

U of I shopping center probed

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The University of Idaho-backed Palouse Empire Mall is veiled in a complex web of misunderstanding, confusion and bureaucratic buck-passing.

An Argonaut investigation extending more than two months and ranging over several states barely scratched the surface of 10 years of financial corner-cutting.

The Argonaut's research raises serious questions and doubts as to the validity of the Palouse Empire Mall (PEM) as an investment for the University.

In addition, the investigation shows:

—University officials have used grossly misleading figures for the land value on which the investment was based.

—The University violated its own conflict of interest policy relating to contractual services.

—The feasibility study for the PEM was carried out by a firm recommended by the potential developer and eventually paid by the University.

—A University official who played a key role in decisions relating to the PEM is under consideration to manage the shopping center for the developer.

—The Palouse Empire Mall's developer was for a time involved in developing a rival shopping center in Pullman.

The proposed Palouse Empire Mall (PEM) is a 250,000 square foot regional shopping center to be located on University-owned land just west of Moscow. The development of the center is being handled by E. D. McCarthy of Spokane, the developer of the Northtown and University City shopping centers in that city.

The University of Idaho first became involved in the development in 1969, when it signed an employment agreement with McCarthy. McCarthy had first contacted the University's Board of Regents about such a development in 1965.

In 1973, the regents authorized the construction of the shopping center when it allowed for the expenditure of up

to \$300,000 dollars in non-appropriated state and federal endowment funds for the development of the site.

Although competition for prospective businesses and customers has been brisk between shopping center developments backed by Washington State University (WSU) and the University of Idaho, McCarthy was for a time connected with both operations.

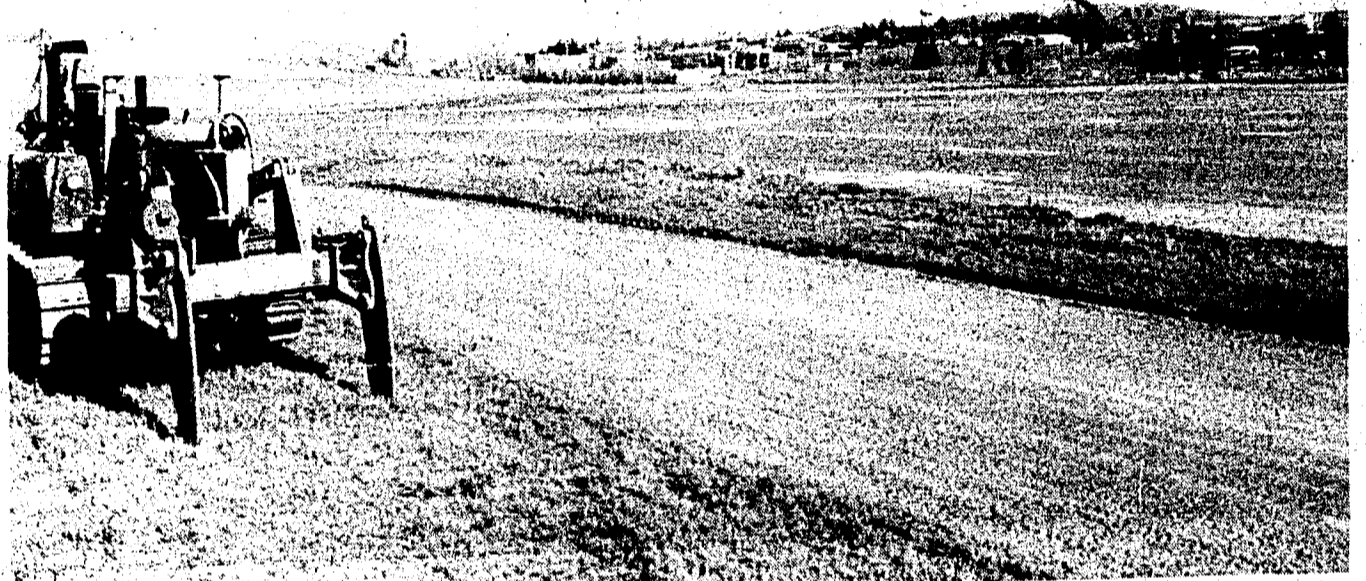
McCarthy first contacted the U of I Board of Regents about a Moscow regional shopping center in 1965. In 1968 he took over the proposed WSU center, which is now being handled by the Woodbury Corporation of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Not long after he started at WSU, McCarthy, a WSU graduate, backed out of the deal because of run-ins with Pullman city officials, according to Ken Abbey, Assistant to the Vice President of Business and Finance at WSU.

Both the U of I and WSU developments have been scrambling to attract large retail national firms. This is because, as Abbey put it, "There's only going to be one regional shopping center built in the area."

But neither of the two shopping centers have been able to nail down any tenants. One store usually regarded as an anchor tenant for developments of this size is J.C. Penney. McCarthy told the Argonaut Monday that the Palouse

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The Palouse Empire Mall site

Empire Mall is on the priority list of Penney's.

If Penney's decides to locate here, however, they will not want occupancy until 1978, McCarthy said.

Another store frequently mentioned for the PEM is K-Mart, a national discount chain.

According to an informed source, as of Friday, K-Mart had made no commitment to locating in the Palouse Empire Mall. In letters last summer, McCarthy had indicated a commitment from K-Mart was expected within a month, and partially on the basis of that, construction would begin.

K-Mart is believed to have had plans for a 40,000 square foot store. This is the smaller of two standard models of K-Marts. The other model runs about 84,000 square feet, according to an informed source.

McCarthy noted in a letter to Sherman Carter dated July 18 of last year: "In other words, if we do not have delays, I am planning about 100,000 feet of construction this fall with the mall and the other two department stores to be started next year for openings in 1976."

McCarthy also indicated Safeway was interested in locating in the center. The Argonaut has been unable to determine how definite this commitment is.

In addition, the Argonaut has heard speculation that Holiday Inn will be locating in the area, possibly in the center site. McCarthy stated in his letter to Carter there was a possibility of a motel being interested, but he gave no indication as to which firm.

If even one major tenant has been committed to the shopping center, this would put the Palouse Empire Mall ahead in the race with the WSU Shopping Center.

In fact, Ken Abbey, Assistant to the WSU Vice President of Finance and Business stated Friday that the WSU

project has had no commitments from major tenants. He understood McCarthy to be in the same position.

After McCarthy's initial appearance before the U of I Board of Regents in 1965, he was informed by then University President Donald Theophilus that the regent had decided a University-backed shopping center was "not in the best interests of the University."

Theophilus retired later that year and Ernest Hartung took over the reins of the University of Idaho. Interest was renewed in the possibility of a regional shopping

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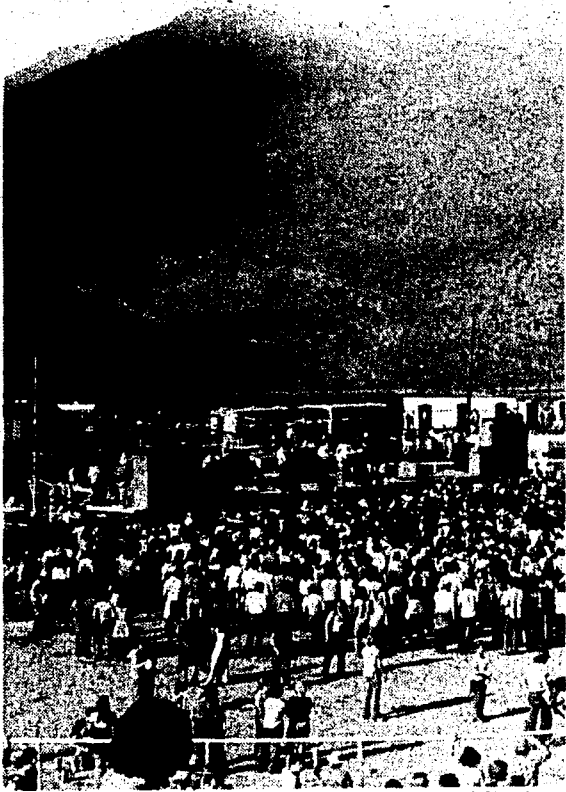
Because this is the last Argonaut of the year, there would normally be no chance for response or rebuttal by any of the University officials named in this article.

In light of this fact, the Argonaut submitted an advance copy of the article to the University administration late Monday afternoon for response. President Ernest Hartung and Financial Vice President Sherman Carter are out of town this week so the article was delivered to Susan Burcaw, executive assistant in the president's office.

No response was received.

Aber Day Festivities A Blue Mountain... in Montana

The good...



It could have been Pecos, Mission Mountain Wood Band, Doug Kershaw or Earl Scruggs, and the crowd wouldn't have cared. They were having too good a time.

The bad...

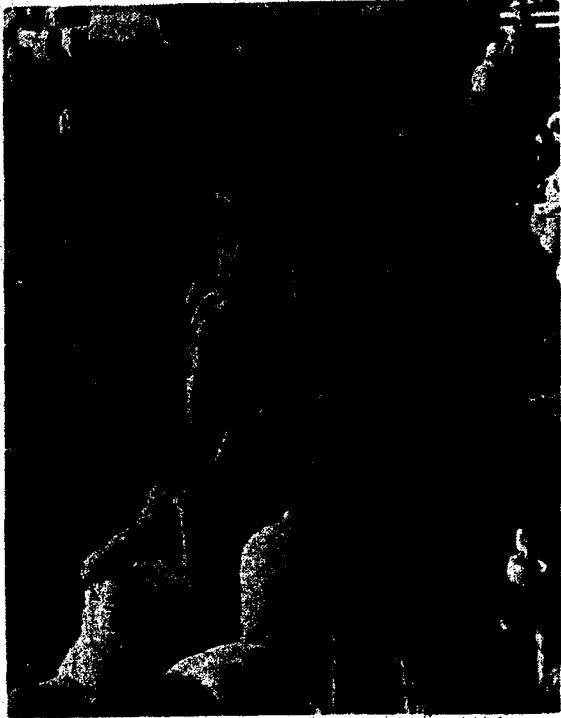


Yes, with the great outdoors comes nature's own gift to man, beast, and rock festivals.

