Blue Angel Disco to close

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No more boogie at the Ohio Union — the Blue Angel Disco is being torn down. Instead, a "multi-purpose facility" will be constructed, said Ross Johnson, director of publicity for Ohio-Drake Union Activities Board (ODUA) and member of the Ohio Union Council.

The first floor mall will be transformed into an "indoor garden" and a comfortable, intimate dining area will be built by next fall, according to Wendell W. Ellenwood, director of the Ohio Unions.

The mall will be separated on the east from the fast-food restaurants by a wooden oriental-type partition with several rounded doorways. Inside the mall, booths, chairs, and couches encircling the mall's support columns, will increase the seating capacity to 450. Plants will hang from canopies above the columns and will line the mall's windows providing a "garden" effect.

To replace the Blue Angel Disco, a new entertainment facility is planned that will incorporate a variety of music, not just disco. It will be in the north end of the Ohio Union, in a room next to the Blue Angel.

It will contain a bar, where drinks and some food may be served. Disco will still be an option, he said.

A coffee house will be set up one or two nights a week. This allows for a relaxed atmosphere, where people can come and go as they please, Johnson said.

The furniture will be low, such as bean bag chairs, so it can be moved easily.

Music will be played when there are not live bands, and there will be no disc jockey, he added.

The new atmosphere of the mall is intended to attract more people to the Union restaurants during the evening, Ellenwood said. Five years ago, when the restaurants were put in, we made a big mistake not to make the mall more comfortable for dining, he said.