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Dedication of Montana State University Health Sciences Building

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SPECIAL TO WEEKLIES

Medical specialists from the East Coast will join Montanans in the formal dedication of the five-story, $1.5 million Health Sciences building on the Montana State University campus, MSU President Robert Johns announced.

The dedication program Saturday, May 15, will climax in a banquet featuring an address by a high ranking official of the National Institute of Health. The NIH contributed about one-fifth of the cost of constructing and equipping the building, according to Dr. P. L. Wright, chairman of the Zoology Department, who served as chairman of the Health-Sciences Building Committee.

High point of the banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the MSU Lodge will be a talk on "The Role of Science in the National Future" by James Colbert, M.D., associate director and chief of extramural research, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, Bethesda, Md.

The banquet program includes a welcome by President Johns and presentation of a commendation to Dr. Wright for his part in planning the building and obtaining federal funds for its construction. The speaker will be introduced by Dr. Carl L. Larson who, before becoming director of the Stella Duncan Memorial Institute at MSU in 1962, was associated with Dr. Colbert in the Public Health Service.

Afternoon speakers are Milton Willner, M.D., of the Clinical Research Division of Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc., Nutley, N.J., and Dr. John J. Craighead, leader, Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and MSU professor of zoology and forestry. Dr. Craighead will give an illustrated lecture on "Radio-tracking of Grizzly Bears" at 2 p.m. Dr. Willner will speak at 4 p.m. on "Integration of Science and the Clinic."

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Tours of the building’s ultramodern laboratories for instruction and research will be conducted from 1 to 2 and from 3 to 4 p. m. to give visitors a look at research under way by faculty and graduate students in the fields of biochemistry, endocrinology, zoology, microbiology, psychology and wildlife management. The researchers will explain their work and set up demonstrations to show how special equipment is used in scientific investigations.

Dr. E. W. Pfeiffer of the zoology faculty and Dr. Larson, chairman of the dedication program, stressed that all events, except the banquet, are open to the public without charge. The banquet is open to everyone who makes a reservation by 5 p. m. Monday, May 10. Reservations may be made by calling or writing Thomas J. Collins, director of statewide services, MSU, Missoula.

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