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## ASUI

What is it  
and  
Why do we say  
those terrible things  
about it?



by Rod Gramer

Student government has been considered a potential power by a minority of students but it has always been considered a waste of money by the majority of them. The question has rarely been asked and even less answered as to why student government is considered so pessimistically.

The ASUI senate is undergoing what could be described as a low ebb with the confidence of the student body. Many students question what the senate is doing or whether it is doing anything at all.

Many students think of the senate as a group of ego-hunting political science majors seeking to establish some kind of notability. In trying to find the truth, it is worthwhile to go to those who know the senate and its effectiveness the best — the senators themselves.

The senate, according to Senator Clive Strong, who was interviewed in the ASUI offices, is more effective this year than ever.

"For example," says Strong, "last year the administration wanted an infirmary fee increase of \$7.50. We asked for an investigation and they granted it. Roy Eiguren spent last summer writing the regents trying to stop the increase."

Eiguren even went to see the governor, according to Senator Mike Moore, who was an intern for the governor this summer. "I sat in on that meeting when Roy talked to him," says Moore. "He tried to convince him the burden of a fee increase shouldn't be on the students."

That was a battle won by Eiguren and the senate, who asked for the investigation immediately.

According to Strong if the Senate has any problems, the greatest is lack of time.

"We have to deal with both student services and administration policy," says Strong, reclining back in the chair. "We just don't have time to devulge in both these areas."

When asked if he thought the senators were lax on their job he said he didn't think so. He says he spends an average of six or seven hours a week in the senate office. (In both days of interviewing for this story, the Argonaut found the senate office empty of senators on all occasions.) (Continued on page 3)

## Uof I Committees: There's potential —but no appeal

by Kimi Kondo

"A lot of students don't give a damn about serving on University committees, and I can't really blame them," said Doug Oppenheimer after conducting student-faculty committee interviews this week.

Some of them, such as the Museum Affairs Committee or the Commencement Committee, wouldn't appeal to many, but all committees have potential — it just depends on the students and faculty involved," said Oppenheimer who is currently serving as ASUI personnel commission director.

### New student positions

A newly created Student Financial Aids Committee with two student members, and an ASUI Scholarship Chairman

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appears to be one area where much activity could result.

This committee is directly responsible for formulation of policies and procedures for the administration on all the University's student financial aids.

About 60 students will be chosen to fill slots on about 30 student-faculty committees.

"Most of these will be upperclassmen because they have to have a concept of what's going on," explained Oppenheimer. "Those not chosen will have their interview filed and may be called to serve on ad-hoc committees or fill vacancies."

Realizing that the system of selection is imperfect, the ASUI created the Personnel Commission last April to base membership on personal qualification rather than living group affiliation or other irrelevant criteria.

### Greeks and independents

"Applications this year were really evenly divided between Greeks and Independents," Oppenheimer asserted.

He said he believed that most fraternities and sororities don't require members to interview but "urge" participation feeling that it's a good way to meet other people and get involved.

In contrast, the majority of those interviewing for positions on student services program committees were Greeks according to ASUI Program Director Mary Wikstrom who also conducted placement interviews for about 150 students this week.

In addition, she said, more girls interviewed for positions on the 11 student service committees with Homecoming, Parent's Weekend, Special Events, and People to People drawing the most interest.

During the evening session, one freshman pledge revealed that her house exempted from study table those who attended committee interviews.

Some other pledge classes also apparently stress heavy group participation as a means of involving new students in activities.

"We're able to place all people who apply," said Wikstrom.

She also feels that they have "pretty much weeded out the deadweight committees."

Activities have been re-allocated so we don't have service organizations that "do nothing", she said.

"Our philosophy is that if one person gains, then the activity is worthwhile," she explained.

Great success was predicted for programs such as Mock United Nations and Coffeehouse Entertainment which will utilize on-campus entertainment this year.

## at idaho

### today

A U.S. Forest Service team will conduct a meeting to present highlights of a detailed study of the ecology of the proposed Sawtooth National Recreation Area, the Pioneer Mountains area and adjacent lands Friday in the SUB at 7:30 p.m.

### saturday

Achary Jitendra Kumar (known as Dada-jii or respected brother), a member and teacher of the Ananda Marga Yoga Society, will give a public lecture Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room of the SUB. During

the day he will be available for private consultation and instruction in meditation. Anyone interested in meeting him may call the society at 882-2229.

