

SENATE RESOLUTION #1407

Title: Capital Construction Project List

Introduced: September 22, 1981

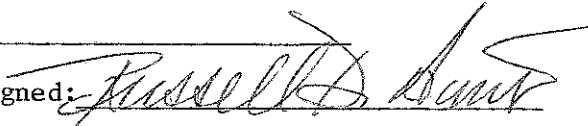
Thesis: Reconsideration of Proposed List

Sponsor: Pam Olson

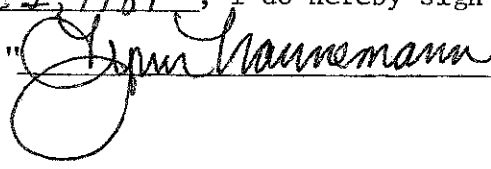
1. Whereas, members of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. have expressed concern regarding the proposed Capital Construction Projects
3. List 1983-1984; and, whereas, we believe athletic facilities should not be
4. funded at the expenses of academic programs; therefore, Be it resolved that
5. the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
6. urges the Board of Trustees to further consider the proposed priority list,
7. with an emphasis on projects immediately necessary and important to the
8. fulfillment of the objects of the University, as stated in Section 21-17-102
9. Wyoming Statutes 1977: "The objects of the University shall be to provide
10. an efficient means of imparting to young men and young women, without regard
11. to color, on equal terms, a liberal education, together with a thorough
12. knowledge of the various branches connected with the scientific, industrial,
13. and professional pursuits. . ."

Referred to: Steering

Date of Passage: September 29, 1981

Signed: 

ASUW Senate Chairperson

"Being enacted on October 1, 1981, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action." 

ASUW President



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
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October 1, 1981

Trustees of the University of Wyoming

Dear Trustees,

The Student Senate has, over the past month, had the opportunity to review the University's capital construction priority list. We have discussed this list with a number of University administrators. The enclosed resolution represents the final action of the ASUW Senate regarding this matter. I will try to explain the resolution and the reasons for it as best I can.

We have been told that existing athletic facilities at the University of Wyoming are the worst in the Western Athletic Conference. With the completion of all the requested new projects, Wyoming's athletics facilities will be among the best in the WAC, if not the Nation. This is certainly not funding athletics improvements in "phases" as it has been called. However, students do not see similar progress on academic concerns such as the library. Our library is among the worst in the region and it will take many years to bring it to the level it should be.

Many academic areas are facing ever more crowded conditions. While new buildings are under construction for the Colleges of Engineering and Agriculture, our enrollment increased by over 600 students. Discussions are underway about the possibility of restricting enrollment in some major fields of study. The Student Senate can't help but be concerned when athletics receives major funding while enrollment in academic fields is restricted.

Another area of concern mentioned by ASUW Senators is student housing. The small apartments in Married Student Housing are so poorly insulated that heating bills run upwards of seventy dollars per month. These students have nowhere else to go because the community has no available rental housing. Yet, in discussions with University administrators, students have been told that improvements to Married Student Housing must be paid for by a raise in rent. If Athletics is funded by state appropriation, why can't student housing, which is essential for many students to complete their education, also be funded by state appropriation?

It is said that many of the projects designated for athletics are actually for recreation for all the students as well. The students are skeptical; they have been shut out of facilities too many times. The ASUW Soccer Club was forced off of its practice field so that a javelin thrower could practice there instead. The Fieldhouse is completely closed during basketball practice. Students were once allowed to use the weight training machine in the Fieldhouse until it was made inaccessible. And the Activities Council was told simply that it is "policy" not to allow concerts in the football stadium.

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And why shouldn't students be skeptical about the new facilities? Most of the money will create more locker rooms, offices, equipment rooms and the like. The gymnasium is called multi-purpose but will be connected directly to the Fieldhouse addition rather than to the Corbett P.E. Building, making it much more easily accessible to athletics than to the general student body.

I realize, and so does the Student Senate, that it is probably too late for any changes to be made in the priority list. However, they just couldn't let the list go through without the Trustees knowing they are concerned. Whatever the decision of the University Trustees, I expect the ASUW Student Government to support the University's budget at the Legislature.

Sincerely,



Lynn Mannemann
ASUW President

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