The keg...



Taking pause to refresh, man does not live by bread alone, and 1000 kegs were on hand to make sure he did not thirst.

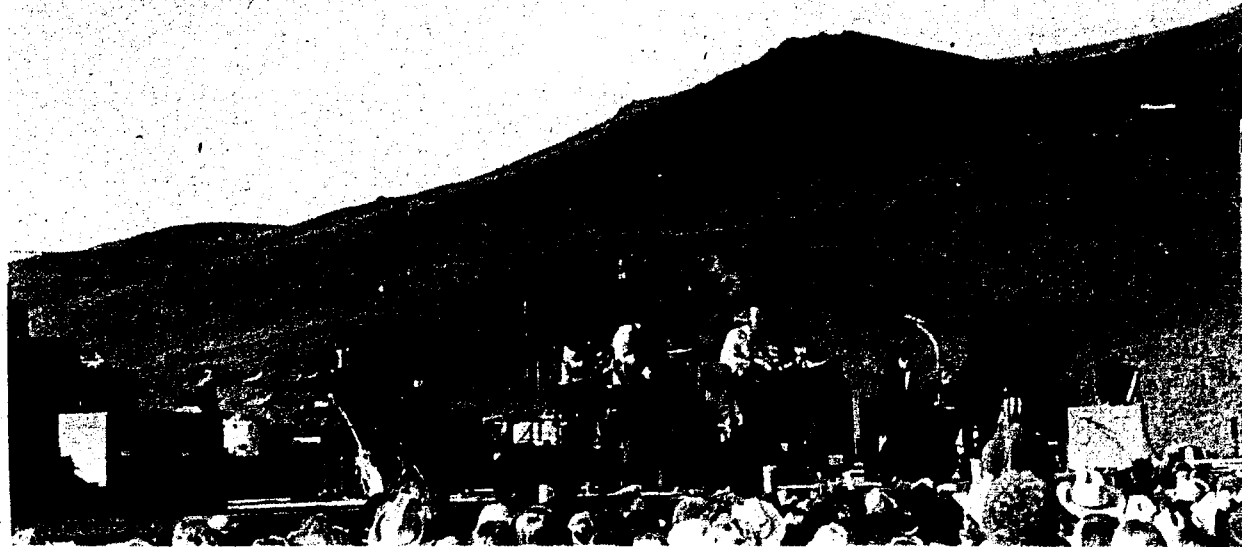


Stepping up to the corral for something other than a look, this crowd was there to wet its whistle.



Grabbing for all the gusto they could get, it was only logical that more in the drinking container meant less trips to the tap.

photos by Kenton Bird



No, it isn't a crowd scene from Cleopatra, but it is a little get together of neighbors and friends on a Saturday afternoon.



Always on hand in rain, sleet, or snow, for richer or poorer, for better or worse, is the every ready police officer standing his lonely vigil.

Architectural beautification

Landscape class revamping Deary

By **BRUCE SPOTLESON**
of the Argonaut staff

While many college students labor tediously on projects that are born, age and expire within an often windowless classroom, not all do. A number of University of Idaho architecture majors are obtaining some exciting and highly valuable experience by helping an outlying community choose a path for the future.

Under the guidance of

of Landscape Architecture is offered. Snyder's junior class has been involved in planning schemes for the Lewiston bluff, a program he said was also "terribly interesting."

But back to Deary.

It all began last September, when the campus based Community Development Center (CDC) was contacted by a group of Deary business representatives, according to Eric Lesser, a Los Angeles

which it has acted as a sort of liaison between classes and volunteer teams from various U of I departments and Idaho communities. The advantages are twofold: if a community is in need of planning and developmental help that it might not otherwise be able to afford, it can draw upon University resources. Students, too, benefit in that they obtain practical experience in their majors — experience too often contained to the classroom.

Last December's Deary community survey showed that a high percentage of local residents felt town cleanup and beautification were top priorities for future improvements.

The most immediate problem residents wanted to tackle seemed to be the highway crossing nearly all their children were forced to make on the way to the Deary-Bovill consolidated school.

Other suggestions were for improvement in the downtown park, storefront facades, outdoor gardens and plazas, as well as the establishment of better-defined highway entrances.

Snyder said the project was ready-made for his class, in that it offered work in the area of potential conflict points, in this case, where people and cars converge.

Snyder said that in the sophomore year of Landscape Architecture, pedestrian-scale problems are featured, and design methodology is also stressed.

Deary's problems stemmed, Snyder said, "mostly from what seemed to be a lack of organization."

"There's a lot of community spirit out there," he said, and indicated he thought that was but one reason the students were anxious to get involved, another

being the fact that it presents a real-life situation while meeting the goals and objectives of their course.

In attacking the various problem areas, students broke down into four specific design groups.

One group focused on landscape design for the high school, seeking to develop the school grounds into a park-like setting, while a second worked on the Park. Another group set its sights on Highway 8, which used to be main street in Deary. The present main street, with its store fronts, signs, vacant lots and pedestrian spaces, commanded the attention of a fourth group.

The "main street" action group, Snyder said, is aiming at re-establishing the design of the street to give it a good spacial relationship. He said the present space might be considered too wide for the height of surrounding buildings.

"When the street width is more than two times the height of the buildings, then it doesn't have the spacial relationship we'd like to idealize," Snyder said.

Snyder admitted that a special difficulty of "problem identification" arose from a design point of view, in that townspeople say the street width emerged out of necessity from the large amounts of snow they must plow annually.

He said this was another example of the oft-quoted landscape architect's phrase,

that simply, "things are the way they are because." He said that refers to the fact that there is probably "a darn good reason" why things are a certain way.

The "park group" is fairly free to use its imagination, Snyder said, although there are needs that will have to be met, primarily in the area of sports and room for public gatherings.

"What we're trying to do is visually frame up the park with plantings, strengthen up the edges, and protect it from the wind," Snyder explained. He said there were "some beautiful old buildings" which would benefit by proper handling of the park and downtown areas.

Snyder reflected that, naturally, there might be some problems arising when students come to an area telling residents "we're going to improve your lot in life." For that reason, a pair of feedback sessions have been held in Deary, one with business groups, the other with townspeople and the city council.

In addition, the community won't really decide on student ideas until the dollar figures are shown and they're told how the design will be implemented, Snyder said.

Deary residents will be able to do much of the improvement work on their own if they desire, Snyder said. They can cut the costs roughly in half by doing so, and it will also enable them to phase it over a number of years.



U of I architecture students, under the direction of Prof. William Snyder, are currently working on a beautification plan for Deary. Shown left to right are Peter Bourgois, Ed Beveridge, Snyder and Tom Zachary.

Professor William Snyder, a 14-student, sophomore landscape architecture class is presently about to complete a plan which they hope will not only benefit the physical appearance of Deary, Idaho, but also the welfare of generations to come.

The Deary project has comprised roughly two-thirds of the semester in Snyder's sophomore design class, and he first encouraged it because it presents "a real life situation."

"The students are not only solving problems," Snyder said, "but they're also getting some experience in design. We use these problems as a vehicle, more than anything else," he emphasized and referred to an earlier residential design his class did for the local McConnell Mansion.

"That was a good problem because it dealt with historic restoration," Snyder said. A veteran of 19 years at the U of I, and a member of the Idaho Landscape Architectural Board, he initiated the landscape architecture program at Moscow.

There are today in excess of 50 majors in the program, and a professional degree of Bachelor

transplant who works with the CDC as a VISTA volunteer.

Lesser said the business representatives expressed three areas of concern about their community. They wanted to generally beautify it and satisfy their local recreational needs, while they also sought input as to what direction to turn in developing a light industry to further employment.

At present, Deary is primarily a logging industry based community.

Spurred by the request for aid, Lesser organized a three-person team (himself and two geography students) which set about assembling a questionnaire to distribute in the community. Deary citizens assisted in putting the survey together.

In December, local volunteers were sought for distribution of the questionnaire, and 17 came forth. Lesser said "pretty fair sampling" total of 140 questionnaires were returned. Junior high and high school students were among those whose opinions were polled.

It was the inception of one of many such activities the CDC has organized during the past four years, a period during

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Humility aside

"Probably because they are so important in the opinion-policy process, newspapers should strive for extraordinary humility," said Bernard Hennessey, a noted scholar of mass communications.

And it was with extraordinary humility that the Argonaut approached its investigation of the Palouse Empire Mall. We knew that no matter what was uncovered or publicized, it would probably hamper the efforts to secure tenants for the shopping center. Thus, we could be harming an investment of the University.

But our research has convinced us that University of Idaho entered an unwise contract in an unwise manner. There are too many loose ends:

—Why did the University enter into a lease that places the responsibility for site preparation on the school instead of the developer?

—Why didn't the University compare land values to nearby land values or get an appraisal of the mall site?

—Why has the University paid for construction costs.

But somewhere along the line, someone should have asked the question "What is the University of Idaho doing in the shopping center business?"

It certainly does not belong in any situation where it is engaging in direct competition with individual enterprise. The time and money spent on the Palouse Empire Mall have only detracted from the academic missions of the University, which should be foremost.

