

Tenure Question Arises In Music

By Bruce Spoleson
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Can students influence a tenure decision? Will letters, petitions, and peaceful protest actions cast what is truly the final vote in a poll that, for all practical purposes has already been taken?

The answer may be "yes", but if the students do succeed in forcing the voting staff to review their denial, one thing the students have done: they're forcing a critical look into what at best can be described as "ridiculous" methods of deciding who gets tenure.

The scene is the School of Music, and the case in question is that of W. Howard Jones, an instructor in the department whose name came up for the mandatory tenure vote that was submitted just last week.

Jones has been described by one student as "the kind of teacher who cares more about the student than the faculty." The number of students who have risen to his support give an indication of what kind of a person Jones is because tenure carries a lot of weight, as the saying goes.

Without tenure, an instructor is expected to complete the year of his present contract, and is then given a one year contract which is terminal. With it, the instructor is entitled to freedom, at least in the sense of not being discriminated against because of personal reasons.

So, to deny tenure to an instructor is a momentous decision in that instructor's career. It also follows that the reasoning behind the vote of denial has got to have been carefully weighed.

But, some students are questioning whether the vote in Jones' case was "carefully weighed" or not.

Dr. Floyd Petersen, professor-director of the School of Music at the U of I said that, "Nobody makes any judgment about anybody's tenure without a lot of soul searching. People don't like playing God...they do what they have to do, apparently."

As far as what is taken into account before the vote is taken, Petersen noted that, "It varies. There's a normal progress report...a general conversation of the tenured staff, with inputs. Each faculty member then goes off on his own to vote."

It would seem that the vote count would be of significant importance. If the vote were a landslide, then the power of the director of the department to over-rule the vote wouldn't fit in, nor would a re-examination of the candidate's deservedness be called for. In this case, though, it's hard to tell just how the vote did come out.

Dr. Petersen declined to disclose the vote count, stating that he didn't know "the matter of procedure" on such an idea. He did admit, however, receiving some 15 letters advocating Jones' case be studied again. The letters were delivered to his office on the morning of Saturday last, a surprisingly short time since the vote decision was announced. Jones himself was informed of the outcome only Friday morning.

Jones has been recovering from the ordeal of having an abscess removed from his chest area. His physicians have announced that he'll probably be unable to work for another week.

"I'm not a sorehead," Jones said. "But there's one thing that I feel quite bitter about and that's the workload."

"When we were evaluated (a regular procedure for schools of music), I was told that my workload was that of three people. And yet I've been criticized. I'm the only faculty member who has three dissimilar instruments to teach. Those are the classical guitar, string bass and cello. Just to keep up on three instruments would require two hours a day of practice...but my work schedule is from 8 to 6."

"They also criticize me for not playing publicly. I played 63 concerts last year for the U of I—all over the state. Yet one of the faculty members criticized me for not doing enough."

Not doing enough. This might be a bit hard to substantiate. Jones has dedicated his life to music, and his pace has only recently slowed down as a result of his illness.

Jones has played with such artists as Henry Mancini, Glen Campbell, Mantovani, the Portland Opera Association, and the Portland Symphony, to name but a very few. The man is immensely popular among his students, many of whom have gone to great lengths to study cello under his auspices.

All of the cello students in the state are under Jones. When he arrived at the U of I, there were two students studying the instrument. The last time cellists played, there were 14 students involved. At present, there are no cellist students at either Boise State College or Idaho State University, all are here at Idaho.

But a number of cellists are talking about making their public performance tonight last. They feel quite strongly that the case of Mr. Jones is their very own.

Jones pointed out that, "I have not instigated any action taken by any students. In fact, I'm in complete ignorance of what they're doing, and I want to keep it that way."

"When I came here, told Dr. Petersen that I didn't want any power or glory. I've got over \$100,000 worth of materials and equipment in that studio of mine for the use of students—things which the University doesn't have. I've spent over \$1,000 out of my pocket on expenses which I've never been reimbursed for. I feel I've been badly used. I've given my life over to the University. It's a rotten situation. Being stamped "incompetent" by the faculty is patently ridiculous."

The instructor feels that students are entitled to personal instruction if that's what they signed up for. He also says that, from what he can determine, he's "done more public performing than the three people who preceded me, combined."

Jones summed it up in saying that, "The only thing I'm just plain bitter about is that I'm working over 90 hours a week and they criticize me for not doing more. This really bugs me."

The University may be at a loss in the future. For Jones also pointed out that, "I intend to leave. I don't want to hang around a place where I'm not wanted. But I think it's time this tenure thing was busted wide open."

Students, Faculty Angry Over Plan

By Kenton Bird
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Both the students and faculty are expected today to come out in opposition to an administration plan announced last Friday on the future of athletics at the University of Idaho.

The administration proposed three possible solutions to Idaho's athletic funding problems—one of them asking for a \$170,000 increase in appropriated funds going to athletics, and it's this alternative that's raised the ire of faculty and students alike.

The three-pronged proposal was requested by President Ernest Hartung and will be submitted to the Board of Regents Thursday. An increase in state support of the program, if approved by the board, could increase appropriated tax monies going to athletics to more than a third of a million dollars.

A resolution to be submitted to the ASUI Senate tonight by ASUI President Carl Wurster basically reiterates the student stand on athletics: no more state monies and no more student fee increases for athletics.

Student fees going to athletics were increased \$12 last semester, Wurster said. "We're opposed not only to fee increases but also to spending state appropriations for athletics," he commented.

The resolution also includes the desire that the athletic program be placed on a self-supporting basis and that the University of Idaho administration be allowed to determine its own athletic destiny (an obvious reference to conference affiliation).

A similar resolution is expected to be adopted by the Faculty Council this afternoon, faculty sources told the Argonaut yesterday.

Many faculty members feel the administration hasn't followed the spirit of a resolution on intercollegiate athletics that was recommended by the Faculty Council and adopted by the University Faculty Jan. 26, 1973.

That resolution reads in part: "(It is) the sense of the University Faculty that the intercollegiate athletic program be placed on an essentially self-supporting basis (i.e. supported from user fees, including student fees—not from appropriated funds) as expeditiously as possible."

While the faculty recognizes the administration's role in athletic policy, it "looks to the administration working through the existing faculty government structure (including the Faculty Council's Budget Liaison Committee) and student government to keep faculty and students regularly informed on progress being made towards the goal of a self-supporting intercollegiate athletic program," the resolution said.

In the opinion of some faculty members, this simply wasn't done when the administration submitted its plan last Friday. "The faculty feels they've been bypassed," one faculty member said.

The athletic funding resolution is one of the three that Wurster hopes to submit to the regents Thursday.

Fee Opposed

The second proposal, if passed by the senate, would express the ASUI's opposition to a proposed increase in fees for summer school students, both resident and non-resident, Wurster said.

"And Faculty Council and Sig Rolland is in total agreement with the students on this issue," Wurster said. "We're opposed to not only the fee increase itself but also the method used (the failure for the administration to consult the students and faculty on the proposal)."

A commission to study the entire athletic situation is proposed by the third resolution, which was authored by John Hecht and will probably be submitted to the senate by Jeff Stoddard.

Under the plan, the commission would consist of three members of the Board of Regents, a representative from the university administration, the alumni association president, the Faculty Council chairman and the ASUI President.

This commission would meet at a time when most people would be available to it and its deliberations would be a matter of public record. "This would protest the policy of making decisions in a closed session," Wurster said, referring to the Athletic Board of Control's decision to fire football coach Don Robbins.

Commenting on the board of control's decision, Wurster said the decision to fire Robbins was weakened because it was intertwined with the proposal to escalate athletics.

Wurster Isirate

"Personally, I'm irate because I was kicked out of the meeting," Wurster remarked. "But I'm also disappointed because of the way the student members of the board voted."

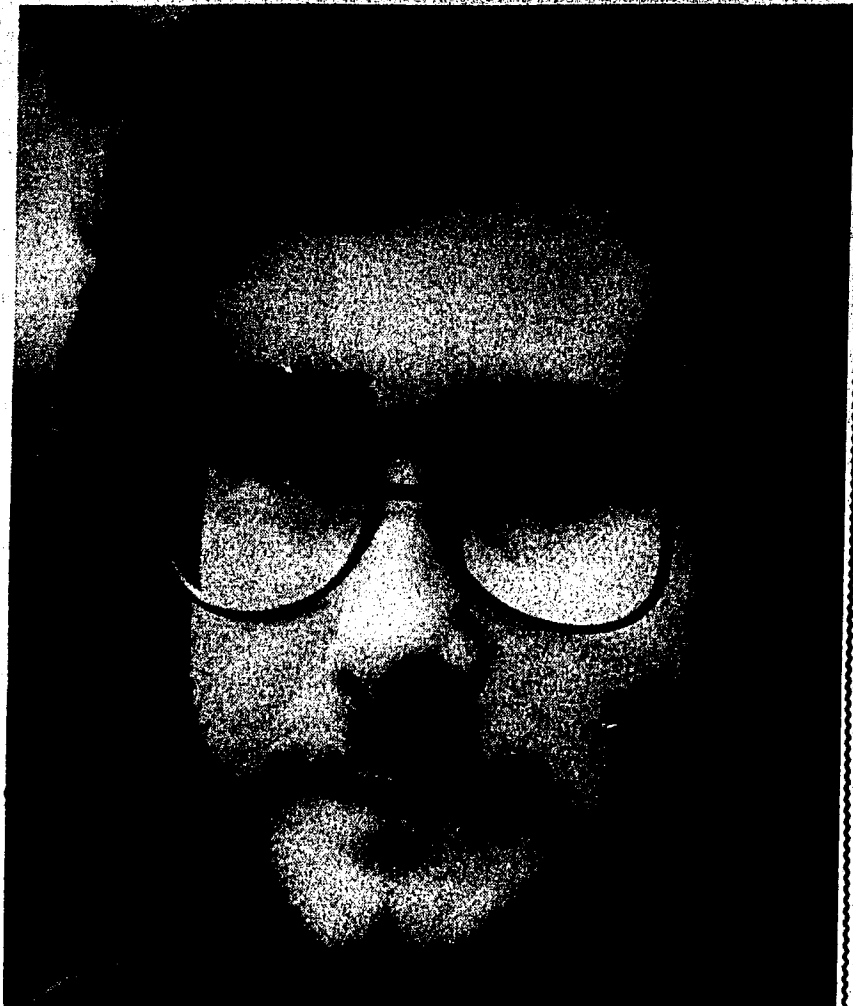
(Wurster will probably fire the four student members of the board in the near future and replace them with students closer to himself in opinions towards athletics; the Argonaut learned yesterday from a high-level ASUI source.)

While the ASUI president believes the regents probably wouldn't authorize a \$170,000 increase in state funds for athletics, he doesn't think they would let the university drop football, either.

"Football maintains a high visibility for the university—it's a good public relations tool," Wurster said. "It's also got a lot of alumni support and the legislature probably wouldn't go for it, although they (the legislature) don't want to pay for it."

Wurster feels the board's best way out would be to either de-emphasize the football program or say "you can do what you want with athletics," which in effect would be letting Idaho out of the Big Sky Conference.

Also coming before the Regents Thursday will be three other fee increases, but these aren't opposed by



Wurster opposes fees and state monies for athletics.

the ASUI, Wurster said.

The first is a special fee in art and architecture, which has been requested by the students in that department. The other two, an increase in the forestry summer camp fee and a music recital fee, are routine special-type fees, Wurster explained.

A new tenure policy for the University of Idaho, approved by the General Faculty last week, will go before the board Thursday also and Wurster expects it will easily be passed by the Regents.

Wurster said he was disappointed in the student representation under the

faculty plan, calling it "tokenism." (The proposal specifies only "one or more students" to serve on tenure-granting and competency review committees.)

"I hope the board will urge the University to add more students on departmental committees voluntarily," Wurster said.

But he doesn't think the board will have much choice on whether or not to approve the policy—"It meets their guidelines and they're in a bind in the fact they have to have something in the way of tenure reform for the legislature in January."

Regents Against Decision

In a late development yesterday, two members of the Board of Regents indicated they would vote against the recommendation that Head Football Coach Don Robbins be dismissed.

The two regents said they were opposed to the move because the decision to fire Robbins was made at a secret session of the Athletic Board of Control. They also disliked the idea of a board of control itself because it tended to take the University president off the hook.

One more board member reportedly was leaning towards a "no" vote on the recommendation. However, with a seven-person Board of Regents, the decision to fire Robbins should still pass.

Milton Small, the state director of higher education, said he felt the regents had more important things to discuss than athletic problems at the University of Idaho. But, Small added, the public might

feel that his and the board's priorities were misplaced.

The closed meeting of the athletic board has also drawn criticism from state legislators, the Argonaut learned yesterday.

Among those opposed to the action was Rep. Gary Ingram (R.—Post Falls) who sponsored an open-meeting bill at the last legislative session.

"If University committees aren't bound by Idaho Code, they soon will be," said Ingram, who plans to introduce a similar bill next session of the legislature.

Ingram was referring to a statement made Friday by Tom Richardson, the university's vice president for student and administrative services, who, when asked why the board of control could take action in an executive session in apparent violation of state law, replied that Idaho code doesn't apply to University committees.



Art of The Glass Business

By Peggy Kellogg
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Talent and initiative are qualities that are not often found together in the general population; but every town has its scattering of achievers, and even the small town of Moscow has attracted at least one man with unusual abilities.

Blowing glass and making leaded glass windows has developed into a full-time occupation for Steve Adams, a 1972 U of I architecture graduate. He has set up two workshops in his home in Moscow and makes quite a few works of art there, usually for sale in shops in Spokane, or on commission from clients around the Northwest.

