

ISC: Caught By A Cannon Blast

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On Broadway last week audiences were laughing their heads off over the opening performances of "Tall Story," the latest Lindsay-Crouse theatrical, involving a basketball player who flunks out on the eve of the big game. Two thousand miles away, in Pocatello, Idaho, meanwhile, a real-life variant was being enacted and nobody was laughing at all.

Trouble was that, at Idaho State, five (count them, five) basketball players had all flunked the same course, something called Education 77. The catalog describes Education 77 as "A study of the physical, mental, social and emotional factors involved in the development of the child from birth through adolescence in relation to the responsibilities of the school." Sounds tough but isn't; Education 77 is merely a survey of what kids are likely to do at a given age.

Anyway, if Coach John Grayson had lined up his squad under a basket and fired a Civil War cannon into it from the center court, he could hardly have done more damage, or wrecked more hopes, than Education 77. Basketball at Idaho State is like football at Notre Dame or wrestling at Oklahoma State: it is important. Everybody in Pocatello expected the Idaho State team to win the championship of the Rocky Mountain Conference this year, as it has done for six years running; and the Bengals were indeed championship-bound with a 15-3 record and six wins, with no losses, in conference play. The academically disabled included the star center, John Bethe, and four lesser players. In addition there was a first-string guard, Bobbie Dye, who is a lone-wolf type: he flunked something other than Education 77.

The instructor whose exam caused most of the damage is not a grimly intellectual enemy of athletes. He is Clinton Chase, a 30-year-old Ph. D. who likes basketball

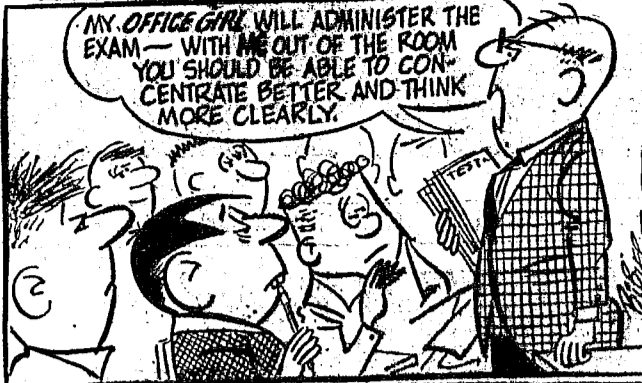
himself and hasn't missed a home game all year. It is interesting to speculate on what went through Dr. Chase's mind at that moment when he had finished grading papers and was the only person in Pocatello who knew the awful news. Whatever his thoughts, he turned in the grades and waited for the storm. It came promptly.

But though the wrath of Pocatello was great, it was not righteous; there were no real grounds for outrage. Education 77 is a course that all education students, even physical-education students, are expected to pass. It hadn't occurred to anyone, that they would fail. The exam consisted of 128 questions, some true-or-false, some multiple-choice. "If you had done the assigned reading, you could pass," said one student. "Or if you had listened in class. But you didn't have to do both." And Instructor Chase pointed out a sad, hard fact. "There is no different grading standard for basketball players," he said.

Coach Grayson made the best of it. We won't roll over and play dead yet," he said. Students and townspeople filled the gym for the first postexam game and watched the remnants of their squad battle Oklahoma City down to the wire before losing 58-51. Then Idaho met little Adams State College of Alamogordo, Colo. and won two easy games, 113-59 and 90-37. But over the mountains lay Colorado State, whose Bears have also won six games and lost but one in Rocky Mountain Conference play, and have not sacrificed their top scorer and five other players to midyear exams.

Altogether, the future looked gray. But the students and faculty of Idaho State faced it with chins up, hopes down and academic principles intact. Their best consolation was their new historic status. For all coaches who must necessarily dwell on the side of the academic volcano, Idaho State has become a symbol of devastation equal to Pompeii.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



WSC Coed Says 'No' To Proposal

An always-trying Willis Sweet resident ran into trouble Saturday when he attempted to get a blind date with a Regents Hill coed at Washington State College.

"Don't you think this is a little unusual?" asked the gal of the mysterious voice at the other end of the telephone line. "Yes, but I'm an unusual boy," answered the not-to-be outdone Idahoan. He didn't get the date.

Vet Drop Less Than Expected

Veteran enrollment did not decline as sharply second semester as Student Counselor C. H. Bond had anticipated, but it was down from last fall's total.

Total number of veterans registering last week was 35 less than the 570 who enrolled last fall. Of the 535 total, 510 veterans are under the regular GI bill. Nineteen are under the disabled law and 6 are receiving aid under the War Orphans Act.

Bond said this number is larger than he anticipated because many GIs are running out of the GI bill. Approximately 30 former students returned who were eligible for veteran benefits.

"Didn't I tell you to notice when the soup boiled over?" "Yes, it was 10:30."

