

\$9 million earmarked for stadium

Included in a \$642.8 million capital improvements proposal that Governor James A. Rhodes sent to the Ohio General Assembly in Columbus Monday was a \$14 million plan for YSU.

Of that \$14 million package to be voted upon this week by the General Assembly, \$2,575,000 will be reappropriations from the last budget. The reappropriations were included in the present proposal so that the projects which have gone past the deadline (general class room and faculty offices, buildings, etc.) will not have to reapply for their original appropriations. The remaining \$12 million is earmarked for new projects.

The facilities to be located inside the proposed YSU stadium, including women's sports facilities, athletic offices, handball courts, etc. has been allocated \$9 million, according to Rhodes' plan. The University originally had asked for less, but Rhodes, who has been concerned with providing the YSU area with a stadium since a previous administration, took into account rising labor and construction costs.

Other projects in the plan include a chemical storage building for storing dangerous chemicals and other campus supplies. This building will cost \$80,000.

Two million dollars were allocated in Rhodes' proposal for parking on the YSU campus. Mr. Jim Rose of the office of Budget and Management, stated that the money allocated for parking most likely would be for

some sort of structure instead of for land on which to situate parking.

Renovation of the old library and Jones Hall has been allocated \$2,070,000 under Rhodes plan. Of that money \$1,750,000 will be reappropriations.

The remaining \$875,000 is earmarked for the outdoor physical education facility, the remodeling of the administrative offices in Tod Hall and further developments on the Arts and Science classrooms and faculty office building on the west side

of campus, currently under construction.

Other universities in Ohio also received appropriations. Ohio State University received \$44 million; Cleveland State University was allocated \$36.2 million and the University of Cincinnati, \$23.3 million. The total amount received by Ohio colleges and universities was \$293.1 million.

Appropriations for capital improvements are handled separately because there are no direct tax revenues involved. The campus
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improvements and other projects
are built with federal revenues
and bonds retired with user's
fees.

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