### sunday

U. of I. Chess Club will have a meeting on Sunday Sept. 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the SUB (Blueroom). All interested in chess are invited to bring sets.

### monday

Family Planning Clinic will be on Monday, Sept. 11th at 3:30 - 6 p.m. in the Student Health Center.

## ASUI Senate tentatively approves Jerry Rubin appearance on campus

In its first session of the semester, the ASUI Senate took a cautious step toward bringing Jerry Rubin to speak on campus October 2.

The meeting's only major voting showed seven for, four against, and two abstaining on tentative approval to earmark \$1750 for Rubin.

The money, which would normally come from Issues and Forums appropriations, would be taken from the ASUI General Fund. The senate must first approve a contract with Rubin who is scheduled to arrive this week according to Mary Wikstrom, program director.

Wikstrom said Rubin's appearance, if approved, would be part of the program office's attempt "to hit every type of student" at Idaho.

Rubin, unfamiliar to even some of the senators, was a member of the Chicago Eight, indicted for conspiracy to destroy the 1968 Chicago Democratic National Convention. He also authored *Do It!* and helped found the Yippie organization.

In other action, a contract to bring "Grass Roots" to campus on Oct. 28 was sent to Finance Committee. The senate

had voted by summer correspondence to appropriate \$5900 for the homecoming concert.

Though Big name entertainment is a perennial hotpoint for senate debate, swift approval for the contract is expected next week.

Marv Williams, new acting ASUI budget director, gave a short financial report to the senate listing nearly \$22,000 standing in the ASUI General Fund.

## family planning

Emphasizing "wanted children at a wanted time," the first family planning clinic at the University of Idaho will begin Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the Student Health Center.

The clinic will include an informal class on conception and contraception, a medical examination, and laboratory tests for cancer and venereal disease.

Focusing on the quality of life the clinic also will include pregnancy detection and counseling.

The informal class will be conducted prior to the medical examination and is open to anyone desiring information.

Appointments are necessary for the medical examinations and contraceptive devices or medications. Appointments can be made by contacting Ann Reed at the Student Health Services (885-6511).

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If there are negligent senators they can be publically reprimanded by the rules and regulation committee. But at this time the constitution does not have a provision to impeach poor senators.

Strong says he would like to see the rules and regulations committee get more power. When asked, however, if he would like to see lax senators removed from office, he said after hesitating, "that is a leading question and I really don't want to answer that one."

"I guess when it comes to time to work on the senate, there is the old excuse we are fulltime students first and have to worry about grades," says Mike D' Antario in his Kentucky accent.

Sometimes, says D' Antario, if you don't have time to work on something you just don't work on it.

Last semester D' Antario says he received about a D grade point. He asserted he was not in the senate for that "ego stuff."

One thing that seemed to give the senators more time was Eiguren's idea of assigning one senator to one special duty. Eiguren gave each senator a portfolio and put him in charge of that subject. For example, D' Antario was "The portfolios really helped," says Moore.

But Senator Mike Krieg, reminiscent one of a professional politician because of his manner of expression, shook his head when asked what he thought about the portfolios.

"I don't think those portfolios eliminated the basic problem. Even if they are experts on one subject they still have to know about everything else," Krieg asserts.

According to Krieg the real problem is the result of the growing University bureaucracy. The magnitude of decisions and number of students have grown so much that the average senator feels "oblivious" by the complexity of the system.

"The senator feels overwhelmed by the whole situation. Then he slides into the position where the students think he is a goof," says Krieg.

Krieg thinks that student services and administration policy should be separated from each other. He thinks the senate isn't made up of professionals who have time to make decisions on issues from both sides.

"There should be one body handling student services and another handling administrative policy," he says confidently. "The students think the senate is a playground for political-science students on ego trips; this attitude might change if we have this system."

Another problem that Mark Falconer, a blond haired senator from Boise, sees is that the senate is always hurried when it comes to passing bills.

In Falconer's estimation the senate should have three weeks to pass a bill. In reality it is allowed only two and sometimes only one night.

"One example of this," Falconer says as he sipped a coke in the SUB, "is the Grass Roots concert. We were contacted on the phone during the summer and told we needed a homecoming band. We had three days to vote on it over the phone with no debate."

He sat back in his chair obviously upset at the thought.

Legal aid was another example. The senate really didn't know where the money was going or for what. The whole budget was hurried through the senate.

"We might see the bill two hours before the senate meeting, then we might talk about it awhile, then in one session we usually pass it," says Falconer.