It's time for the University to cut its losses and dump the Palouse Empire Mall. —K.B.

Educational insults

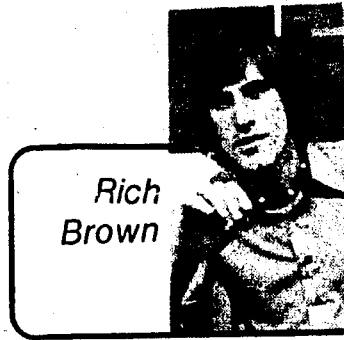
The Argonaut investigation of the Palouse Empire Mall took over two months and required hundreds of man hours.

We discovered uncounted numbers of disturbing problems and questions left unclear due to our lack of funds, legal assistance, inability to find confirmation and plain lack of time. To speak to these areas without backing would be far beyond our legal and ethic boundaries as journalists. However, there are some questions that we do ask now:

In a letter to the Board of Regents, President Hartung spoke to the "defense of litigation" clause included in the Master Ground Lease for the Palouse Empire Mall (PEM). He said that if the lease was challenged on grounds that the University could not lend state credit to private individual or the lease was found to be beyond the scope of the regents' powers, the University would share in the litigation with the PEM developer E.D. McCarthy.

This is the first of the extremely disturbing statements and actions that have surrounded the PEM from its inception. By this one statement, the president has indicated that the University might become liable to a third party for a series of actions: legal areas that the U of I did not even ask the state attorney general for an opinion on.

When should the University enter into an agreement that could place it in such jeopardy? The developer has made



Rich Brown

grand statements and wide visions about drawing such businesses as the Bon Marche, J.C. Penney's, and Holiday Inn. These visions have now dwindled to Rosauer's, K-Mart, and Pay 'n Save.

It seems improbable that potential shoppers would travel from Genesee or Pottlatch to visit K-Mart. What impact on the original economic studies is made when the uniqueness of the tenants is lowered by such a degree?

While the University should be worried about its position and investment, McCarthy is flourishing. Not only has the U of I been financing his activities, but he can look forward to a fat purse once the center gets rolling — presuming it ever will.

McCarthy even had the lease for the grounds assigned to himself, rather than his corporate entity, E.D. McCarthy Inc. Once the assignment was completed, McCarthy no longer needed to worry about sharing the profits with his stockholders.

The varying estimations made of the land values and income figures is particularly annoying. Under existing fair market values, the PEM site is worth well over \$2 million. Why did the developer and the University value the property at less than one sixth of its present value? Was it to maximize the rate of return percentage to make it more attractive to the Regents, or even the University itself?

It is pressing credulity to believe that the developer was so naïve as to miscalculate the land value by \$1.75 million.

The Argonaut has also encountered evidence that points to the developer working on both the PEM and the proposed Washington State University shopping center at the same time.

It is our hope that the University will re-examine its position and conclude that it is not an expert firm in the field of real estate development, but an institution of higher education.

In this matter at hand, the University will hopefully realize that it has been dealing with a developer that is not concerned with maximizing the profits of the University investments, but his own financial position.

The moment has arrived for the University to realize that its dream of owning a shopping mall is economically destructive, irrational, and an insult to the spirit of our educational endeavors.

Women's Center defended

To the editor:

I take issue with the Opinion in the May 9th Argonaut. The fourth "long-suppressed complaint from a soon-to-be-graduated senior" regretted that there is no longer a journalism building because the Women's Center has "taken it over." The complainer said she

could easily do without the Women's Center's service.

Well, I am a journalism student and a frequent visitor and user of the Center's facilities. I don't regret their "take-over" at all. I'm glad they're here. If Ms. Deinhardt would take the time to visit the Center and talk to people there, she would see the

valuable services provided and might even realize that there are some "services" she couldn't easily do without.

The Women's Center does not limit itself to only female students. All women and men are invited to drop in, have some coffee, borrow the books, take part in the noon-time programs and make their feelings known about the campus, the women's movement and other subjects.

I feel badly that there isn't a journalism building. But that wasn't the fault of the Women's Center. I suggest Ms. Deinhardt direct her complaints to the administration of this university and to the School of Communications for their slowness in replacing the building which now houses the Women's Center and serves so ably for the whole university and Moecow community.

Julia P. Betz

sophomore journalism student

America, the melting pot

To the editor:

On the subject of the Viet refugees, there is something that has been forgotten. The U.S. has been so strong not only because of its size, but more importantly the strength and diversity of its people.

This is the melting pot of the world with people of many backgrounds pure and mixed (hybrid vigor). They are also strong because of the struggles they went through.

We as a people are losing in-

ternational standing and general initiative and resourcefulness. Couldn't we use some new blood? Especially the nation whose statue has greeted millions with:

"...Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to be free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me."

Michael Easterbrook

Track team did its job, how about Coach Keller?

To the Editor:

I have been an avid track enthusiast for the last four years while attending the University of Idaho. I followed the track team's climb to its peak in the Spring of '73 while under the reins of coach Ed Troxel.

I felt sure the track team would take the title championship in the Spring of '74, but to my surprise they placed a sickening seventh! Why the drastic disappointment? The team returned in '74 stronger and with more depth than the proceeding '73 season. So why the seventh place in the conference?

The only change was a new coach, Mike Keller. So being optimistic along with the new coach, I figured he needed time to get the support of his new team.

Keller, an apparent "distance" coach, started off his new career at the U of I with the slogan, "If I've done my job right (recruiting), we should have the

title in '75." Well, the cross country team finished with an unimpressive fourth place along with a comment from their great coach, Keller, "I'm bitterly disappointed."

The continuous echo of "If I've done my job, we should take the title in '75," is not heard as much anymore. Along with many others, I am beginning to wonder if Keller is doing his job right. I see no apparent team conquests as a whole. One of many examples was displayed last weekend when Idaho had a duel meet with Montana. The meet had to rate by far as the most unorganized, low keyed collegiate track meet I've ever attended. To top it off, Montana handed coach Keller a defeat of 94-45, and on his own home ground!

Now I must ask, is it the U of I track team that has failed, or does the failure fall upon Coach Keller?

Stan Gates

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We have a stadium

To the editor

This being the last issue of the Argh during the 74-75 school year, I have once more felt the urge to take pen in hand and inflict my thoughts upon the status quo of this University (?).

Reviewing the events of the year, one cannot help but notice the stadium looming on the horizon like a MacDonalds with Elephantiasis. Here we stand, the only university I know of which has (1) no language lab, (2) no journalism building, (3) no effective student government, et cetera, ad nauseum ... but wait, folks, we will have an enclosed stadium, and of course we have been assured by some of our own number that the student body will have ... well, at first they said control over the events taking place, but recently a question has been raised whether or not the student body will have even a voice in the matter. Soon, perhaps, we will have a football team as good as this year's

team from ISU..."

There is one further issue upon which I would like to comment, namely the last ASUI elections. In this election, you may recall, the coaching staff, deeming to believe oftentimes undeserved reputation of athletes' lack of intelligence, issued a list of candidates which had their approval. It is highly questionable as to their right to do such a thing, and one might have expected somebody within this university to respond to the act. The administration, as expected sat on their hands. Where were the elected representatives of the student body? They were out partying at inaugural balls and thinking of ways to effectively strangle the communications arm of the ASUI.

And as the sun sets on Idaho's own set of golden arches, we the students are moving into an ever better position behind the ever present eight-ball of the powers that be.

Caveat Emptor,
Tom LaPointe

Boycott aerosol containers

To the editor:

The year is 2001 and you're plodding around the park in your new radiation outfit when you stumble across a small boy in tattered clothes. You dust yourself off then look to see who it is, but it's hard to tell as his face is pocked with crusty, pussy and corroded lesions. You might walk away dusting yourself off or be humanitarian and help the poor boy to the nearest cancer clinic, where there is probably a line of poor people who can't afford radiation clothes.

FLASHBACK, 1970's you used to laugh when they told you spray cans destroyed the ozone layer.

"The ozone layer" you chortled "what's that got to do with me, anyway, I don't even eat cake." But you weren't laughing 5 years later when you contracted skin cancer. You can hardly laugh at all now, because of your scar tissue.

The fact is, ozone is a rare 3-atom form of oxygen lying 10-25 miles above the earth like a

protective blanket. It absorbs the sun's lethal ultraviolet radiation. Without the ozone layer life on earth would be practically nil.

Scientific research groups have proven that fluoro carbons, gases most commonly used as spray can propellant's and coolants in refrigerators, and air conditioners, eventually rise up into the ozone layer where they remain up to 150 years.

There the sun's rays break them up into compounds including chlorine, which destroys the ozone.

Reputable researchers have concluded that in perhaps 50 years the earth's ozone layer would be depleted by 10-40 per cent, a 1 per cent decrease in ozone would mean a 2 per cent increase in UV radiation therefore a 2 per cent increase in skin cancer, or roughly 40 deaths and 1200 new cases of skin cancer a year a 1 per cent increase in the U.S. alone. Some say that if spray cans are stopped right now that 10 per cent of the ozone would already be destroyed. SST's have also been proven to destroy ozone. Increased UV radiation would

be hard on the crops and might raise the earth's temperature enough to start a significant melting of the ice caps.

The simple alternatives of the aerosols are manual pump sprays, roll-ons, paint brushes, fly swatters, etc. Refrigerators should not be junked as soon and water cooled air conditioners. Industry or the government can also change or ban, but their greed for profits, and reelection are the motives behind their possibly catastrophic obstinance for 3 decimal place proof, which could take 4 years. Fluorocarbon manufacturing is a \$3 billion a year industry; very resistant to change.