Adams began working with leaded glass in 1971. His interest in the field was kindled by a house in McCall that was filled with stained-glass windows, he said. The woman who owned the house had collected the windows and designed her house around them.

"I was turned onto that house, and I got really excited," said Adams. He started investigating the skill of working with leaded glass through libraries, people who had worked in glass shops for years, and anything else available. Adams said he had heard about one small shop near Portland, and

set off on a pilgrimage to learn about the trade.

"I ran into a lot of leaded glass shops that I didn't know were there. Moscow seems to be five years behind the times. I didn't really even know that leaded glass existed, but it was flourishing on the coast," he said.

Adams has been making windows since then, and repairing older windows. He began to branch out his skills at the beginning of last summer, when he started blowing glass.

The art department at the University gave Adams the incentive needed to begin when they gave him an old furnace they were going to throw out. The furnace was built by a student who had troubles with it because he had no information on how it was supposed to work. Adams asked the department about it, and about a month later they called him up saying they were disposing of it, and that he could have it if he wanted.

Adams then set out to make the tools needed for working with the glass. He bought only two ready-made, because these two could not be forged; they had to be made of stainless steel to avoid contamination of the glass. One tool, a wooden shaping block, had to be made from the heart of an

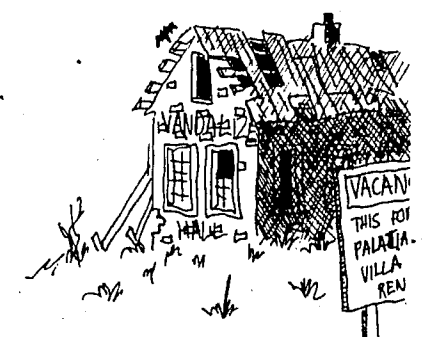
apply tree. "That was a two-week project in itself," said Adams. "I had to find a large, green, living apply tree, chop it down, and lathe the heartwood."

"I've made my tools myself mostly for the fun of doing it," he continued, "and because I can change them so they're not the same as ones you can buy."

Only a few basic tools are needed for blowing glass, explained Adams. These include a blowpipe, used mostly in blowing and shaping the bottom part of the piece, and a "punty," used to hold the piece while the neck or opening is being worked on. Various other tools are used for shaping the glass, all of which Adams hand-forged from other articles such as sheep shears.

Demonstrating the art, Adams proceeded to make a pitcher from glass in the furnace. He first collected some molten glass on the end of the blow pipe, called the first "gather," and rolled it into a cylinder on a block of marble. He blew through the pipe, forming a bubble in the glass. Placing the pipe back in the furnace, he took the second gather and put the piece into the wooden shaping block and rolled it back and forth, giving the bubble a more symmetrical shape. He took a third gather and blew into the bubble more, expanding it into a larger piece.

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Robbins: Don Robbins discusses the backstabbing techniques of Ed Troxel in a recent interview. See Page 6.



Jazz Critique: The audience—not the band—blew it this time. Moscow folks just don't know the world's greatest jazz band when they see it. Read the review on Page 4.

Don Robbins Memorial Stadium

By Charlie Spencer

Each of many decisions made at the U of I in the past few years have caused me to further ponder upon a question—that concerning who actually should make the decisions in certain areas. Should the students have more voice in many University affairs?

The current case of "Don Robbins v. Everybody Else" has also had this effect. Particularly, I wonder whether the students should have more to say about hiring and firing of coaches, and administration of the Athletic Department. Though I have been here about as long as Don Robbins has had his head coaching job and I developed many reasons during those years why I wanted to see him go, I somehow feel undercut myself. I wish I, and the rest of the student body, could have at least expressed some public sentiment concerning the continuation of Coach Robbins' contract.

Therefore, I have thought up a way we, the students, can become involved in the controversy—indirectly at least. I recall, with some disdain, the rather impersonal name given the new football stadium: "The New Idaho Stadium". How drab. Thus I propose, and hope for student support, that the stadium be renamed to "The Don Robbins Memorial Stadium." If we students could succeed in getting someone—whichever it is here who names stadiums—to change the name, we could leave our mark in the present controversy.

My rationale for that particular name is simple: Don Robbins will soon no longer be with us, and he most certainly should be remembered. So a memorial is only appropriate. And the stadium becoming the memorial—again simple: it, like Robbins, is an example of mistake-making in college football administration. Future athletic directors could think of the stadium, and the man whose name it bore, and learn from the past mistakes involving the two.

Yes, the two should be remembered for a long time. Don Robbins, the coach, the man who saved the U of I from Y.D.; the head coach's dismissal while his name was being circulated for the job.

As far as the new football coach goes, "It's wide open," said Knecht. Ross Christian, chairman of the Athletic Board of Control, said groundwork for a new head coach would have to be done at Thursday's regents meeting.

Christian was asked Friday why the vote to recommend Robbins' firing was taken in executive session. "We didn't think a public vote was essential to the proceedings," replied Christian, a professor of animal sciences.

Asked if the chairman knew that such a vote was in violation of the state's open meeting law, Richardson said University committees are not bound by Idaho Code. (The law, I.C. 33-706a, states that all meetings of authorities created by a public agency (e.g., university) must be open to the public unless an executive session is called.) "But no recommendations shall be finally adopted at such an executive session."

The Athletic Board of Control includes four students — Margaret Sue Mann, Hugh Cooke, Randy Goodell and Marshall Hall, as well as five faculty members, three alumni and one staff member from the business office.

man who "guided" his team to a best-ever 8-3 season, who called the "flea-flicker" and became the hero of all Idaho fans (leaving in the shadow of the great play-calling the throw of Sophomore Seefried, the great Goddard grab, and the rambling Riley run); the man who last year suspended from the team a field goal specialist who tried to show that he was the best available punter on the team also, only to be reprimanded for what I believe would be termed in the army "insubordination"; the man who is now backstabbing the assistant who he called a back-stabber, the assistant who got to know the players, made them feel like players (but of course Bad Ol' Trox will never be remembered for his past records as Robbins will be for his); yes, the man we all came to know and love, and who somebody fired last week.

No question; future coaches should remember Don.

And the stadium, that edifice to poor planning, poorly tested innovation, half-truth (or less) publicity production by the Athletic Department. How well Don Robbins' name fits it.

That covered stadium-without-a-cover; that "multi-purpose" facility which will never come close to reaching a multi-use state; that stadium whose carpet-roller-upper stretches the carpet; that stadium which could never be heated for any sustained period of time due to heating costs and potential energy shortages; that stadium which will probably never see a full crowd considering the future picture of Idaho football; that stadium, and how it was "sold" to the students, should never be forgotten.

We are sent here to learn, and to remember the lessons learned. If we students lobbied for the renaming of the stadium, it would serve as an effective reinforcement for certain lessons, lessons I know I won't forget and I hope others won't either.

