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The University of Toledo's Board of Trustees, meeting today (Nov. 12), approved plans for a proposed \$6 million building to house offices and classrooms for the College of Business Administration as well as a revised list of capital improvements requests which ranks that building as a first priority among the University's building and renovation plans through 1981.

Legislation which would appropriate state funds for capital improvements for the 1979-1981 biennium currently is pending in a conference committee of the Ohio Senate and House.

University President Glen R. Driscoll told the Board that about \$1.5 million of an anticipated \$2 million has been pledged by private contributors toward the cost of constructing the building. The revised capital improvements request asks the state to contribute \$4 million toward construction costs.

Dr. Driscoll made note of the action taken on Monday, Nov. 10, by Ohio Governor Rhodes to reduce the University's state subsidy by an additional 3 per cent for the current fiscal year, a total of 6 per cent for the year so far. He said that the action will reduce the University's subsidy by a total of \$1,746,000. He also told the Board that he has been informed that the University's subsidy of \$2.2 million, payable in December, will be delayed for two to three months. He estimated that the delayed payment could cost UT as much as \$50,000 in lost interest income.

In other action, the Board approved a contract with the Ohio Vision Service Plan to provide faculty and staff employees with insurance covering eye examinations and glasses.

It named Yuval Zaliouk, the conductor of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, as an adjunct professor of music at UT.

The Board approved appointment of Marvin H. Rorick, Jr., vice president of the

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Ohio Citizens Trust Company, as community representative on the Athletic Board of Control, and discussed a request by Nadeem Salem, president of the University's Student Government and a non-voting student representative to the Board, that the cost of some 608 student reserved seats for UT basketball games, currently being sold at \$2 per game be reduced to \$1 as previously authorized by the Board. Mr. Salem told the Board that the increased cost for reserved seats for students had been instituted by the department of intercollegiate athletics on a recommendation of the Athletic Board of Control, but without what he said was needed approval by the Board of Trustees.

After some discussion, John C. Straub, chairman of the Board, instructed Vernon Smith, director of intercollegiate athletics, to refund \$1 per game to students who have already purchased reserved seats for the season and to reduce to \$1 per game the cost of reserved student seats for the current season.

The Board accepted more than \$221,000 in various gifts, grants and scholarships.