Finley To Talk On Pathology

Dr. Art Finley, head of the plant pathology department, will speak on "50 Years of Research in Plant Pathology" in a Plant Science Seminar at 4:10 p.m. Thursday in the lower lounge of the Faculty Club.

His talk stems from a meeting last summer at the University of Indiana of plant pathologists from every major country in the world. Practical accomplishments in plant disease control efforts during the past 50 years were reviewed.

Dr. Finley will cover highlights of the meeting and discuss major achievements and changes in the approach to plant disease research. The meeting will be free and open to the public.

Women's Houses Pledge All Rushees

Formal pledge week ended for both men and women Friday with women's houses reporting 100 per cent of their rushees accepted, Mrs. Marjorie Neely, associate director of women, has announced.

Snap pledging will go on for two more weeks for male students who weren't accepted during rush week, Guy Wicks, associate director of men, said.

ROTC Wins Annual Meet

The Army ROTC Drill Team, representing Company C, Pershing Rifles, won first place at the annual Pershing Rifles Regimental Drill Competition at WSC, Saturday.

Drill teams from Oregon State College, WSC, and Idaho were represented in the event.

Competition consisted of five minutes of regular Army drill, followed by 8 minutes of fancy drill. The Idaho group accumulated 770 points, 20 points more than the second place team.

Cadet Danny Langdon, Beta, is captain of the Idaho team.

The Army ROTC sponsors accompanied the team to the meet and the Pershing Rifles Banquet Saturday evening in Pullman, at which the winner's trophy was presented.

Outing Club Plans To Ski

A proposed constitution and future excursions will be discussed in a meeting of the Outing Club at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Borah Theater.

Tentative plans for a skiing trip scheduled for this weekend will also be heard.

The proposed constitution will be drawn up tonight in the library by Nick Tipple, Shoup hall; Tom Robinson, Upham; Malcolm King and Jack Zimmermann, Lindley; and Ruth Wilson.

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Night Of Opera To Be Feb. 19

An Evening of Opera will be presented Feb. 19 under the direction of Raymond Tumbleson, music instructor.

The production will present excerpts from Mozart's "The Magic Flute" and "Down in the Valley" by Kurt Weill.

"The Magic Flute" has an eighteenth century setting where a princess, daughter of the Queen of the Night, is stolen. Three old ladies advise a prince and a bird-catcher of her whereabouts and she is rescued.

Members of the cast in this presentation are: Doug Brown, Phi Delt; Chet Earls, off-campus; Linda Smith, Pi Phi; Julie Gerard, Theta; Billie Sommers, Tri-Delt;

John Hinckle, Hays, and Vicki Fisher, Alpha Chi.

"Down in the Valley" involves the eternal triangle. Brack Weaver (played by Ardell Shochley, LDS), kills Thomas Bouche (played by John Pasley, Sigma Nu), in a fight over Jenny Parsons (played by Katherine Graves, French) and is subsequently tried for murder.

DeLance Franklin, Lambda Chi, is the moderator who tells the story.

Like the coed who said, when she was climbing in her own window at 3 a.m. "mother is the necessity of invention."

CLASSIFIEDS FOR RESULTS!

Photography Meet Is Set Tomorrow

A meeting for persons interested in working on the ASUI photo staff will be held at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow in conference room D of the Student Union Building.

Bruce Wendle, Argonaut photo editor, said photographers and lab technicians from last semester's staff should attend.

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ACROSS

1. Delaying actions in the paddock?
7. Titled Turks
13. Kools refresh you
14. Traffic in exchange students
16. A sitting duck for Drake
16. Nitter
17. Jambo car pool
18. Guys without gals
20. Prid of the pregnant perch
21. Crossword bird
22. Suns
23. Tongue-lashings
26. Un-somphy
27. Kipling poem
29. Confronter
33. Kool your steady smoke
36. On the
38. Part of a church
39. Europe in World War II
40. Kind of berry blonde
42. Make the crew
43. Selection
46. Russet, gas or Mickey
47. Hot under-place
48. Nook, not necessarily for necking
49. They're not liabilities
50. Potted

DOWN

1. Wild guess
2. Kind of way on the road
3. Weapons used in smooching
4. Mauna
5. They're made for lasses
6. Ohio, Penn or Michigan
7. Kool's Willie
8. Heave-hos a steady
9. Saratoga, for instance
10. Jalopy's successor
11. Small space in a plant
12. Extra attention
19. Small amount
22. French novelist
24. British fly-boys
25. World's most thoroughly tested (pl.)
28. Remote
30. Buy Kools by the
31. Come about gradually
32. Clear the lawn again
33. Pilgrimage place
34. One of Dumas' Big Three
35. Refreshing cigarette made
37. Kind of boy
40. Cry of acrophobes
41. Handle for Whitman
44. French island
46. Corporal or sergeant (abbr.)

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