The State Board of Education approved an 80 bed men's dormitory in 1950. Construction began in 1951 and continued after the school was closed in the summer of 1951.

In 1956, the North Idaho College of Education, as the school was then known, opened its doors once again to 135 students. Governor Robert Smylie, local dignitaries, and members of the State Board of Education gathered in the dorm's dining room for a ceremony to dedicate the building as Clark Hall. This was a fitting name as the ceremony took place before the 150th anniversary of the date that Lewis and Clark floated down the Clearwater River.

The original cost for the three-story concrete structure was $200,000 and the architect was Huge Richardson of Lewiston.

History taken from *Educating in the American West One Hundred Years at Lewis-Clark State College 1893-1993* by Keith Petersen: