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BOOKSTORE BACKGROUND

With little talk and less fanfare, the executive board Tuesday night started what will probably be (if the movement is successful) its most important project of the year—the purchase by the ASUI of the Student Union book store.

The project has barely entered the "investigation" stage, but Idaho students may well hope it is successful. The transfer of bookstore control from the board of regents to the ASUI will probably not be an easy task. It will require the intelligent and non-partisan support of every member of the student body. But it will be worth the effort.

Ever since the board of regents took over control of the store, pressure has been applied by business interests to weaken the effect of its competition with "private industry." Proposals to lease the store to private firms have been advanced and have gained the serious consideration of board members. Bookstore managers have been forbidden to sell specified items which "the interests" believed would constitute dangerous competition.

Mainly for these reasons, the store has been unable to operate as a normal business would. Its managers have been cautious in advancing policies because their jobs have been dependent upon their ability to stave off the wrath of the powers behind the scenes. The store developed many of the aspects of a political football, and permanent policies or long-range planning for it became impossible.

Yet, the board of regents has hesitated to lease the store, presumably because it feared a private operator might secure monopoly over goods sold on the campus and force the prices up beyond reason. It hesitated too, to maintain the present unsatisfactory and indefinite status of the store. It may also be expected to hesitate before approving the sale of the store to the ASUI, because all the wrath of "the interests" might then be unleashed.

An investigation made last spring disclosed that the store was built from university funds secured from rentals on dormitory rooms and kitchens. At that time the administration indicated its willingness to sell the store to the ASUI for \$10,000. Most onlookers agreed at the time that the price was what is technically known as "a good buy."

But the school year was drawing too near to a close to permit action last spring. The executive board recommended that this year's board continue the work.

Main difficulty facing the ASUI, providing the administration has not had a change of heart will be the raising of sufficient funds. That difficulty can probably be overcome, however, if the students want the store badly enough. Here are some reasons why they might want it:

1. The store is doing a fairly brisk business now. Its profits would increase if students who traded there knew they were putting money back into their own collective pocket.
2. Under some sort of student-faculty control board, the store would be much less vulnerable to pressure groups seeking to make profits from other students.
3. In most other schools the student bodies own the Student Unions. They have found the arrangement satisfactory.
4. The students would have a voice in setting the store policies. If they desired to run it on a non-profit basis, they could. If they needed profits for special uses, they could adjust the store policy accordingly.
5. Convenience for the students and added profits for the store would result if the restrictions upon what the store can sell were removed.

The board of regents may be willing to sell the store immediately if the students can present a satisfactory plan of purchase. The interests which have opposed such movements before may offer no objections this time. Or the executive board's sailing may be on a rough sea. Its course may be dotted with shoals, and every alluring island may be populated with monetary head hunters. At any rate, it has embarked. Bon Voyage.

LIKES POSTPONE DANCE

At their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, the Intercollegiate Knights decided to indefinitely postpone their dance which was tentatively scheduled for November 29.

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Veteran Cast Will Carry Roles In ASUI Play

Lucille Marshall, Mary Lou Sherman, And Many Others Will Appear In "Family Portrait"

An experienced cast playing the leading roles will insure a successful presentation of an already established play when the ASUI presents its version of Leonore Coffee and William Owen's Broadway hit "Family Portrait" in the auditorium December 5 and 6, believes Director Jean Collette.

Heading the experienced cast will be Lucille Marshall, who plays the role of Mary, the mother. Four seasons of college dramatics, and two years of active work in playhouse and summer theater work have given Miss Marshall the experience and poise required for the difficult dramatic role, says Miss Collette.

"Our Town" Character

Principle supporting player in the "Family Portrait" cast will be Mary Lou Sherman, who plays the role of Mary's sister. Miss Sherman is best remembered for her characterization of the practical-minded Mrs. Webb in the ASUI play "Our Town."