**Welcome Back Vandals!**

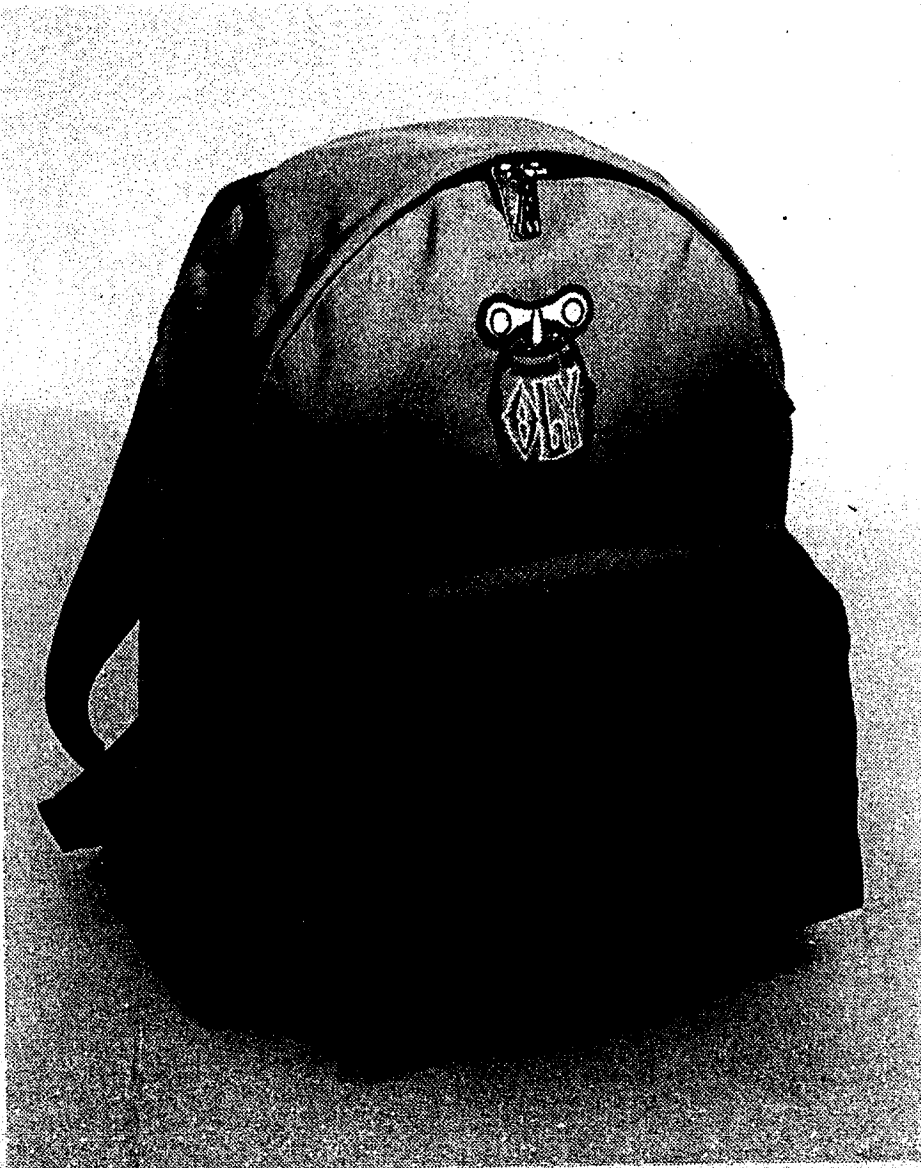
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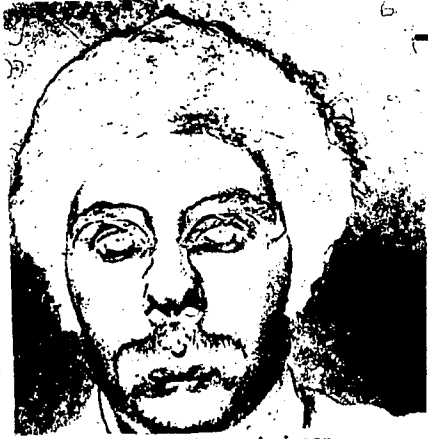
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by Doug Oppenheimer

Consumer protection, draft counseling, coffeehouse entertainment, Issues and Forums are some of the services within the ASUI that are available to any university student.

ASUI Senate bills, resolutions and memos dealing with ASUI Senate bills, resolutions and memos also are available to any university student.