Now, if you can forget about your hair staying in place long enough and imagine what the year 2001 might be like, besides boycotting aerosols, you would be wise and humanitarian to write your representatives in D.C. and Dupont a letter, about the SST (they're still being considered) and immediate banning of fluoro carbons. Four years might be too late for nature.

Rick Brooks

A view of tenure

To the Editor:

Being new at the university and not familiar with the details of the Rees case, I am writing not in reply to your account of his situation, but in reply to your comments on tenure growing out of it. Rather than being inimical to academic freedom, the institutions of tenure and peer review are essential to it and were developed from that realization. The recent policies of the Idaho Board of Regents are clearly dangerous steps in the wrong direction. They mean that a professor with unpopular political views can be removed by an organization which is itself political in nature.

This does not imply that professors cannot themselves occasionally use tenure decisions as personal weapons. But I do not feel that applying record of publications as one important criterion is an abuse of this sort. Some students (and your reporter) seem to think that publishing is an activity totally unrelated to teaching. In fact publishing in referred journals is one barometer of competence or excellence in one's field, and this is the main reason it is used in tenure decisions. There is generally no reason why a professor with extensive knowledge of his field cannot at least occasionally contribute something original to it in the form of a publication. And in today's disastrous academic job market, there are many original and knowledgeable thinkers around looking for teaching positions.

Again, this is not meant as a judgment of the Rees case. Publishing is only one criterion of competence or excellence, and others may override it in given cases. But it is not irrele-

vant in general, as your reporter suggested.

Alan Goldman
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Samuelson attentive

To the editor:

We can not speak to the incident mentioned in the recent comment on Everett Samuelson, Dean of the College of Education.

In fairness to perspective we wish to report that in a recent meeting we requested with Dr. Samuelson pertaining to a matter of some importance to us (the future of the U. of I. Kindergarten program) we found him to be attentive, helpful and courteous.

Madelon Pytel-Janeen Heitz

Thanks for the memories

To the editor:

Two years ago, I entered the U of I photo contest. I entered some slides and some black and white prints. That year I didn't place and for the consolation prize I got back two ruined slides (finger prints on the emulsion slide) and three ruined prints (one had a foot print on it).

Needless to say, last year I refused to enter the photo contest.

This year, however, I again entered the U of I photo contest. Since I am not in the photo department I only found out about the contest one week in advance which is too late to have prints or duplicate slides made. So I entered my original slides.

I was very pleased to see that

some of my slides had placed and this year I got an even better prize.

My first place slide, entitled "Old Timer" was returned bent and scratched. The photo contest winner is going to have to be thrown away. Its condition makes it impossible to ever be used in any projector and the scratches have ruined its quality

as a prize winning slide. There was no explanation given for the destruction, much less any apology.

All I can say is thanks for the first place prize.

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A walk on the wild side

To the editor:

Couldn't a little effort be taken to walk on the cement instead of slogging through the resultant mud that was once most likely grass?


Hush my mouth, how could such a thing be considered? After all, this is Idaho, home of

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center development on University property near the state line, south to the U of I sheep farm on the Pullman-Moscow Highway.

McCarthy kept in contact with the University administration and the U of I Board of Regents, especially Regent John Peacock of Kellogg. (According to at least one letter obtained by the Argonaut, McCarthy was considering developing a shopping center in Kellogg in 1970.)

Finally, in 1969, McCarthy was employed to handle the development and promotion of a University-built shopping center on the property. His negotiations with the U of I went on through 1968, the year McCarthy was in charge of the WSU development, the U of I's biggest competitor.

After McCarthy had been employed by the U of I for development of the mall, the development ran into a couple of problems. According to an Argonaut source, the IRS said that a University-business development such as the PEM would violate provisions of the law which gave the University tax-free status.

McCarthy and the U of I finally came up with an agreement which did not violate tax laws, but the project had been delayed by the complication. This agreement changed the direction of the development from the U of I hiring someone to promote and develop, to the U of I leasing the land to someone who would do most of his own development and promotion.

The developer had told prospective tenants that he planned to open the mall by 1972, but that date was scrapped.

Some grading and construction on the site was finally completed in the fall of 1974. This development was paid for by the University, in accordance with the lease signed by McCarthy in July of 1973 with the University, which was approved by the U of I Board of Regents.

The University committed "up to \$300,000 in non-appropriated funds to be used for development" of the PEM, in addition to an earlier commitment of up to \$50,000 when McCarthy was hired by the U of I between 1969 and 1973 as a promoter-developer for a University-built shopping center.

The University has already spent at least \$189,000 of its \$300,000 commitment for work on the site last fall. Work included drainage construction and grading.

The IRS and the change from management to a leasehold agreement were not the only problems that McCarthy has encountered.

Members of the Moscow business community have been caught in a dilemma. They oppose the center's development, but are afraid that if the Moscow center were stopped, a Pullman shopping center would be an even greater drain on their sales. According to an in-

"An area real estate broker says that the PEM site is worth from six to eight times the figure that the University has been using."

formed source, the city of Moscow draws 48 cents of every Pullman shopping dollar.

The tax exempt status of the land to be used for the center was also of concern to members of the Moscow business community. One Moscow businessman estimated in 1973, a center as large as the one planned by McCarthy would have a tax payment of over \$250,000 if located in downtown Moscow. It is still unclear whether the land is taxable or not.

Opinions differ on whether the

buildings on the land can be taxed or not. The lease agreement provides that McCarthy shall pay all taxes on the buildings as necessary.

However, the building taxes might also be waived. Last year, during the Planning and Zoning Commission deliberations, Mary Seaman brought forth an Idaho Attorney General's opinion which stated if the buildings would eventually revert back to the U of I, they could not be taxed.

During those same deliberations, City Engineer Bill Smith pointed out that another opinion coming from a state deputy attorney general drew the opposite conclusion. It stated the buildings would be subject to property tax.

At least two times, University officials have said they would be willing to provide for some payment in lieu of taxes on the land. Currently the tax problem has still not been resolved and is being debated between McCarthy's attorneys and the Latah County's prosecutor's office.

Based on the facts and figures available, the Palouse Empire Mall does not appear to be a valid investment for the University.

A few simple calculations show that the rate of return the U of I could actually receive is substantially less than is being projected and is in fact lower than the average return from other University investments.

In addition, the University is predicting a dollar figure double that of the consultant's estimate for projected annual income from the shopping center.

In 1973, the University paid \$675 to Coldwell Banker Management Corp. of Seattle for advice on the proposed development. A letter from Coldwell Banker to Eugene Slade, the Business manager of the University, dated May 21, 1973, was received some two months before the final lease was signed with E.D. McCarthy Inc. after Board of Regents approval in July.

Coldwell Banker stated that the University could expect an income of up to \$45,000 per year if a 250,000 square foot shopping center (covering approximately 21 acres) was built.

This figure matches closely the one used six years earlier by McCarthy in a letter to U of I President Ernest Hartung. That letter stated, "When fully rented, the shopping center should yield on minimum rents somewhere between \$37,000 and \$50,000 annually to the University."

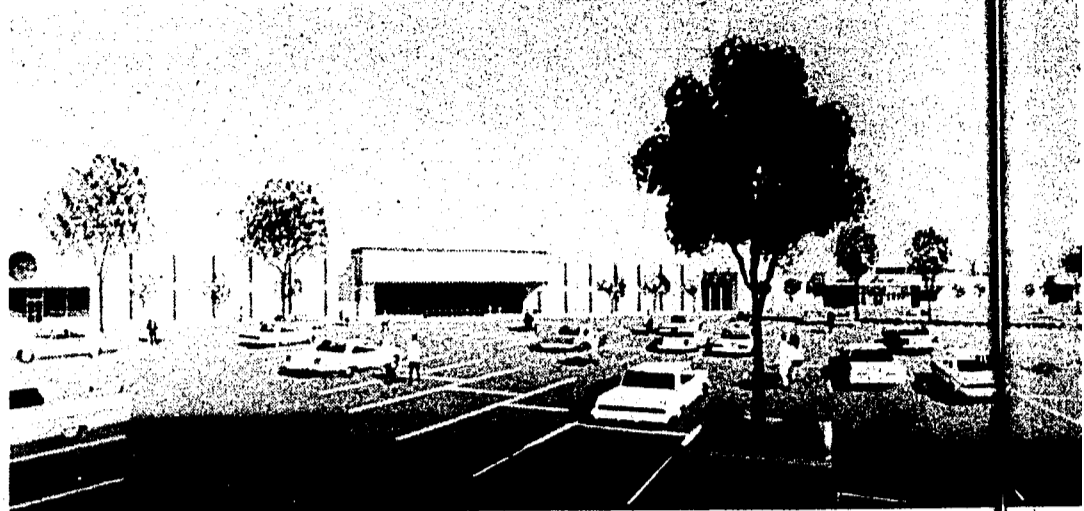
McCarthy's figure for the minimum rents was based on 10 per cent of the gross rents. However, an 8 per cent figure appeared in the final contract and was used by Coldwell Banker in its calculations.

Yet less than two months after the Seattle firm's letter was received, Hartung claimed in a memo to the Board of

Regents (prior to approval of the lease): "Yearly payments to the University are expected to reach \$100,000 per year within about 10 years, after completion of construction of the shopping center."

The Argonaut has been unable to find any concrete basis for the \$100,000 figure. However, this amount has been used again and again by University officials.

For example, Financial Vice President Sherman Carter claimed in July of 1973 that the University would receive \$100,000 per year when the mall was com-



pleted. Carter was quoted in the Spokane Spokesman-Review shortly after the lease had been approved by the regents.