Nine Year Old Vet

Howard Carpenter and Denton Darrow, who play the eldest and third sons in the production, both played lead parts in the last year's production "Yellow Jack." Freshman Ralph McColm will portray the part of the youngest brother. Youngest member of the cast is nine year old Buddy Hagen, son of Alfred Hagen of Moscow. A veteran of three years, Buddy made his debut on the auditorium stage three years ago in the ASUI production of Ibsen's "The Doll's House." In "Family Portrait," Buddy plays the role of Simon's son.

Included in the 30 odd speaking parts and suppers to the cast of the family proper will be such familiar names as Jake Harshbarger, Rod Greening, Ray Stone, Gayle Manion, and Dick Lingfelder in character roles.

Vandaleers Plan Yuletide Sing

A new, informal section will be added to the annual Vandaleer candlelight service, said Alice Roberts, Vandaleer president, yesterday. Featured on this part of the program will be folk-songs of other countries presented by costumed Vandaleers.

Tentative plans have been made to broadcast the traditional program, as has been done in other years. The program will be presented in the auditorium at 11 p. m. December 19, the day before Christmas vacation officially begins.

Closing number, as custom dictates, will be the well-known "Hallelujah" chorus.

Manager Announces Meeting Tomorrow For Women Debaters

Representatives from all women's residence groups on the campus will meet at Ridenbaugh hall at 1 p. m. Saturday to make definite plans for the women's intramural tournament and to arrange a schedule for it, announced LaMoyné Jensen, women's intramural debate manager, yesterday.

She urged that all houses have representatives at the meeting. Each group is to be represented by a two-woman team in the tourney, which is scheduled to begin next week. It will be run off on a single elimination basis.

Question to be used is "Resolved that: the nations of the western hemisphere should form a permanent defense union."

They Brought Home The Bacon



Seven of the eight Vandal cross country team members shown above went to Portland this week to help Idaho win its fourth Pacific Coast cross country championship in six years at the Hill Military academy course Wednesday.

Reading from left to right: Ben Ryan, who accompanied the team as coach; Bob Dwyer, LaMar Chapman, John Thomas, Irving Alterwein, Vic Dyrvall, Phil Leibowitz, Bob White, Stedwell Johnston, and Coach Ryan.

Three of the harriers—Dyrvall, Leibowitz, and White—left Portland Wednesday night for East Lansing, Mich., to compete in the national cross country championship meet.

Thetas Are Host To President Over Holidays

Mrs. Donald B. Sinclair, national president of Kappa Alpha Theta, visited the Beta Theta chapter here over the Thanksgiving holidays. She left today for Spokane where she will finish her fall visit to the chapters and alumni groups.

Mrs. Sinclair had Thanksgiving dinner with the entire chapter yesterday. At a fireside in the evening, she was entertained by the pledges who put on a program and served refreshments.

Tours Campus

Arriving in Moscow Wednesday, the sorority president was entertained at the Moscow hotel by the Moscow Alumni association at a noon luncheon. A black and gold dinner was held in her honor Wednesday night. Members of the Theta house took her for a tour of the Campus in the afternoon.

A member of Sigma chapter at Toronto, Mrs. Sinclair devotes all her time to fraternity work. Before visiting here, she attended the chapters at Oregon state college, University of Washington, and Washington State college.

Mrs. Sinclair was graduated from Toronto university, and was formerly a professor of economics at Western Ontario university.

Students See Films

About 150 skiing enthusiasts saw how the professionals do it at a showing of Sun Valley ski films Tuesday, by Perry Culp, who obtained the films from the Union Pacific railway company.

One reel of films showed Darzoch Crooks, Olympic champion, demonstrating proper skiing techniques, and two skilled skiers, pursued by instructors showed a "ski chase" in another film.

Directory Lists Students From Far-off Places

Anderson Is Most Popular Name; Jones Places Second

By Mary Ellen Hartigan

Ample proof that the University of Idaho has earned a widely known reputation for its educational facilities is provided in the recently published student-faculty directory, which includes among the 2817 students listed, residents of 42 states and 6 foreign countries.

Honolulu, Sweden, India, Bohemia, and the Philippine Islands are the foreign countries represented on the campus.

Many Come From Washington

155 of the out-of-state students come from Washington, 62 from California, 44 from the wilds of New York, 28 from Montana, 27 from Oregon and 24 from Wisconsin.