As the situation stands now there are numerous student services that directly effect the student and he can benefit by them; this does not, however, include the present concept of the ASUI Senate — which has become obscure from the student and obsolete of the times.

Consumer protection and draft counseling are here for one reason — to help and protect the student, just as Borah Symposium and Issues and Forum, the Argonaut and KUOI attempt to inform students.

These services and others would have been experienced by students regardless of whether or not we had an ASUI Senate.

To experience what the Senate does falls into another category. The way it is set up now the Senate acts on helping to fund some of these services and giving their endorsement, but in assuming so many roles they also hinder student services as much as they help them.

This is not entirely their fault. For a senator to be tackled with student services, budgeting matters, emotion and ego it is no surprise that most have

become oblivious to what's going on.

This is a prime reason this current system desperately needs changing — effectiveness has not only stopped, but it's starting to digress. Why not give students the things they show some interest in, instead of trying to play the game of trying to understand everything that effects University of Idaho students.

If all the student services were dropped starting Monday in the days to follow some students would notice. If the senate folded Monday, however, I question whether people would notice and the ones that did would probably not know what it meant anyway.

Let's face it — the ASUI Senate simply cannot function by trying to vote on every little or big problem that faces a student and if it keeps trying the positive student services the University has now are going to get pulled under with everything else.

If some senators could get jacked, and bring some of their imperative business into some kind of perspective of community governance could perhaps salvage what is left.

Community governance is certainly not a new idea, but actually putting it into effect would be. Disban the ASUI Senate — that's right senators — no more Tuesday night meetings. Instead totally reorganize.

For those of you who need something to do in the evenings form a student — services board which would deal with nothing else except student services — something people on this campus have showed interest in.

This would mean hardly any politics, no titles, no crusades, but possibly some new and innovative programs for students.

For those of you senators who are asking, "But who would carry the cross? Who would make sure students didn't get screwed by fee increases, who would keep

Freshman Council, that ASUI delegation organized to represent freshman students and lobby for them, will get underway this fall with elections Oct. 11.

ASUI Vice President Mel Fisher, who served as Freshman Council chairman two years ago when it first began, said as many freshmen as possible should run for the seven positions. Their only requirement for candidacy is a collection of 75 freshman signatures turned into the ASUI offices before election day.

# Is the ASUI alive?

a watch on the pocket book or tenure?!"

Granted there is a need for a watchdog committee so form one where there is a student-faculty committee that would take a slice out of bureaucracy.

With this parallel type of organization bureaucracy would still be there and so would emotion and ego, but it would not

drag down student services with it. It also might give students a chance to realize where priorities should be placed.

If this column has stirred up any senators or just awakened some students into knowing that there is an ASUI government — that's a start. If it hasn't you can do a variety of things with already read, worthless newsprint.

## End the farce

Promises of a representative ASUI senate provided for uninformed candidates of the last senate election a great panacea by which they could dodge all difficult questions.

The argument was that if the perspective candidate visited living groups on campus often enough he would understand the wishes of the student body and thus all decisions of the senate would simply be a reflection of the will of the student body at the time. The senators themselves would serve only as transmitter terminals by which the students would express their opinions.

This dodge, though evidently effective during a campaign, does not accomplish much after the election is over. By now the noise and heat devoted to discussions of representation formulas are becoming something of a farce.

Representation formulas, though if used by students would provide sufficient means for all on-campus students, all ignore the majority of students who live off-campus. Considering the differences in outlook of off-campus and on-campus students this poses a considerable problem.

But, the main problem with representation is the basic assumption that students are interested in what the senate is doing. In point of fact, they usually are not. This is reflected in the low percentage of students who vote in ASUI elections. It is interesting that when senators scheduled rap sessions on representation no one bothered to come by and talk to them.