The figure was most recently used in a memo from Carter to ASUI President David Warnick in March of this year.

There is also a disparity between the estimates for the University's rate of return on its investment—as opposed to the dollar value of the income.

The projected difference in the rate of return results from two widely contrasting estimates as to the value of the property on which the shopping center would be located.

When Coldwell Banker studied the proposed mall in 1973, the University told the Seattle firm the land was worth between \$6,250 and \$7,500 an acre. That would make the value of the entire 45.5 acre site between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Since Coldwell Banker predicted an income of \$40,000 to \$45,000 annually, the resultant rate of return would be 13.3 per cent—which would appear to be a solid investment for the University.

But an area real estate broker says that the PEM site is worth more than \$2 million—from six to eight times the figure given to Coldwell Banker.

If the \$45,000 income projected by Coldwell Banker is realized the rate of return on the University's property would be only 2.25 per cent.

The real estate broker, who asked to not be identified, based his estimate on the value of a comparable piece of property 264 feet east of the PEM site. A firm offer of \$43,600 an acre (\$1 per square foot) has been made for a five-acre parcel there, he told the Argonaut.

The five-acre site is considered "undeveloped" as it is ungraded and has no sewer connection—about the same condition as the PEM location was two years ago. Utilizing the same figures for the worth of the University's (previously) undeveloped land, the 45.5 acres would have been worth \$1,983,800.

Since that time, however, the PEM site has been added to the sewer system, annexed by the city of Moscow, zoned for "motor business" commercial usage and graded. With those developments considered, it would appear the PEM site is now worth more than \$2 million.

The developer, E.D. McCarthy, and University officials, however, use land value figures considerably less than that. With the advice of E.J. Riley, a Seattle real estate broker, Slade has indicated that the land could be easily sold for \$250,000 to \$300,000. (Riley is a partner in the firm Shorrett and Riley, which later conducted the feasibility study on the proposed shopping mall).

Another sign of land value indicated that the University would not be getting as high a rate of return as claimed.

According to one Argonaut source, optimum return of the land in form of rent is 10 per cent of the value of the land per year. In a letter to Slade, Coldwell

Banker said that a rent of \$600 per acre would represent a return of from 8 to 9.5 per cent of the PEM site.

Other University investments are also much higher than the 2.25 per cent that can be expected from the shopping center. For example, the U of I's investment portfolio earns between 9 and 11 per cent annually.

The fact that the University will eventually acquire ownership of the buildings.

"The U of I did not follow standard bidding procedures when it granted the master ground lease to McCarthy."

utilities, and other land improvements isn't the benefit it might appear to be.

Under the terms of the lease, the land—with all improvements—will revert back to the University 60 years after the completion of construction, or earlier if not renewed.

But, according to the Argonaut's source, most commercial buildings are usually torn down after 50 years—after expiration of their economic life due to obsolescence and building deterioration. In regard to the PEM, the University would be receiving buildings that were ten years overdue for demolition.

Two apparent conflicts of interest have surfaced regarding the University's involvement in the Palouse Empire Mall:

—The U of I did not follow standard bidding procedures when it granted the lease to McCarthy.

—A University official who played a key role in the decision to build the PEM is under consideration to manage the shopping center for the developer.

Price-Waterhouse and Co., a nationwide accounting firm, which is the University's auditor, recommended in 1971 that an institutional conflict of interest policy be adopted to provide guidance for employees and administration.

In December of that year, such a policy was adopted, which has since been incorporated by all state institutions of higher learning.

The policy states, "...the institution requires that competitive bidding be used in the procurement of materials, supplies, equipment, contractual services..."

Two years prior, the University secured such services from E. D. McCarthy, Inc. for the promotion and development of the PEM. However, the contract was mutually terminated in July of 1973, and the regents then entered into a leasehold agreement concerning the PEM at that time.

Still, no competitive bidding procedures were utilized when securing the lease, even though the conflict of interest policy had been in effect for two years. McCarthy had agreed in the lease to provide certain services, which includ-

University's Palouse Empire Mall



An early architect's conception of the shopping center

away from downtown Moscow businesses.

Thus, it is estimated that the PEM would, at a minimum, account for \$17 million in retail business when it reaches its ultimate size of 250,000 square feet. A standard unit of measurement of retail stores is dollar volume per square foot:

Tri-State Distributors, located on the Moscow-Pullman road only one-quarter of a mile from the PEM site, has a total building square footage of 60,000. Reliable sources say that Tri-State has a gross annual income of \$6.5 million, which works out to be \$108.33 per square foot annually.

However, applying this measurement to the PEM, the figure is only \$68 of annual gross income per square foot, almost 35 per cent less than Tri-State. The economic survival of businesses with such gross is highly questionable.

The legal aspects of the PEM have apparently not been considered outside of the University of Idaho Administration. Information received by the Argonaut shows that even the Idaho Attorney General, counsel for all divisions of the state government, has not been approached for an opinion.

The Argonaut sought a legal opinion concerning the lease from a lawyer independent of the University. According to Jack Porter, a Moscow attorney (graduate of the U of I college of law) there is evidently no illegalities — even without competitive bidding.

Porter based his conclusions on the peculiar status of the U of I in regards to the state constitution. Certain provisions of the constitution give support to the premise that the U of I owns all property, rather than the State of Idaho.

A State Board of Land Commissioners, comprised of the governor, secretary of state, auditor, and the superintendent of public instruction are constitutionally mandated to have "... the direction, control, and disposition of the public lands of the state..."

Certain sections of the Idaho Code, which is statutory law passed by the legislature, say that the board shall exercise their functions "through ... a department of public lands." The board "may

still a territory, but the charter of the institution was incorporated into the state constitution.

The U of I's document reads: "The location of the University of Idaho as established by existing (territorial) law, is hereby confirmed. All the rights, immunities, franchises, endowments heretofore granted by the Territory of Idaho are given unto the said university. The regents shall have the general supervision of the University and the

"The attorney noted there was difficulty reconciling the constitutional independence of the University with the mandate given to the state land board."

control and direction of all the funds of and appropriations to, the university under such regulations as may be prescribed by law."

Various court cases within the state have spoken to the University's independence under the constitution, but so far there has been none specifically questioning its powers in regards to the disposal of real estate.

The Idaho Supreme Court wrote in 1921 in *Black v. State Board of Education*, that the Board of Regents is "made the highest form of juristic person known to law, a constitutional corporation of independent authority, which within the scope of its functions is coordinate and equal to that of the legislature."

In other decisions the court held that the Regents have authority to pay claims out of funds in the hands of the state treasurer, without going through the State Board of Examiners; to enter into printing contracts without going through the commissioner of Public Works; and even to avoid provisions of the state nepotism statutes.

The attorney concluded his research stating that the implication exists that Idaho statutes do not affect the Regents

jurisdiction."

"Courts try to uphold official acts when possible, and a resolution which might be attractive to the court would be that the land board discharge its duties as to university lands by giving them over to the Regents," the attorney said.

In light of the information presented in this article, the questions are raised of why and how the University of Idaho Board of Regents approved the lease of property to E.D. McCarthy, Inc.

One answer might be found in the method that the lease was presented. The lease was sent out as a circular letter for immediate action, so the Regents gave their approval to it outside a formal meeting. (It was later formally confirmed at a meeting in July of 1973.)

Two regents voted against the approval. One was Ed Benoit of Twin Falls, who gave as his reason to an Argonaut reporter that he was brand new on the board and did not think that he knew enough about it to approve it.

The other was Malden Deaton of Pocatello, no longer a board member. Surprisingly, Deaton now thinks he voted in favor of it. He stated in an Argonaut interview last week, "Originally, there were some questions in my mind as to whether it was a good investment or not — there are so many intangibles."

However, he went on, "As it went along and they got things tied together a little better, I think the record will show that I voted in favor of it." (The Regents' final action on the PEM was the approval of the lease.)

Deaton gave the following reasons for his "support." "If it can get some real good leases, the University of Idaho should get a real good return." He noted Stanford has a shopping center, and that it's a very successful operation.

Asked whether it was legal for the Regents to enter into a long-term lease on the land without putting it up for bid, Deaton replied, "I would guess off the top of my head that it is legal." He noted that he was no longer serving on the board, and that it had been some time since he had considered the issue.

He was also asked if he thought the University could have better invested the land, or sold the land and made a better

"In light of the information presented, one may wonder why the University of Idaho Board of Regents approved the lease of property to E. D. McCarthy, Inc."

lease any portion of the state's land, at an annual rental, the amount of which shall be fixed and determined by the board." However, one exception to this law is specified in that it "shall not apply to lands leased for dormitory purposes".

With certain other exceptions to the code, which the PEM does not qualify for, the code continues, "No lease of state lands...shall be longer than 10 years."

The lease for the shopping center will hold for 40 years with two options to renew of 10 years apiece.

Competitive bidding must take place if at least two persons apply to the lease of the land, and if so, the department "will auction off and lease the land to the applicant who will pay the highest rental," however, no bidding is required if there is only one applicant.

There has been no information obtainable that indicates that anyone other than McCarthy knew about the availability of the land.

While the State Land Board was established under the Constitution, and further expanded under the Idaho Code, the University of Idaho is quite possibly an exception to these provisions. The University was founded when Idaho was

management of the University. Following that, it is probable that state laws pertaining to leasing do not apply to property supervised by the regents.

The attorney noted that there was difficulty reconciling the constitutional independence of the University with the mandate given to the state land board. It was pointed out that it shall "be the duty of the State Board of Land Commissioners to provide for the location, protection, sale or rental of all the lands heretofore, or which may hereafter be granted to the state by the general government."