Of course, if the name "The Don Robbins Memorial Stadium" doesn't appeal to all the students, there are other names. How about "The Y C Bowl" or "The Knecht Can" or "The Maker Mistake" or...?

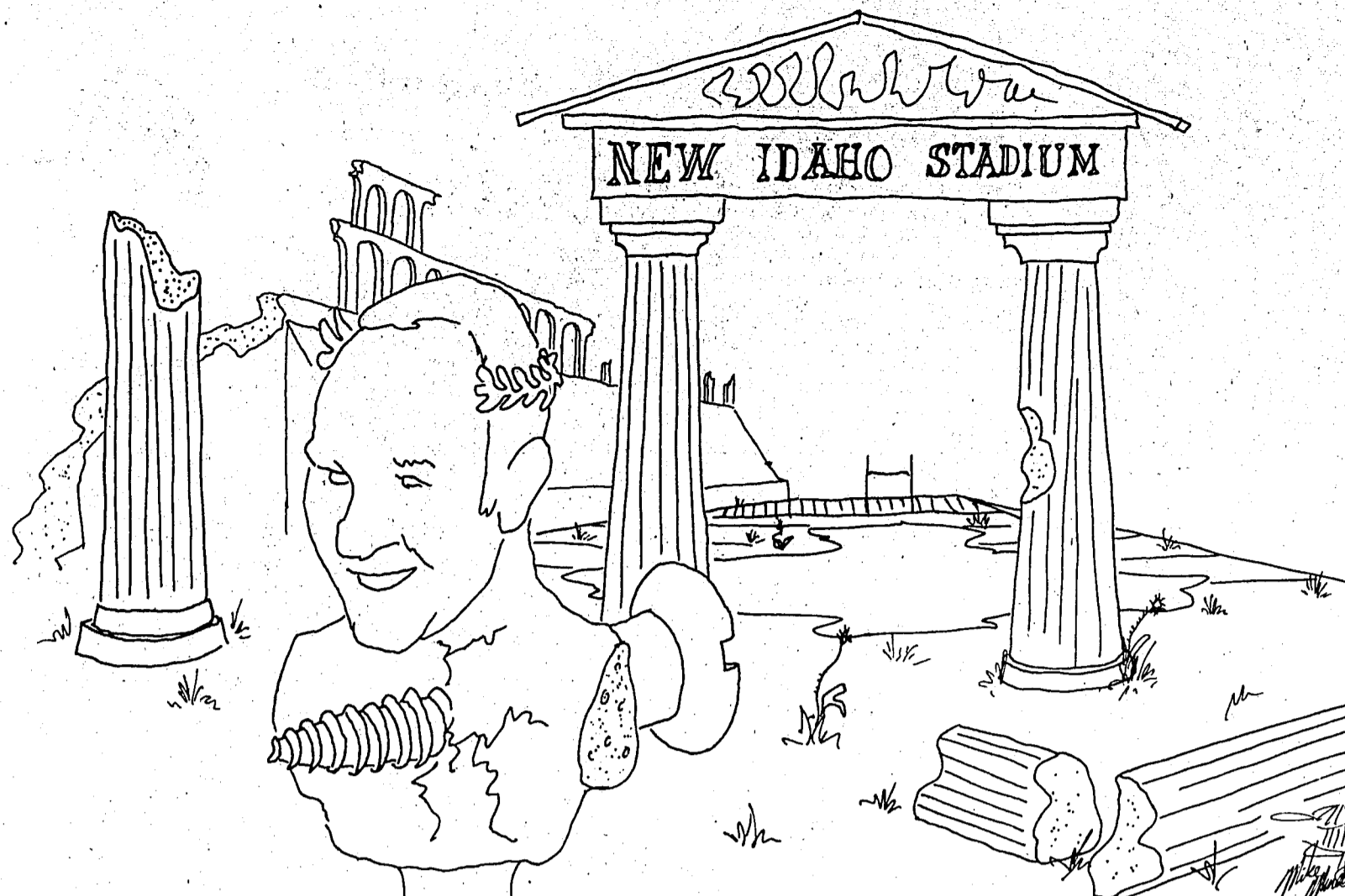
In the board's 6-4 vote (with two abstentions) last Thursday, it has been reported the students generally sided with the alumni against Robbins, while the faculty and administration either backed him or abstained.

And the board of control may only have been sharpening the axe when it in effect fired Robbins.

Knecht conceded at Friday's news conference that this is probably the last season for basketball coach Wayne Anderson if he doesn't win and win big. "Anderson is on probation," Knecht said.

In response to a question just a few minutes later, Richardson acknowledged that the same applied for other members of the athletic staff, including Sports Information Director Bob Maker — and Knecht himself.

Sources close to the Athletic Board of Control have indicated to the Argonaut that Knecht is next to go and probably won't last out the year. And the Lewiston Morning Tribune reported that if it hadn't been for such a long, turbulent meeting over Robbins, the board might very well have offered Hartung a double recommendation.



Athletics

Idaho Takes Another Detour In It's Future

By Kenton Bird
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Possible solutions to the University of Idaho's athletic funding problems, circumstances surrounding the firing of head football coach Don Robbins and the hint of more athletic department shakeups to come were made public at a fervent press conference Friday afternoon.

Three alternatives for the future of athletics at Idaho—one suggesting the immediate dropping of intercollegiate football, as well as the recommendation that the contracts of Robbins and his assistant coaches not be renewed, will go before the Board of Regents Thursday in Pocatello.

Frank McCreary, director of University relations, prefaced the three proposals with an explanation of figures projecting the University will face an athletic funding deficit of \$167,000 next year. The two other proposals were:

—To increase state funding by \$170,000 annually.

—To drastically reduce the athletic department's budget, staff and football program.

McCreary said the recommendations were requested by President Ernest Hartung and were prepared by himself, athletic director Ed Knecht and Tom Richardson, vice president for student advisory services. He emphasized the development of the three proposals was entirely independent of the firing of Robbins.

The "crippling" financial deficit is anticipated for next year if the athletic program continues on its present basis, McCreary said.

This year, athletics received \$163,729 from the University's general operating budget, about \$200,000 in student fees and approximately \$370-\$380,000 from gate receipts and Vandal Booster contributions.

The athletic department's expenses total \$761,729 for the 1973-74 academic year, requiring the use of \$28,416 from the athletic reserve fund. This fund, built up from big games in the past, will be depleted to about \$40,000 next season, McCreary said.

Football gate receipts are anticipated to fall from about \$280,000 this year to \$110,000 for 1974 — mainly because of the lack of any "big money" games on Idaho's schedule next season.

It's this drop of \$170,000 which the University hopes would be made up with appropriated funds — a plan which would bring total taxpayer support of the athletic program to more than a third of a million dollars.

Under this proposal, Idaho would keep its major college status in basketball and other sports while moving as previously planned to small-college status in football.

The additional monies requested would return the University to the funding level it had before state funds were cut last year, McCreary said, and enable the Vandals to compete with bigger schools.