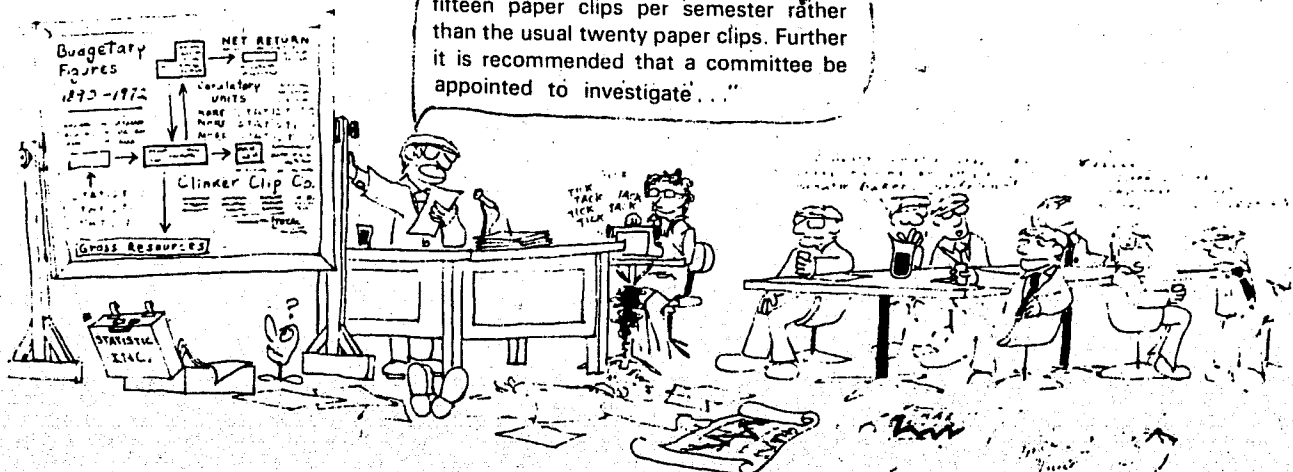
Instead of searching out senators to discuss ASUI policies most students avoid them. The senate's business is simply not that vital or interesting to the average student.

By facing facts this senate can end the farce. The students are disinterested in the senate not because they are not presented with the proper representation formula, rather they are disinterested because the senate is not doing anything which interests them.

Perhaps the senate is no longer a valid entity and should dissolve. The lack of interest could be an indication. In any case, the problems of the senate cannot be ended by a representation cure-all.

## Frosh council election set

## Senate action



*Bill Fitzgerald*

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## What's happening

by Mark Fritzier

Someone once said that the more things change, the more they remain the same. I guess the truth of this axiom has come home to me as I haven't even experienced a shock of recognition in once again taking up typewriter and trying to suggest things for people to do. The same old stuff, with one exception.

### Bike Race

The big event for this weekend, covered elsewhere in this issue, is the Bike Race. This is the brainchild of the ASUI Programs Office and a harbinger of great things to come this year from that source. After discussing coming events with Mary Wickstrom, Director of Student Services, i.e., Program Chairperson, I am anticipating some exciting events. Wickstrom believes that we have unlimited resources, both people and material, in the area to create involving programs for all the diverse types of students and residents we serve. More on this later. It is sufficient to say that there will be a broad variety of programs seemingly built around a week-long focus.

Wickstrom has asked me to request that anyone who is interested in the occult or who has some skill in occult areas contact her in the Program Office of the SUB to help her organize the next big week's program. Any witches, warlocks, mentalists or magicians who walk among us are invited to discuss the program with her. This is a serious effort, by the way.

### Free popcorn

Movies offer the only other big alternative in town besides the usual bar crawling. There is quite a selection. The SUB will present that Oscar winning space flick "Marooned" Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the Borah Theatre. Admission will be 50¢ for singles and 75¢ for couples. Big news!!! The SUB, this year, is initiating a new policy for their movies — FREE POPCORN!

The other big news about movies in the area for all returnees is the price increase. We have all been aware of the reasonable expense entailed in seeing the local flicks. The privilege has been increased by 25¢ to \$1.50. Cheap. Try seeing "Cabaret" in San Francisco for that.

The best movie playing in these parts is "Cabaret", held over for a second week. If you haven't seen this one, you owe it to yourself. This is the thinking person's musical. None of that saccharine.

Hollywood drag crap about this movie. The music is part of the plot, not the lubricant for audience acceptance. It's as gritty and integral to the total impact as the "aside" scenes that depict the Nazi takeover of pre-war Germany. Joel Gray wins my vote for Oscar as the AC-DC, revolting, fascinating master of ceremonies of the cabaret where Sally Bowles, played by Liza Minelli, works out her life. As for Liza, I confess total bias. She is superb by any standard.

### Skin flicks

"Come Back Charleston Blue," another of the current Black detective genre is also playing here and has received no great notice to my knowledge.

Raquel's much advertised "Kansas City Bomber" plays this weekend in Pullman. For those roller derby fans who could not afford the rip-off price of admission when we had real roller derby in Moscow last month, this one is reasonable and the action is pretty good.