The term "general government" refers to the federal government. In 1911, the state supreme court said that the land board's authority included lands granted by the federal government to the state for "scientific schools". That case did not then answer the question as to what authority the U of I had.

Viewing two conflicting articles of the Supreme document of the state, the attorney speculated, "On one hand we seem to have a constitutional provision indicating the Regents can do what they want. On the other we have a provision seeming to say that all federally-granted lands are within the land board's

investment. He replied: "That's real difficult to answer. There are so many factors that enter into it."

"Normally, if a shopping center is successful, the return on the investment is much greater than the use as agricultural land." (Prior to the lease, the land had been used as part of the University farm.)

McCarthy, meanwhile, seems undaunted by any complications regarding the University's involvement in the development.

In a telephone interview Monday, he talked optimistically of 1,000 jobs — 200 of them part-time — that would exist in the Palouse Empire Mall five years from now.

He expects construction to get underway this summer. The developer said they are working under a deadline of getting paving (for the parking lot) done by September. And in order for the paving to begin, a considerable amount of the construction will have to be done, McCarthy said.

But for now, the Palouse Empire Mall is nothing but 45.5 acres of mud, surrounded by questions concerning the propriety of the University of Idaho's involvement.

ed the addition of at least \$1 million worth of improvements to the land,

Gene Slade, assistant to U of I Financial Vice President Sherman Carter, confirmed Monday he is under consideration to be the shopping center's manager. Slade was business manager of the University from 1971 until he resigned last year after a dispute with Carter over endowment funds. He has remained in Carter's office, however,

"low standard bidding procedures when it bound lease to McCarthy."

working part time on numerous financial projects, including the Palouse Empire Mall. When Slade was contacted by the Argonaut regarding his involvement in the management of the shopping center, he acknowledged that he had been contacted by McCarthy about the manager's job but he had received no firm offer.

McCarthy told the Argonaut Monday arrangements for a manager are purely tentative at this point. "We don't anticipate hiring a manager until the center is built; for at least one year, if not two years," he said.

Plans call for accounting for the PEM to be done on McCarthy's computer in Spokane, McCarthy said. Moscow personnel would include an overseer of maintenance and a "leg man," he said.

"We have not made any deals," McCarthy said of the manager's position.

The University's conflict of interest policy states that "... board members, officers, faculty, and all other employees avoid any conflict between their personal interests and the interests of the institution in dealing with suppliers, customers, and all other organizations or individuals doing or seeking to do business with the institutions."

In addition, the policy prohibits employees from having an interest "in any organization which has, or is seeking to have, business dealings with an institution where there is opportunity for preferential treatment to be given or received..."

An exception could be granted "With the knowledge and written consent of the President or his designee."

To provide justification for the investment in the PEM, the Shorett and Riley feasibility study was cited by the University. The study (completed in March, 1972) said that almost \$16.5 million was spent by Moscow residents outside of the city.

The manager of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce, Larry Grupp, has told the Argonaut that since the study was complete the figure had risen to at least \$20 million. Shorett and Riley figures estimate that the PEM would capture approximately \$11 million of this escaped money. It was further estimated that an additional \$6 million would be drawn

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Electrical engineers

Married couple turned on to work

Husband-and-wife teams often find jobs in higher education hard to obtain and eventually one of them must drop out and pursue other interests.

However, Harriett and Tony Rigas have beaten the system. They not only have parallel careers in electrical engineering but have been able to maintain a stable and happy marriage, too.

Dr. Harriett Rigas, an associate professor of electrical

engineering at Washington State University, Pullman, Wash., and Tony Rigas, a University of Idaho professor of electrical engineering, literally "tossed a coin" in 1965 for their jobs.

Both Rigas worked from 1963-65 as senior research engineers for Lockheed at Sunnyvale, Calif.

The couple knew just about where they wanted to locate to teach. "We were looking for two

engineering schools close to each other if we couldn't find jobs at the same school. Also the area had to be rural and not overpopulated," Tony said. Another requirement was remaining close to the West Coast as Tony's family lives in Portland, Ore.

When it came to applying at the University of Idaho and Washington State University, the Rigases said they really didn't care which one of them applied where. So they "tossed a coin" to decide. "The positions were both fine," Harriett said, "and the outcome was sheer coincidence."

Unlike many couples who combine career and marriage, Tony and Harriet say they don't feel competitive. "There's never really been any rivalry between us. We worked in the same room at school but we each did our own work," Tony said. "We still work in one room at home with no problems."

Harriett agreed with her husband on the competition issue adding, "We don't have to compete with each other because we compete with our colleagues." She did admit that there would be some jealousy if they were aiming for the same job.

The Rigases also have a consulting firm which they started in May, 1974. The Rigas Scientific Consultants was formed because they couldn't consult directly with the federal government unless they were incorporated.

Harriett is the president and Tony, the vice president. "I didn't want to be chauvinistic about it," Tony said. "Besides Harriett brought in the first money so it was appropriate for her to be president." Both

advise on computer acquisitions with the Federal government, while Harriett also consults for an educational testing service.

Aside from sharing engineering careers and almas maters—both hold two degrees from the University of Kansas.

Working in the same field, both engineers agreed, meant life was much easier for them. "We have more to talk about because we understand each other's areas and problems. And we can exchange solutions and suggestions," Tony said.

"It's easier to live with someone who knows what you're doing during the day on the job," Harriett added.

As for the women's movement, Harriett said she was glad to see more and more women in engineering. Both she and Tony are active in recruiting women to their respective universities.

However, Harriett said, she couldn't be militant in her views because of her position at Washington State University as the only woman in the electrical engineering department. "But I have had my share of being mistaken for the secretary over the phone and at conventions and meetings," she said. "Most people aren't mean, just ignorant, about this."

However, discrimination isn't new to Harriett. She even felt it when she was getting her bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Queen's University, Ontario, Canada, in 1956.

"Queen's had 2,000 students then of which 1,000 were engineering majors. But my graduating class of 250 had only two women—one in chemical engineering and the other, me," she said. "The discrimination was there but we just accepted

it. We didn't know any better."

Even Tony admitted to discrimination. "When I first met Harriett, it was in a graduate engineering class at the University of Kansas. I thought she was in the wrong classroom and told her that. She wasn't. As a matter-of-fact, she was the only woman in electrical engineering at Kansas in 1957."

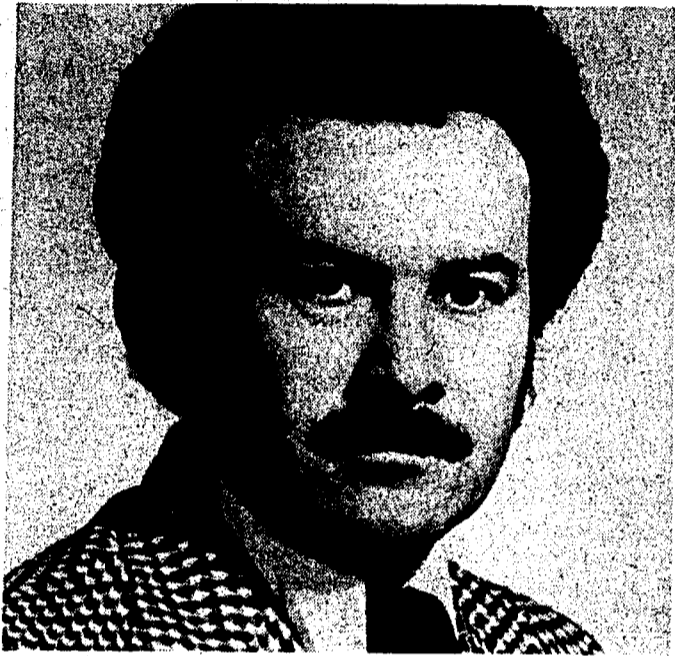
Harriett's advanced degrees include a master's and a doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Kansas, while Tony holds bachelor of science and master's degrees in electrical engineering also from Kansas.

Tony is presently a professor of electrical engineering and chairman of the Faculty Council at Idaho. He is also director of the Cooperative Education Program and conducts the Man-Made World program for high school teachers in the summer. And he still manages to teach quarter time in his field of control theory, computers and linear system theory.

With jobs at a premium today, the Rigases seem to have the "luck of the Irish" in finding positions near each other. (Actually he is a native of Greece while she is a native of Canada.) They're taking sabbaticals the spring semester, 1976, and independently had planned for that time away from their jobs.

Harriett said she originally wanted to go east but thought she might end up at Stanford on a research program. Tony had applied for a Congressional Fellowship in Washington, D.C.

Recently, Tony received word that his application had been accepted and the fellowship is definitely his. No doubt, Harriett now will find a position in Washington, D.C., too, to match her husband's.



