen states outside of Idaho, including New York, Alaska and Florida.

Director Nadeau says applications will still be accepted through March 1, next month, to be certain the job opportunity is made available to as many applicants as possible.

As President Barnes sees it now, screening committee work will produce a finalist group of three or four applicants, one of whom could be named to the key post at an April State Board of Education meeting.

If those invited to the screening committee accept, the makeup will be a balance of financial, academic and business management expertise. Two members will represent BSU Financial Affairs offices; two more will represent private experts in accounting and fiscal management; Dr. Richard Bullington will represent the academic staff, which he leads as Executive Vice-President of BSU.

To meet the early-April State Board meeting deadline he has set for presentation of his choice, Dr. Barnes expects to hold personal interviews with the finalists during mid-March.

Classes Attract

After just completing "its most successful semester ever," Boise State University's continuing education program will launch classes in seven south-west Idaho communities this spring, says program director Bill Jensen.

Cornerstone of the program will again be classes in Mt. Home, a part of the BSU educational scene for 15 years. Last semester classes there attracted 350 students.