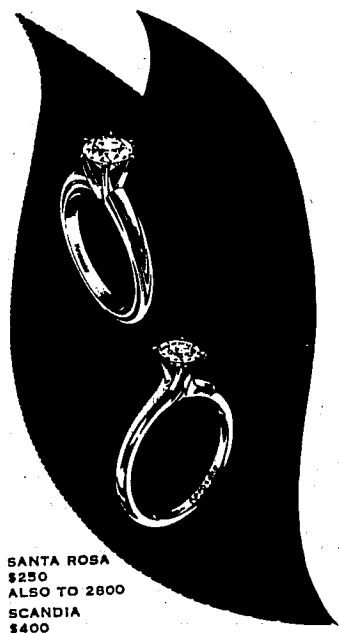
For those of you who are new, the drive-in on the Pullman highway shows skin flicks.

We have received notice of one dance this weekend, so far. The Lambda Chis are sponsoring the "Miss Watermelon Bust Dance" in the SUB Saturday night from 9:00 to 12:00. Bring money, there will be a slight admission price — 75¢ per person, \$1.00 per couple. "Orphan Annie" will provide the music.

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Three new teams are in the Northwest Intercollegiate Soccer League this year which include Eastern Washington State College, Walla Walla Community College and Central Washington State College.

Newly appointed officers at the meeting included Christi Foster, club secretary, and Jim Blankman, equipment manager.

Anyone who is interested in participating on the University of Idaho soccer team can either call Nick Rossides at the AKL house or attend one of the three scheduled practices: Tuesday at 6:15 p.m., Thursday at 6:15 p.m. or Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the New Idaho Stadium.



An unidentified member of the Idaho Soccer Club controls the ball in one of last year's games. This year's soccer club looks to have a good team and will be defending their championship title in the new Idaho stadium.

## Funds for Driving Range Await Approval of Senate

A new driving range is evidently on the drawing tables for the University of Idaho as \$7,000 in student funds have already been allocated for the project, which has already been started directly south of the new golf course parking lot.

According to Dean Vettrus, who is helping with the plans on the driving range, said that surveying and drainage plans would probably have to be made before any other construction could take place.

He, also, said that the fence which has already been purchased, should be

installed before too long. Also, plans are now being laid out for the tee which will probably be built fairly soon.

A request for additional thousand-and-some dollars is now up before the Senate Finance Committee which should take action on it within the next several weeks.

Vettrus said that the extra money was needed at the present time because previous cost estimates did not include sprinkler systems, surveying, dirt moving, drainage systems and the fence. However, he also said that, for now, they will go as far on construction as they can with the money that has already been allocated to them.

The possibility of having it covered so that it could be used during bad weather was, also mentioned by Vettrus, who seemed to feel that it was a good idea.

## Tom Doud Pleads Guilty To Charge of Battery

Tom Doud, a starting defensive end for the Idaho Vandals, pleaded guilty to a charge of battery yesterday in Moscow. He was charged in connection with an Aug. 27th incident in which he allegedly struck Paul Lande, of Moscow.

Doud, who fell through a large plate glass window during the incident, was fined \$100 with \$75 suspended. He, also, had to make restitution for the window, spend this weekend in jail and was put on probation for a period of six months "under the custody of Coach Don Robbins."

The judge, who evidently foresaw a recurrence of the incident as being entirely possible, forbade Doud from drinking or frequenting any of the taverns for the entirety of his probation.

Tom is a 6'3" 220 lb. senior from Walla Walla who is attending the University of Idaho on a full-ride scholarship, which means both his room and board are paid.

When asked about the effects of this incident on his scholarship, Athletic Director Ed Knecht said that "there is no way in which it can be affected." He, also, said that there was "no basis" for strict discipline of Doud since the incident "did not involve athletics."

Alofa Lue Tavvaga, a full-blooded Samoan and also a defensive end, was also involved in the skirmish and was sentenced in court last week.

**ATTENTION:** The Idaho intramural golf championship will be held Saturday, Sept. 23rd, for all houses and other living groups interested in competing. A maximum of five people from each living group will be allowed to participate.

Students interested in getting involved in the tournament should contact their own intramural managers.

Bowling team tryouts will be held Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. for those who are interested in trying out for the university team. The cost is \$4.00 per person and it will be a 12 game qualifying roll-off. This year, the university has four scheduled tournaments planned and also four or five intercollegiate meets with teams from Montana, Washington and Oregon.