New Jersey contributed 21 students to the university enrollment; North Dakota and Illinois sent 20 each; 15 students come from Massachusetts; 14 come to Idaho from

South Dakota; 13 from Maine; and 11 each from Utah and Ohio.

9 Come From Wyoming

Nine Idaho students come from Wyoming, and 8 from Minnesota. Five students come from Pennsylvania, Iowa, and Washington. D. C., Rhode Island, Indiana, and Kansas are home states for four students each. Three students come from the deep southern states of West Virginia and Missouri.

Smith Is Popular Name

The Andersons with 24 entries lead the Smiths, Jones and Johnsons in the race for the title of "Idaho's most popular name." The Jones run a close second with

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ASUI Board To Study Possibility Of Purchasing Bookstore

A committee was appointed to investigate possibilities of the ASUI purchasing the Student Union bookstore; another was selected to draw up plans for establishing an alumni secretary here; and an interpretation was made to prevent students from examining election voting lists Tuesday night at the regular ASUI executive board meeting.

Honorary Requests Eligible Women To Report Grades

Alpha Lambda Delta, freshmen women's scholastic honorary, announced Tuesday at a business meeting that any sophomore woman who has an average of 3.5 or better for last year is eligible for membership and should notify Nancy June Stafford, Delta Gamma.

A report from the scholastic committee found that Dorothy Follett is eligible for membership. Pledging and initiation will be held November 28 at the Delta Gamma house at 7:30 p. m.

Beecher To Begin Full Rehearsals

First major rehearsal for the production of the "Messiah" will be held in the gymnasium at 3 p. m. December 8, announced Prof. A. A. Beecher, head of the music department, yesterday. All groups participating in the program will be expected to attend. This will include the Vandaleers, University Singers, high school chorus, and a group of town singers.

Chorus groups are working on the music during their regular practice hours and the town singers are practicing at the Methodist church Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. More than 300 people will take part. The program will be presented December 15.

Members of the Moscow Music club this week voted their full support to Professor Beecher in the forthcoming production.

Report Silks Talk

A portion of the report of Bennett Taylor, election board chairman for the recent election, prompted considerable discussion and resulted in a ruling to keep voting lists secret after elections, Taylor reported that Ed Riley and Stewart Cruickshank had requested to inspect the voting lists after the election. He consented to their looking at the lists, he reported, but refused to let them copy names off the lists until he obtained an executive board opinion.

A recently-passed election amendment provides that all ballots, used and unused, all vote tabulations, and the election board chairman's report, shall be open to inspection by any member of the ASUI. Taylor requested an opinion on whether the voting lists were included in the chairman's report and, if so, whether "inspection" of them included the privilege of copying them.

Clause Interpreted

Several points of view were aired in the lengthy discussion that followed. Zingale said he saw no harm in allowing party leaders to check on whether or not their group members voted. McCarthy declared that a secret voting list logically followed a secret ballot. Bill Johnston inquired whether a practice of keeping the lists secret would make the tracing of election corruption more difficult.

"The question is," said Dean D. S. Jeffers, board advisor, "shall

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University To Entertain Solons At Luncheon

Delegates to the North Idaho chamber of commerce meeting, including Governor C. A. Bottolfsen, Governor-elect Chase Clark, and Congressman Compton I. White, will be guests of the university at a luncheon to be given at Christmas hall Monday afternoon, according to President Harrison C. Dale.

Infirmiry Fails To Produce Sick List

News is scarce! Even the old standby failed us this time. Just a tip to you who faithfully read the Argonaut from Jason to the last "30" on the last page—don't be disappointed with the staff because we apparently forgot the Infirmiry list.

For the first time in the history of the infirmiry, the staff ate their turkey and cranberries alone on Thanksgiving. The nurses enjoyed dinner by themselves and spent the rest of the afternoon playing cards.

They were all prepared with tablespoons of castor oil and other remedies to handle over-stuffed students, but to no avail. Maybe the turkey yesterday just wasn't no good.

To Discuss Finances

A discussion of the financial needs of the university will be held after the luncheon. Following the discussion, the guests will be taken on a tour of the campus.