However, this alternative seems unlikely since the Board of Regents' stated philosophy has been to gradually reduce the amount of appropriated tax monies from the state general fund that go to athletics. Many of the regents feel that, considering the financial crisis currently facing higher education in Idaho, the money could be better spent in academic areas.

The second plan would slash the athletic department's budget and staff, including the probably combining of the athletic director's job with that of either head football or head basketball coach. The University would still make the planned move to small-college status in football and keep its major-college level in other sports.

The proposal claimed the reduction of staff and program while staying in the Big Sky Conference "would force the University into a non-competitive

situation with other conference schools and would fail to meet the financial reductions required in maintaining a balanced budget."

The third possibility — dropping football altogether—would allow the athletic department to balance its budget. However, the University administration does not favor this plan, McCreary said.

School officials admitted, though, that the regents could ignore all three proposals if they wished and let Idaho muddle along on its own.

Since the first and second alternatives both specify Division II (small-college) level in football, the plan would preclude any possible hopes the University had for joining the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, a major-college conference. The PCAA had accepted Idaho as a member contingent upon its release from the Big Sky Conference.

But a final request for the University to leave the Big Sky, argued by the school as necessary to keep the athletic program out of the red, was rejected by the regents last June.

However, the new proposal conveniently opens a possible fourth alternative for the board — allowing Idaho to leave the Big Sky Conference as originally requested.

McCreary denied that the University was attempting to bring up the Big Sky question again, something President Hartung promised the board he would not do. But Idaho's new plan would give the regents the option of initiating such efforts themselves.

Also going before the state board will be last Thursday's recommendation of the Athletic Board of Control that Robbins and his staff be given the option of resigning or being fired. Hartung, out of town for the past week, approved the

action by telephone Friday. There is only a small possibility the regents would overturn Hartung's decision.

Since Robbins has stated he won't resign, most likely will not be renewed. Knecht, who recommended the course of action to the athletic board, said Friday pressure from alumni and boosters throughout the state was the single biggest reason for his decision.

"The sole reason for my recommendation was the volume of alumni dissatisfaction," Knecht said after evading several requests for specific reasons. "The fact that the state Vandal Boosters wanted a change and the state board (of the boosters) was on record that a change be made led to my recommendation."

When asked why all but one of the assistant football coaches were given the same ultimatum as Robbins, Knecht replied, "That's the way it's done in most institutions when the head coach is fired." However, each assistant has been notified that he has the option of applying for the head coach's job, as well as being retained in an assistant's position under the new coach, Knecht added.

The athletic director denied that Track Coach Ed Troxel, the only assistant not axed, was in line for Robbins' job, as some sources maintain. "Troxel is not a front-runner at this time," Knecht said.

It has also been reported that Knecht himself has been maneuvering for the head football coach's position (a plan suggested by the second of the three proposed alternatives) but Knecht emphatically denied that Friday.

"I have no desire to return to coaching," he said.

Knecht also said he didn't feel it was a conflict of interest to be recommending

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It Really Was the World's Greatest Jazz Band

Only the Audience Could Be Criticized

By Richard Faylor
Argonaut Staff Writer

A lot of people missed a fantastic jazz show Thursday night at Memorial Coliseum. As far as the craft of music goes this was the best Moscow will see this year or perhaps ever. This is not to say that the audience was turned frantic or even that Moscow would pay any attention to the music's presence. In fact, the concensus is that many young people ignored the event because of the presumed vanity of the group's title — "The World's Greatest Jazz Band." Older folks, seemingly revisiting live music for the first time in 20 years, dominated the audience. A jazz renaissance may be in the making nationally but is not, as yet, locally.

At any rate, playing on stage last Thursday night were some of the definitive musicians of the traditional jazz world. Take, for instance, saxophonist Bud Freeman, a founder of Chicago jazz, who's been with Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey. Drummer Gus Johnson Jr. started with the McShan Orchestra and played with Count Basie and Ella Fitzgerald. Bob Wilbur is perhaps the tenor saxophone's finest player. Trombonist Bennie Morton is the only living member of Fletcher Henderson's band. Yank Lawson, trumpet, and Bob Haggart, bass, started the group. Yank

has played with "Satchmo," the Crosby, Dorsey, and Goodman bands. Haggart played bass for the Bob Crosby band and in the meantime wrote "What's New," "South Rampart Street Parade," and "Wanetka."

Progression opening

The band opened with a blues progression intro with each band member showing his stuff. That intro really blew everyone away; very forceful. It was a great moment for everyone in the auditorium.

What's amazing about great jazz musicians and this band in particular, is the constant change of mood. Characteristic of modern music is the sameness of mood throughout the song, usually just a buildup of the stated melody. It seems the jazz cats were in much too great a hurry, or couldn't be bored by playing the same melodic line for a whole two minutes. Ain't it the truth? You're fooling yourself if you're feeling the same thing a minute after it's gone, that's why jazz is so happy.

After looking over my notes I realize I could write something about every song performed: the solo, the interplay, the personality rising through the music. Of particular note, though, are these things: Bob Wilbur's tiny silver tenor sax, cuddled in his arms like a smoking pipe and sounding so sweet and smooth. Drummer Gus Johnson's snares are incomparable, it's that syncopated, gaited beat. The coordination of rhythm

and melody in each tune was genuinely sublime.

I've got to mention a special treat—Mathew Lamar who came out to sing a low-down tune, "Gonna Move to the Outskirts of Town" with Haggart accompanying on trumpet. Slick in the vaudeville tradition, Lamar then brought out his banjo to play ragtime — "Bye, Bye, Blue." You don't see that everyday. Then bass and drums played around with a whistled version of "Big Noise at Wanetka," at one time Johnson walking over to strike the bass strings with his drumsticks while Lawson fingered the bass. (Lawson is great.)

The band was fine throughout, especially on "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Just Like You." Lamar came back once more to sing a tune: "I Sure Had a Wonderful Time Last Night; Leastways They Tell Me I did." The band ended with "Swing That Music," during which the rest of the band left the stage and the drummer, seemingly forgetting what time it was, continued a fantastic drum solo, then the group came back for a quick and final finale on the chorus. The crowd enjoyed the comedy and the show came off great.