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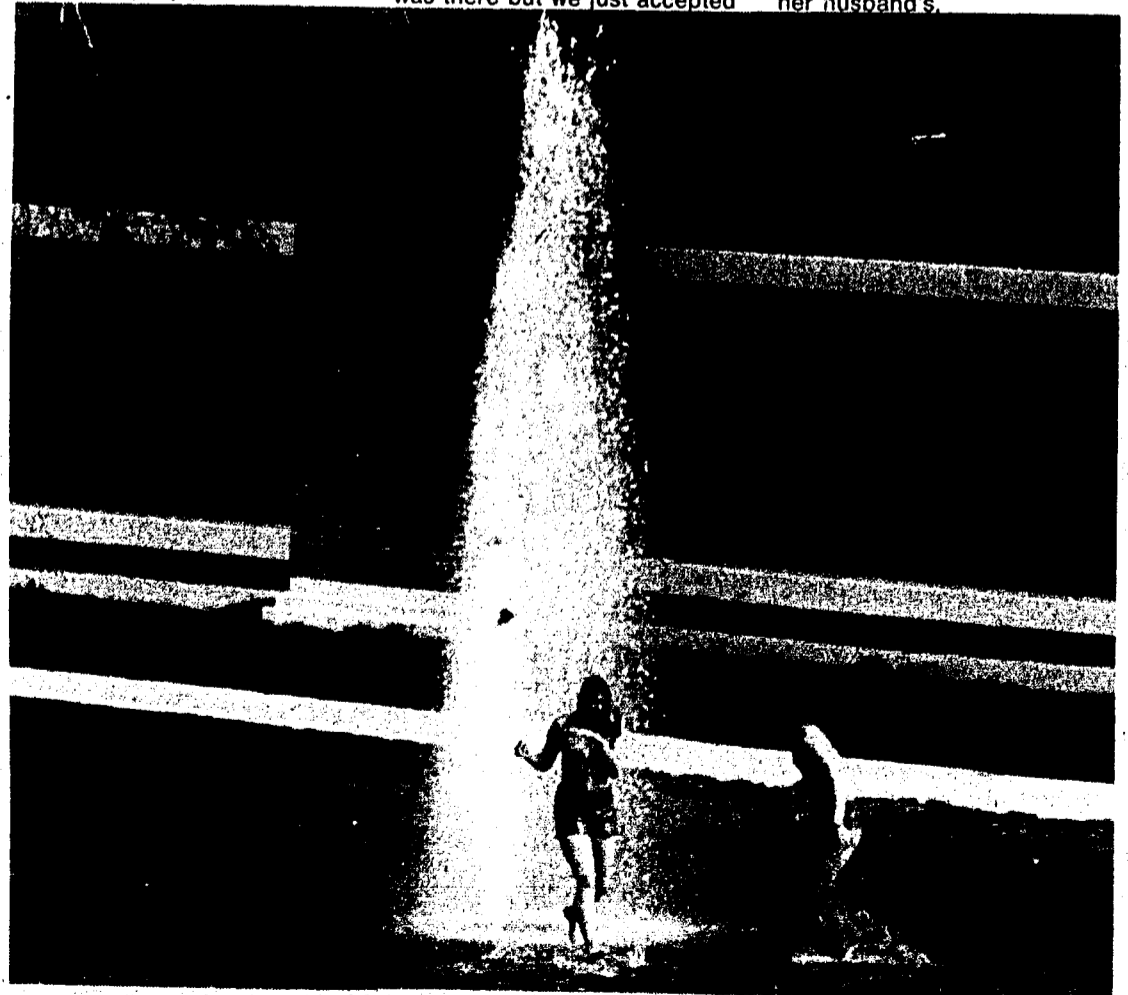
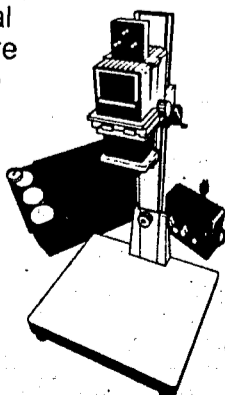
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Idaho's own version of Old Faithful Geyser shot up yesterday near the Agriculture Building, when an employee of the U of I Physical Plant mowed off the head of a sprinkler. However, it seems some students didn't mind the shower.

Vandal hitters boast weekend wins

The Vandal baseball squad topped the University of Seattle Chieftans in both games of twin bill Friday and then upset the league's leader Puget Sound, 4-3 Saturday before losing the nightcap, 3-2.

The Vandals, now 10-10 in conference action, rested on the strong pitching of Tim Kampa and Ken Schrom Friday.

Kampa, who was out earlier with an injured shoulder, allowed only seven scattered hits, struck out eight and didn't walk one in leading Idaho to a 6-2 victory. Had it not been for errors by teammates, Kampa would have had a shut out.

Schrom highlighted the second Vandal game, a 5-1 victory, but allowed only six hits, striking out four and walking two.

The Vandals rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the opener, exploding for five runs in the

fourth inning, which was full of Seattle errors. Jim Elston, who is in a battle for league's best hitter position finished the scoring with a homer in the fifth.

Idaho got things going in the nightcap when they picked up two runs in the third and walked a 2-1 lead into the bottom of the sixth. Then they garnered three more runs and held on to win 5-1.

Saturday the Vandals were out to tarnish the envied record of Nor-Pac leader Puget Sound. Idaho was determined to be the spoiler and came from behind in the last inning of the opener to upend the Loggers 4-3, but Puget Sound rebounded to hand the Vandals a 3-2 loss in the nightcap.

Elston stepped closer to garnering the league's best stick mark with a run scoring single in the first to give the Vandals a 2 run edge. Greg McGillis had single and advanced to second on a sacrifice fly by Mark Marris, then snuck onto third after a safety by Bob Aoki.

Puget Sound elected to walk slugger Mike Ruscio, but Eleton, who was next at bat, connected for a hit which sent in two runs.

The Vandals had jumped to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning on Elston's hit which followed walks given to both Harris and Ruscio.

Righthander Steve Williams pitched a four hitter claiming his fourth conference win this

season. The three runs for the Loggers were all unearned as four errors gave up the points. The ace Vandal hurler struck out eight and didn't walk one.

In the nightcap, it appeared that the Vandals were going to come back from a 3-2 deficit when the Loggers called their ace in the hole, Steve Bemis, to the mound.

Puget Sound's starting pitcher beamed Mike Ruscio, who pulled an unbelievable steal of second. The Logger hurler then walked two more to liven Idaho's chances, but Bemis came out and retired the Vandals when Steve Gregor hit a deep fly to center.

The Loggers picked up one run each in the first and fourth

on Idaho errors before the Vandals tied in the fourth. John Klimek came to the plate after two teammates had walked and heard the call with a sizzling double down the third base line.

Klimek's rap was the only hit the Vandals could muster from the stingy UPS pitchers. Idaho chucker Ron Barnes gave up only four runs but the three Vandal errors cost him the game and two runs.

In all probability, the Vandals will make up games with Puget Sound and Seattle later this week to round out the season. The games, both double headers, were rained out two weeks ago.

University TV station gets grant

KUID-TV, the University of Idaho's public television station, has received a \$15,482 grant from the Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Network to fund a 13-part series examining the news media in the Rocky Mountain area.

"The Press" should be ready for distribution next October to the network states: Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Montana. Each 30-minute segment will explore some aspect of the news media, including investigative reporters, statehouse reporting, television news, and columnists, editorialists and cartoonists.

Executive producer for the series is Joyce Campbell, KUID-TV production director and program manager; producer-director is Michael Kirk, KUID-TV cinematographer. To film the series aimed at providing viewers with an understanding of local and regional news media, a KUID-TV film crew will travel throughout the Rocky Mountain region for six weeks.

The series will open with "The Gatekeepers," an overview of the region's news media and an examination of citizen evaluation of the performance of local media, and will close with "The People's Right to Know," two half-hour segments devoted to how people in the area feel about the media and how the news media feels about itself. Other parts of the series will study public television, weekly newspapers, reporters, newcomers to the news media ranks, management and free press versus fair trial.

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Elm Street School expands with help

The home-like building surrounded by a lawn with a swingset in back allows ample space for the children to play. Inside, the walls are decorated in oranges, purples and yellows around a homey living room and playroom.

The atmosphere of the Elm Street School is unique as compared to that of regular public institutions.

Upstairs, in front of the shelves stocked with books and plants - or "the science projects so we can learn about all the different things in life we see," according to eight year old Re Hosteller, — is the "theatre." Presently the children are building the set for the Wizard of Oz.

The school, which is on its second year of progress, is controlled by parents and is licensed and operates under Idaho law as a primary grade institution for youngsters ages 5-14.

Mrs. Lois Charboneau, a parent and member of the school's board, said, as a low cost alternative school, Moscow children are provided with an expanded educational experience.

"If we continue to develop as we've done in the past two years, we feel we will be able to offer one of the most creative alternative for elementary education in Moscow," she said.

She said this summer the school will turn into a summer day camp for youngsters in the area. The school was enabled to do this because of a donation from the Alpha Phi Omega service honorary last March, she added.

Mrs. Ronny Stevens, the school's current certified teacher, will promote summer activities such as swimming, hiking, gardening, cooking, drama, and art— along with math, reading and writing. Parents will also assist, along with any University of Idaho students who would like to volunteer — "if they come with ideas in mind with what they want to do," Charboneau added.

The camp will run June 9 through August 1, for \$40 to begin in June, and \$60 in July. Mrs. Charboneau said part time arrangements can be negotiated.

Sobotka donation near \$2000

Donations for Teri Sobotka, who was injured early this year in an accident at the golf course, have come to almost \$2000.

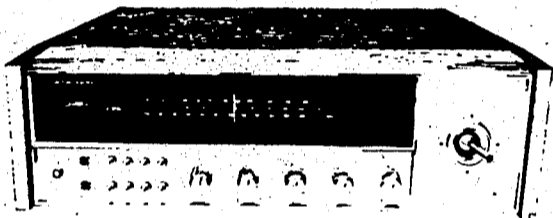
The French Hall Emergency Fund, a group of students concerned with assisting Teri, extended their thanks to all students at the U of I, the campus organizations and the people of Moscow.