Anyone who is interested in joining the university golf team, should get in touch with Pro Dick Snyder at the University of Idaho clubhouse for fall qualifying.

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## Stadium Nearly Complete, Despite Some Problems

Despite basic inefficiencies within the system, it appears that the new Vandal stadium just might be ready to go by Sept. 16 when the Idaho football team will meet Ohio University in what promises to be an exciting game.

Despite the amount of work that has

recently been completed, it appears that some of the efforts applied have done more harm than good. Other than lack of manpower and plain slowness in getting the stadium completed, most of the "unorganization" seems to lie in the planning of the numbering aisles and

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seats.

After having painted many of the aisle letters on the south side of the stadium, plans were evidently changed which called for the removal of all the old letters. Many hours of work and a solvent cleaner have only managed to more or less smear the numbers away, leaving large smear spots by each row. It remains to be seen which tactic will next be used to try and remove the mess, while also painting on the right letters.

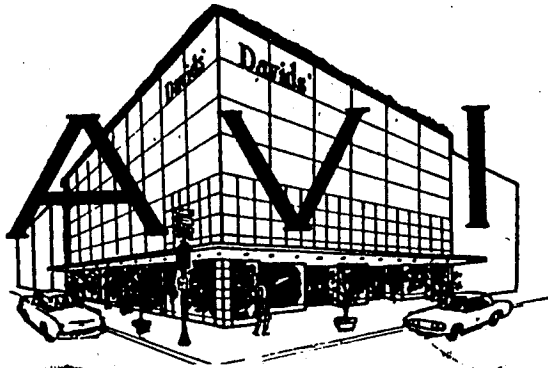
In another area of unorganized

confusion, a girl was hired for \$2.50 an hour to remove the numbers on at least several hundred seats, after it was determined that the numbers should be 18 inches apart rather than the 14 inches at which they had been painted previously.

A statement made by the young girl seemed to sum things up pretty well.

"I've only been here a day, but from what I've seen, I already know more about what's going on than most of the supervisors around here!"

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THE COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT is here, the new Consumer Protection Agency in the SUB ASUI offices.

## 2,200 sign for yearbook

About 2,200 students signed up for a 1972-73 Gem of the Mountains during registration. This is about 800 short of what is needed if the Gem is to operate at the level set forth in its proposed budget.

The budget, not yet approved by the Senate or Board of Regents, calls for \$15,000 or 3,000 student subscriptions. Eight hundred student subscriptions or \$4,000 is needed to meet that budget. The Gem budget, however, can be altered depending on the number who sign up, said Dean Vettrus, SUB General Manager.

The Gem has been promised \$250 in subscriptions by the president's office and also will receive \$15,000 from the ASUI.

This means that all students are contributing to the support of the Gem. The \$15,000 allocated by the ASUI comes from fees paid at registration. Students who bought the yearbook are actually paying \$10 for their Gem. Due to a mixup at the July Regent's meeting, non-student Gem prices were set at \$5. No non-students can buy books until this discrepancy can be corrected at the next Regents meeting Oct. 19, ASUI President Rov Eiguren said.

Students may still sign up for next year's Gem at the SUB information desk

Gem editor Jackie Hadenfeldt said. Students might be able to sign up as late as second semester registration, depending on when the staff must send in a report giving the number of copies needed.

The students who signed up for the Gem nearly equal those who in last spring's Gem survey said they would be willing to pay a fee for it. At that time, 2,128 said they would like to pay for it by subscription, 1,344 said they would like to pay for it through fees and 824 said they would pay for it with extra fees.

Of the approximately 3,400 students surveyed, 1,382 said they would be willing to pay \$5. However, only 534 said they would pay \$10 and 867 said they wouldn't pay anything for it.

Hadenfeldt said no extra books will be ordered this year. This, she said, will avoid the problems incurred last year with the biennial yearbook when too few were ordered and the problems of previous years when often over a hundred surplus books were left setting in the Gem office.

## Agency fights unfair and deceitful practices

Consumers who feel that they have been victims of unfair or deceitful business practices in this area will find potent assistance for complaints from the Consumer Protection Agency in the SUB ASUI offices.

Armed with powers guaranteed by the Idaho Consumer Protection Act of 1971, the staff of seven investigators is prepared to exercise some effective persuasion in redressing grievances of consumers.

Directed and funded by the ASUI, the agency will also work in close conjunction with the office of the Attorney General of Idaho in Boise. The ASUI Attorney General has established certain minimum hours and staff size in order to guarantee maximum service to consumers.