Bashful, happy, hamming

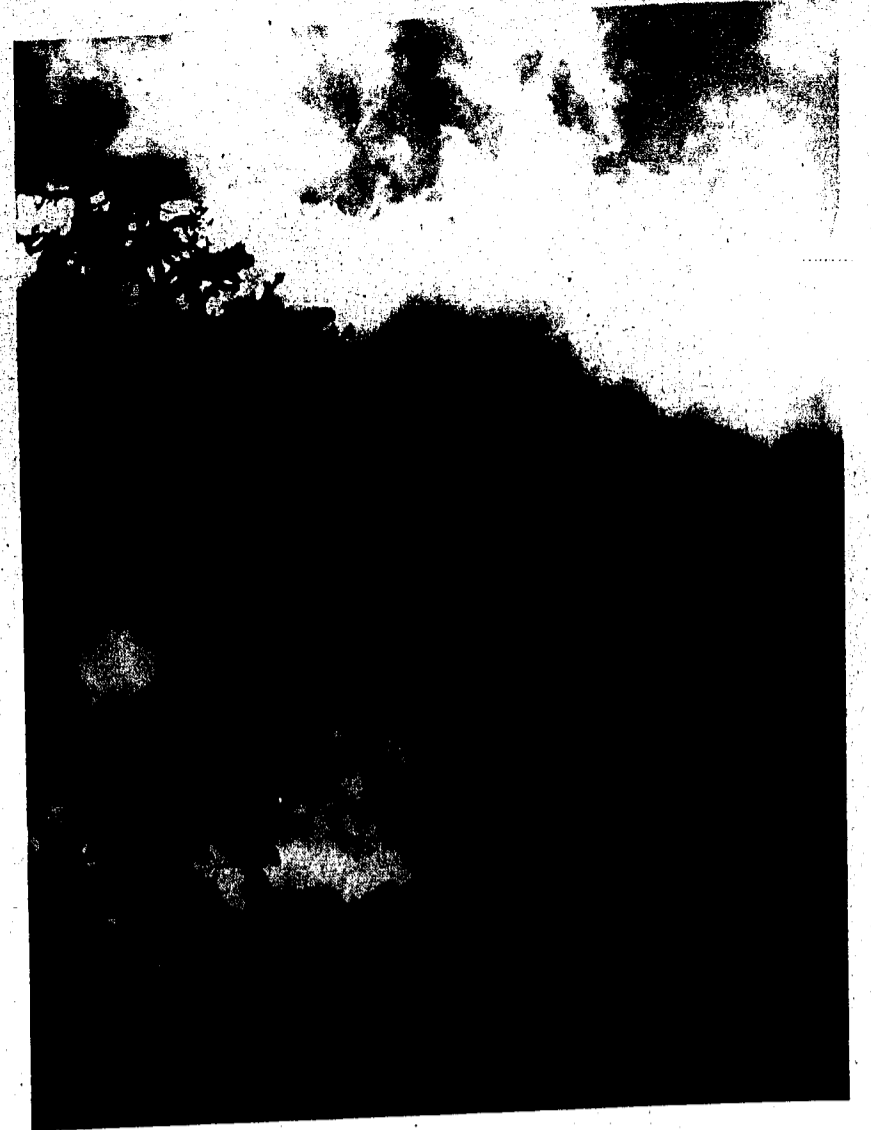
I particularly enjoyed Ralph Sutton's bashfulness and tinkling piano notes, saxophonist Bud Freeman's happiness, Gus Johnson's exquisite drumming and hamming, and Bob Wilbur's smoking tenor sax. Yank Lawson's muted horn

playing was great. Haggart's bass was perfect and at one time I saw champagne bubbles float from Mofton's trombone through the air; his slick black hair and face shining; his appearance glossy and unearthly.

I think at times the band realized humorously that the audience didn't really know where it's at. This was the only part of the concert that is criticizable — the audience. There were very few rollicking youth to get excited at the band's music, most of the older folk seemed satisfied to let the tunes come and go. The show ended at 10 p., exactly two hours after starting and there was no encore demand for what is probably right now the best accumulation of traditional jazz talent working in the U.S.

The band members are obviously together precisely for the excitement and joy of their music. With a better audience the members might have taken a few more chances and really hooted. But the concert was great, the musicians real pro's and I can't help but think that WGJB is one of the last bands, not of their type but of their quality and experience in the grass roots of jazz, still available to the general public.

The material of the band might be debated but the performance cannot. The concert was great. The only unfortunate note was that Moscow, not in person but grouply, fairly ignored the best musicianship afforded this community in quite some time.



GI's Fight Possible Benefit Loss

If you are a veteran who is faced with a possible loss of GI educational benefits, there are some alternatives that you should be aware of.

Currently there are many veterans who are faced with the termination of their educational benefits in May of 1974. The conditions of the GI bill are that veterans must complete their education within an eight year period following their military

discharge. According to Guy Cammack, a Veteran Affairs assistant, "If the veteran doesn't get a chance to return to school within the eight year grace period, then his chance for benefits are then cancelled."

The new GI Bill, which started in 1965, and will be ending in the month of May, will undoubtedly leave a portion of the veterans out in the cold. There are some alternatives that can be taken to extend the limiting date for benefits. There is currently a petition in the Veterans Affairs office that requests President Nixon to either extend or totally eliminate the eight year limit. All those affected by

the termination are urged to sign before Christmas.

It has also been suggested by the Veterans Affairs office that those under the termination clause of the bill should contact Senator Vance Hartke, chairman of the Committee on Veterans Affairs. Sen. Hartke, is presently working on legislation to the effect of this delimiting. Veterans are also urged to write their senators and representatives to urge support of this legislation.

Those interested in the delimiting date for the benefits are asked to contact Kate Pringle in the Veterans Affairs office for further information.

Kole Appears

Andre' Kole, considered one of the world's leading illusionists, will appear in the Student Union Building, Friday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m.

The crux of Kole's illusions is a result of experiments and investigations about the miracles of Christ, which he was challenged to investigate. He now uses his research and his unusual talent to present his findings. According to Kole, his "unusual and interesting approach to this real and vital subject has helped many thousands of people in their search for the real meaning and purpose of life."

This will be the first time Kole has appeared in northern part of Idaho, although he has travelled extensively throughout the world. His tours are made possible in conjunction with the student movement, Campus Crusade for Christ.

For the past few years, Kole has devoted the major portion of his performing and speaking to college campuses. At the present time, he probably speaks to more university students than any other person. In just one year alone, he spoke to over 50 million people through his personal and television appearances.

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Robbins Speaking as an Outsider, Tells it Like it is....

By Mary Sochinsky
Argonaut Sports Writer

Now speaking as an outsider from the University of Idaho and the Athletic Department, "former" Head Football Coach Don Robbins said that he is "telling it like it is" in regard to his dismissal as head coach.

"Anything I say from now on is as an outsider. I have nothing to gain and what I say will sound like sour grapes but I'll tell it as I know it," Robbins said in a recent interview.

Last Thursday, the Athletic Board of Control voted 6-4 against rehiring Robbins for the next year. He was given the option of resigning or else being fired from his position as head football coach.

The decision came after a long and reportedly heated meeting lasting approximately four hours. All the members of his coaching staff with the exception of Ed Troxel were given the same ultimatum along with Robbins.

Robbins noted several factors and instances that he feels contributed to the recent Athletic Board recommendation that the present football coaching staff not be rehired next year. Included here were the probation of the football team, the Mark Fredback incident, Idaho's failure to get out of the Big Sky conference as well as lack of loyalty and support and "Mickey Mouse" tactics by Troxel and Athletic Director Ed Knecht.