The primary purpose of the luncheon is social, not to grind any political axes, declares President Dale. It is the policy of the university to entertain distinguished visitors whenever the opportunity arises, he said, and the luncheon is merely in keeping with past policy.

Business meeting of the chamber of commerce meeting will be held mornings and afternoons, Monday and Tuesday. The discussions and reports given at the meetings will be open to all interested persons.

Report Planned

A report on Idaho's educational needs will be given by President Dale.

A banquet Monday evening at 6:30 at Hotel Moscow will be the highlight of the convention at which Governor-elect Chase Clark will make his first post-election speech. The banquet will be open to the public. Tickets for the banquet will be available from the local chamber of commerce office, or Hotel Moscow.

Bunyan To Greet Dancers At Foresters' Ball

Paul Bunyan, a replica of the legendary giant axeman, will greet guests at the Idaho Forester's 26th annual semi-formal ball tomorrow night. Decorations will be patterned after a typical Idaho forest, according to Hans Winbauer, chairman of the decorations committee.

Tickets which have been on sale at all men's halls and group houses for \$1 per couple are reported by general chairman Pershing Vance as "selling fine—even better than we expected." Music will be furnished by Joe Titus and his orchestra.

Other committee chairmen are Harry Vogt, program; Sykes Gilbert, publicity; Bob Williams, music and Burton Clark, clean-up.

Patrons and patronesses for the affair will be Dean and Mrs. D. S. Jeffers, Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Gail, Dr. and Mrs. Vernon A. Young, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Wohletz, Prof. and Mrs. Elwood White, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Stone, Dr. and Mrs. John Ehrlich, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Daubenmire, and Prof. and Mrs. Merrill Deters.

Conflict Prevents Violin Concert

War conditions in Europe are having a direct effect on the Idaho campus this week, for word was received that they are preventing the arrival of Vito Francescatti, French violinist, who was to be featured in the next regular community concert.

The program which was to have been presented November 28, at Pullman, has been postponed indefinitely, said Prof. A. A. Beecher, head of the department of music, yesterday.

Francescatti is now in Lisbon, and is scheduled to leave that city today by plane for the United States. If he arrives in time, it is possible that the program may be rescheduled sometime between now and the Christmas holidays, according to Professor Beecher.

Worker To Arrive

Carl A. Dietz, assistant horticulturist at the Idaho experiment station, will arrive here this week-end for a three week conference with Prof. Lief Verneer, head of horticulture department.

Mr. Dietz is in charge of vegetable research work at the Branch station at Parma. The annual conference will cover routine matters concerning vegetable experiments.

Arg Poll Tests Students On Campus Knowledge

Ten Questions Put To Ten Students; Five Were Freshmen

By Ed Davis

How well informed is the Idaho student body about people and places on the campus? Argonaut newshounds gathered in the office on Thanksgiving day began to ask each other questions, and found they weren't so smart. To see if the ailment was general, they concocted 10 questions and hurriedly called 10 students who had just left their Thanksgiving dinner table.

Maybe the staff was unfair in putting these posers to their victims right after they had wolfed down a big dinner. It's like having a one o'clock after a big lunch; the brain functions by fits and starts, and starts slowly. But here are the results; they show that maybe the Argonaut, like Time, should publish a quiz occasionally with a pot of gold to

Draft Board Picks Seven Students

Seven university students who were among the first 50 chosen in the national selective draft for this county, were placed in class 1 after the county selective board had checked over returned questionnaires Wednesday. They will be eligible for service immediately after the July 1 deferment set for university students.

Included are four football players, Chace Anderson, Elmer Smith, Charles Chandler, and Laune Erickson, also national intercollegiate boxing champion. The others are Ralph Shaver, graduate student; Charles Horn, senior in mining; and Roy Kuehner, forestry junior.

Horn declared in his questionnaire that he was opposed to combatant military service. He was perfectly willing, he stated, to enter non-combatant service.

Those sitting on the board were Walter Taylor, chairman; W. T. Marneau, and Prof. Mark Kulp, Moscow; and W. J. Gamble, Pocat

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