### Organized last spring

The agency was organized during last spring's semester and operated a part-time schedule during the summer. This year it has moved its offices from the SUB basement to the ASUI offices upstairs and will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Roger Burdick, director of the agency, reported that it has been handling about 10 to 15 inquiries a week.

"About half of our inquiries concern cases that relate to our powers under the Act," Burdick said. "Of those, about one in five are cases that could be considered serious, meaning real estate contracts or monetary claims of \$25 or more. We also handle many smaller claims, too. We don't want to discourage people with smaller amounts at stake."

"Our powers come mainly from the Act I've mentioned but we also work closely with the state attorney general's office," Burdick continued. "In many cases we do legwork in establishing evidence for the attorney general. This is all part of an effort to create a broad information file on merchants and businesses that are known to defraud consumers."

"We don't actually take cases to court, the attorney general's office will handle legal proceedings in there. We are not lawyers nor in any way practice law. We act more as a funnel for complaints and provide legal advice relative to a consumer's rights to recourse in a complaint. We also advise the attorney general's office on cases we think require legal action."

Burdick indicated that the bulk of their cases involve deceitful practices on the part of businesses.

"This could be 'bait and switching,' or the practice of advertizing an item that, in fact, is misrepresented with the consumer comes to buy," he said.

Reporting that area merchants have been very co-operative, Burdick said. "Most cases have two sides and the merchants are eager to tell theirs. This helps to protect merchants from unfair claims and consumers from unfair practices."

This service is not exclusively for students," Burdick stressed. "The University has been increasingly interested in providing services for the community at large. We have handled several complaints from private citizens as far away as Whitebird and Potlatch."

The agency does not actually represent people on their complaints in court. By receiving several complaints regarding a particular business, a course of dealing is established and the state attorney general will then go to court to attempt to prove it and enforce injunctive relief if necessary, Burdick explained.

"The private Enforcement Section of the Act provides for action taken by a single individual. If an individual, on the advice of his or her attorney, can establish fault by a business, he or she can recover a minimum of \$200 in damages plus reasonable court costs and attorney's fees. This is a potentially punitive measure that could keep merchants who might attempt a fraud from doing it," suggested Burdick.

### Other resources offered

Further resources offered by the agency—mentioned by Burdick include complaints by one merchant against another whose practices might be hurting business.

"In most cases legal action is not necessary, Burdick said. "A phone call or a letter will often correct the situation or, if necessary, a one-to-one discussion by the parties will solve it. Our power is mostly used in persuasion rather than direct legal action."

Burdick feels that they have been extremely successful in their cases so far. "We haven't had to go to court yet," he said. "We have been doing some legwork on cases that the state attorney general may be taking to court!"

## Bike sprint starts Saturday

Any University of Idaho student who has a bicycle and can pedal it, is eligible for the "Great North American Bicycle Race" at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

The race, which is actually six one and one half mile sprints, is being co-sponsored by the ASUI Programs Department and C-Street Bikes. Three classes of bikes for men and women have been established to "open the race up to all people," according to Mary Wikstrom, director of student services.

The classes include three speed bikes, 10 speed bikes over 25 pounds and 10 speed bikes under 25 pounds. Each division of bicyclists will compete for a total of \$75 worth of merchandise and labor to be given to the top four finishers of each heat.

The mile and a half course will run around and through the University campus, Wikstrom explained. Each race will begin at the SUB and continue down Sixth and then left on Rayburn.

The variety of cyclists will then ride to the Administration building via University Avenue and Campus Drive, ending the race in front of the SUB after making a loop down Elm to Sweet and Deakin Avenue.

"The race course is short because right now we have no idea what the potential of biking is on the campus and have nothing to measure it by," the student services director said.

"This race isn't designed specifically for the racer but also for the guy who just got a bike this summer," Wikstrom added. "This first race was set up also for the spectator and an enjoyable time for the racer."

Registration and weigh-in for the races began Wednesday and will run through today on the SUB Veranda. Registration times are from 11:30-1:30 and 4:30-6:30. A 25 cent registration fee will be charged to help pay for the cost of the race, according to Wikstrom. She added that by Thursday afternoon approximately 40-60 people had signed up.

One of the problems the organizers had at first was dealing with the restrictions the police put on blocking off different streets. Wikstrom said at first the bike race was going to be from the Moscow campus over to Washington State campus and back, but that approval could not be obtained from State Police because of the use of the highway between here and Pullman.