Fredback case

The Fredback case began when the University got word from Boise that someone was declaring that Idaho had an ineligible player on the football team. The incident was investigated and the University found that Fredback had done no wrong and was given the okay to play by the Administration. On the day of the game, Robbins was notified by Vice President Tom Richardson, that Dr. Hartung had received strong recommendations from the Board of Regents not to play Fredback in the Boise game.

"Fifteen minutes before the game I told

Mark and the team that I decided not to play him. I took the blame for it," Robbins said. "I have taken the blame all year long. I did it (took the blame) because I was paid to coach the team. I felt that I should also support the team and be loyal to them."

Robbins noted that he felt this was one of the first incidents where the team, Vandal Boosters and alums began to lose confidence in him.

"I knew it would break down the mental attitude of the team for the game but I was forced to go along with the President's recommendation," Robbins commented. "I told Tom (Richardson) that this would be the beginning of my end."

Knecht says no

The Monday following the Boise game and the Fredback incident, Robbins noted that he went to Knecht and said that he wanted to resign from his coaching post.

"I asked to resign but he told me I would not be released because I had obligations to the team and the University so I reconsidered and stayed on," Robbins said. "However, I felt that the team and I had been let down concerning Fredback."

Fredback was later cleared and found eligible to play, however nothing was done to find out the source of the rumor of his ineligibility. Colorado State, where Fredback played before coming to Idaho, flatly denied starting the rumor.

Robbins said that he was not completely surprised by the Board's recommendation of his not being rehired.

"One of my assistant coaches said that he heard downtown last Monday that Knecht would not recommend rehiring me," Robbins said. "I called him Monday afternoon and I knew then that he would not fight for me and my staff at the Athletic Board meeting."

Banquet belch

Robbins and his staff did not learn of the Board's decision until later that evening at the Athletic Awards Banquet.

"Everyone at the banquet knew about

it," Robbins said. "They told me I had a choice of resigning or being fired, yet it was already over the AP wire that I had been fired. Dr. Richardson called me after the banquet and told me officially of the board's decision not to renew my contract."

The next morning Robbins told the administration that he would have to be fired since he would not resign.

Robbins commented on Knecht's lack of loyalty and administrative planning in connection with Robbins and his coaching staff.

"When I took the job as head coach I was told that I had two things. The first was to cooperate with the players who would participate in two sports — like football and track or football and baseball. The other was to take my problems to the Athletic Director (Knecht) and go through him. But my requests to him have fallen on deaf ears," Robbins commented.

Troxel controversy

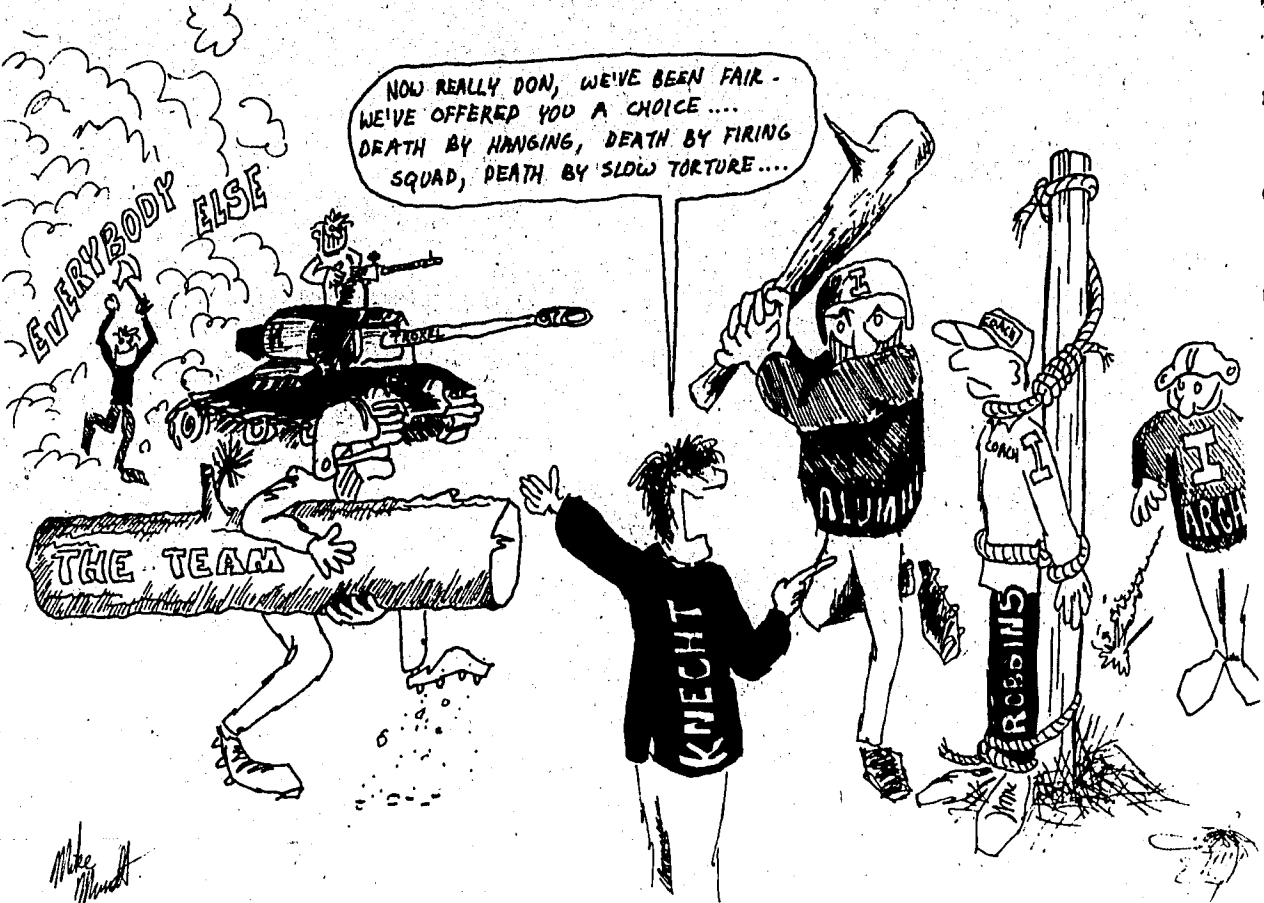
One incident concerning Knecht, Robbins said, was when Robbins asked the athletic director for Coach Troxel's dismissal.

"I have asked that Troxel be removed from the coaching staff many times," Robbins said. "I asked that he not be my assistant because I couldn't count on his loyalty to me or the team. We couldn't count on him to teach the things that we as a staff had decided on."

"Even though I have asked that Troxel be removed, Knecht denies that I have asked it. I really don't know why."

Another rough edge that may have been created between Robbins and the athletic director came about when Bob Thompson left the Idaho coaching staff to go to North Texas State. Robbins said that Knecht urged him to give Troxel the Head Offensive Coordinator position that was vacated. Robbins, however, appointed Don Matthews to the post.

"I had asked Knecht to fight for our staff at the Athletic Board meeting as he had done for basketball in the past."



Robbins commented. "It is evident that he did not."

Robbins also noted that "Mickey Mouse" tactics, insubordination and a great concern for popularity on the part of Troxel also contributed to friction in the coaching staff and among the team members.

Ignors efforts

"Troxel with all this patting on his back has really undermined me and completely ignored my efforts as head football coach to direct the team," Robbins said. "He has changed the techniques, plays, and procedures we (the coaching staff) have set up — and he's changed them without any authority to do so."

Robbins noted such instances of what he termed insubordination by Troxel as bringing players into films late, not following the practice schedule set up and agreed upon previously by the entire coaching staff, and ignoring instructions.

"Practice is hard work and serious business," Robbins noted. "The fun is in

winning — not practicing. It is not a time for fun and games yet Troxel consistently made it seem so. It is a time to correct mistakes not pat them on the back and say it's O.K. as he did. You have to tell them what they're doing wrong so they can win on the field Saturday."

Robbins also cited instances where Troxel had a running back kicking field goals during an afternoon drill instead of following the set schedule.

"I wish he would have worked as hard at assistant football coach as he did tearing me down and running his personality contest and playing those little Mickey Mouse stunts he pulled on the practice field," Robbins said.

Not interested

Troxel turned down the offer of the head football coaching job in 1970 when Y.C. McNease was fired from that position. Robbins later was McNease's replacement. Troxel has been reported as not expressing interest in the same opening at the present time, yet it has

been reported that after the Idaho-Washington State game earlier this fall, Troxel had solicited the support of a former President of the Moscow Vandal Booster club in his interests for the head football coaching job.

"This seems to be really undermining me and a stab between the shoulder blades," Robbins said.

Robbins says that he has no definite plans for the future at the present time, however, he would like to continue coaching.

Robbins turned up a tempting offer at North Texas State last year as he felt he had a secure job at Idaho at that time.

Even after this recent fiasco, Robbins says he is not bitter toward the university.

"This university is a great institution and Moscow has become my home. I wish them well," he said. "I don't think it's right what is being done to the athletic program."



The Idaho Vandals basketball squad began the season on a winning note Saturday night, defeating the Doane College Tigers, 85-75, before a loud and active crowd of 2,850 Vandal fans.

Vandals Win 85-75

A crowd of over 2,800 vibrant fans were on hand in stuffy Memorial Gymnasium Saturday night to watch this year's Vandal hoopssters open the season with a strong 85-75 victory over the Doane College Tigers.

After suffering through some early game jitters, the Vandals used the relentless sharp-shooting abilities of JC transfer Henry Harris in the second half to make the game an easy win.

The Vandals trailed only once during the game, halfway through the first period, when Doane temporarily enjoyed a 30-27 lead. The Idaho team proved their dominance immediately, however, coming up with 11 unanswered points on layins by Ty Fitzpatrick, Rick Nelson, Roger Davis and two by Harris.

From that point on, it was Idaho's game as they dominated the boards, bringing down 47 rebounds to only 30 for the visiting Tigers. The Vandals also dominated other statistics as they shot a strong 46 per cent from the floor and a relatively poor 55 per cent from the charity line.

The Tigers were 43 percent from the floor and 60 percent on free throws.

Constantly substituting Coach Anderson for the Vandals was constantly substituting throughout the first half in hopes of getting a look at most of his players under fire. Despite that

fact, guards Steve Weist and Harris were the top scorers in the first half, chalking up eight and 11 points respectively and helping the Vandals to their half-time 44-36 lead.

The Idaho defense, although somewhat porous early in the game, grew more stubborn as the game wore on, surprising the Tigers several times with steals and easy counters for the Vandals.

Harris, in his first varsity game for Idaho, was undoubtedly the most impressive of Anderson's new recruits as he gained the top scoring honors for the game with 22 points, two on free throws and 10 field goals. He, also, had five rebounds.

Four other Idaho players who finished with double figures for the game included Steve Weist, 14; Marty Siegwein, 13; and Art Blackwell and Ty Fitzpatrick both with 11 points.

Roger Davis, who had eight points in the game, was by far the top rebounder in the game as he took the ball down 18 times. Herbert Couzins and Mario Peart followed Davis with nine rebounds each.

Top scorer

Peart was also the top scorer for the Tigers with 16 counters. Joe Wharton and Couzins were the only other Doane players who finished in double figures. Wharton had 15 and Couzins had 14.

Doane had a total of 16 turnovers compared to 14 for the Vandals.

Better Late Than Never

Better late than never, intramural wrestling was completed on Nov. 15 at the University of Idaho.

Delta Sigma Phi took top honors in the final standings with 100 points and Phi Gamma Delta was close behind with 93. Other teams in the top ten included Delta Tau Delta, 88 points; Uplham Hall, 88 points; Alpha Tau Omega, 87; Phi Kappa Tau, 83; Pi Kappa Alpha, 78; Snow Hall, 71.5; and McConnell Hall, 67.

ATO and DSP were the top participating houses with nine men each involved in the tournament.

A total of 101 men participated in the

intramural wrestling program this year.

Individual winners in their prospective weight classes were O'Meara, Sigma Nu, at 130; Matheson, Uplham Hall, at 137; Garner, Delta Sigma Phi, at 145; Jones, Delta Tau Delta, at 150; Harrington, Snow Hall, at 160; Schneider, Phi Gamma Delta, at 167; Kline, Phi Kappa Tau, at 177; Goodell, Delta Sigma Phi, at 191; and Busch, Phi Kappa Tau, at Heavyweight.

Garner and Busch took their titles by forfeit while second place finishers included Otto, UH, 130; Irons, WSH, 137; Peterson, PGD, 150; Price, DC, 160; Baranco, PGD, 177; and Cumming, ATO, 191.

Second Annual Rallye Friday

The "Second Annual Rallye—Sleigh Ride" will be held on the 7th of December. The Rallye begins at the Tri-State parking lot in Moscow, with starting times between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. The finish is at Howard's Pizza of Moscow.

Trophies will be awarded for the three classes which are Beginner, Novice, and Senior Expert. In addition to the trophies each car entering the event will receive a participation plaque plus there will be an overall last place "Dead Last but Finished" award presented.

For the fraternity, sorority, club or other organized group that has the most cars out for the Rallye there will be a pony keg of beer presented. The only stipulation is that there be more than five

cars from the organization in order to compete for this award and all winners be of legal drinking age.

This Rallye is of the gimmick/coursemarker variety and therefore entails absolutely no speed. All you have to do is follow directions precisely and have an automobile that is legal to drive on the public roads.

It is suggested that you bring a powerful flash light, ball point pen, clipboard and lots of enthusiasm. The entry fee is \$4 per car, but bring more so you can enjoy Howard's Pizza following the Rallye while you wait for the results.

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