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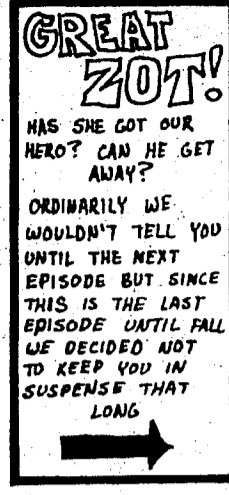
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Idaho woman receives editorship

Merrily Munther, a second-year student at the University of Idaho College of Law, has been named editor-in-chief of the Idaho Law Review, the first woman to hold the post in the legal journal's history.

Miss Munther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Munther, 3411 Hillcrest Drive, Boise, is a graduate of Idaho Falls High School. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science and Swedish from the University of Washington, worked last summer as a law clerk for the Boise Cascade Corp. legal department, and this summer will work for Ferguson and Burdell, a Seattle, Wash., law firm.

She was chosen to direct the Idaho Law Review by members of the board of editors for 1975-76 and is responsible for appointing students to vacant staff positions, representing the Idaho Law Review at the National Conference of Law Reviews, and overseeing all aspects of the Review, which is Idaho's only legal journal and is published twice each year.

She succeeds Ron Kerl, Priest River, who will graduate this spring. She will be assisted by managing editors Dan Eismann, Caldwell, and Lynn

Bird, Moscow, for lead articles; Tom Walker, Twin Falls, and Dean J. Miller, Caldwell, for comments; Wayne Littlefield, Moscow, and Stan Welsh, Boise, for casenotes; business manager Mike Moore, Boise; and research editor Burdett Pratt, Nyssa, Ore.

The Idaho Law Review publishes in-depth articles of academic and practical interest to the legal profession, serving the Idaho bench and bar and students who use it to supplement their classroom education. Circulated throughout the United States and in several foreign countries, the Idaho Law Review is funded primarily through subscriptions, by a U of I subsidy and by limited advertising. As editor-in-chief, Miss Munther will also be responsible for soliciting contributions to the publication.

The spring issue published under Kerl's editorship includes

articles on federal environmental law and on protection of the mentally incompetent in civil commitment proceedings. Next fall's issue under the newly-appointed editors will include articles on Idaho's community property laws, legal problems of the farmer-stockman, and one aspect of the recently-developed field of nuclear energy law outlined in an article written by former U.S. Rep. Orval Hansen, R-Idaho; whose Washington, D.C., law practice concentrates in this area.

Miss Munther noted students receive no financial benefit for their Idaho Law Review work and receive only one unit of credit for their assistance in publishing two journals each year.

"The reward is the satisfaction of personal accomplishment and of participation in a group effort to benefit the legal profession," she said.

Law school convocation set

The University of Idaho College of Law will hold a convocation for graduating students at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Performing Arts Center, according to Albert R. Menard Jr. dean of the law school.

Former law school faculty member Robert I. Stevenson will be convocation speaker, Menard said. Stevens now is a member of the faculty at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.

Menard said arrangements for the convocation, including selection of a speaker, are handled by third year students in cooperation with faculty members.

Menard said the students will receive certificates from the College of Law at the convocation, but will receive their diplomas at the university's official Commencement on Sunday, May 18.

The law school began having its own convocation last year because many students whose families wished to attend the university's Commencement could not be accommodated because of space limitations, the dean said. With only about 80 law students graduating this spring, students can trade convocation tickets to make certain all relatives who wish can attend.

SARB elects officers

The Student-Alumni Relations Board (S-ARB) at the University of Idaho recently elected officers for the 1975-76 academic year.

Robert Wolpert, architecture student was elected president of the group. Past president of S-ARB, Wayne Wohler, an engineering major, was elected secretary.

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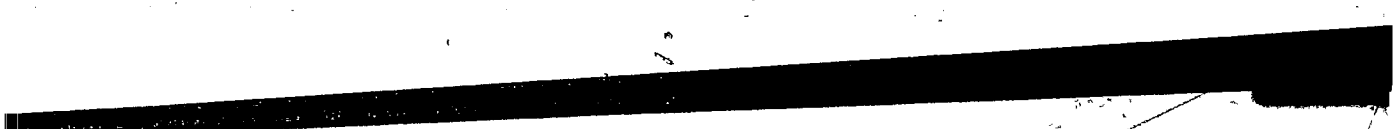
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One day in the life of the University of Idaho



The story of a day

Tuesday, April 29, 1975

The day was definitely Spring across most of the country. But in Moscow, Idaho, the last pangs of a long winter still hung on. Tuesday, April 29, 1975, saw temperatures in the Palouse range from below freezing — 27 degrees, to a high of 52 degrees. Sunrise was at 5:39 a.m. and sunset at 7:54 p.m.

This special edition of the Argonaut is an attempt to capture the essence of one day in the complex and intricate life of a living, growing institution — the University of Idaho. The issue is patterned after a highly successful LIFE magazine portrayal of a day in the life of America, published last year. But our goal was to follow from that beginning and focus on those daily activities unique to the University of Idaho.

The task was compounded by the fact that perspectives on life are as varied as the some

10,000 students; faculty and staff who make up the University of Idaho community. Our method was to use 11 teams each composed of a writer and a photographer to chronicle a particular aspect of images of that 24-hour period. Tuesday, April 29, 1975.

The daily life of the Argonaut itself became a part of the drama when a mechanical breakdown at our printer, the Daily Idahonian, kept our staff up the entire night. A malfunction in a typesetting machine necessitated a change to an alternative production method; two photographs of the situation appear below.

The Argonaut came out, though, and just one-half hour late, reporting primarily on the previous Sunday's Blue Mountain festival. Also on that day, South Vietnam surrendered unconditionally to the Viet Cong and ASUI President David Warnick was asked to resign as chairman of the Idaho College Republican League.

But, like LIFE, our emphasis was not on the coverage of news events as such but finding ways to display the personality of a day. We did learn the rough details of Warnick's and U of I President Ernest Hartung's schedule. Our photographers were placed in locations we thought might reflect the mood of the University of Idaho.

Over 2,000 photographs were taken and even so, they represent just a fraction of what happened that day on campus. The 76 pictures we chose are our best interpretation of Tuesday, April 29, 1975.

Argonaut typist Charlene Adams switched to an Automix keyboard.

Idahonian employees Bruce Slade and John Traver couldn't seem to find the right combination with their typesetting machine.



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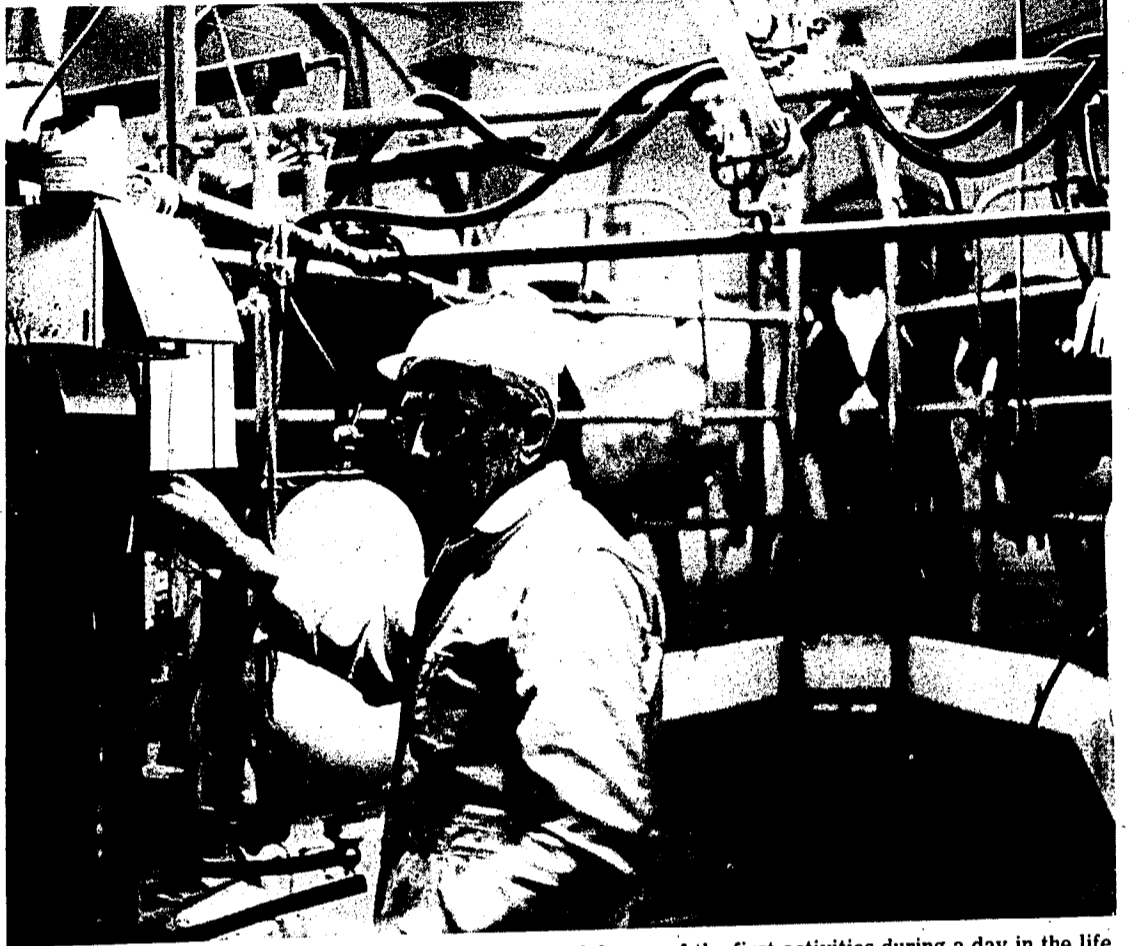
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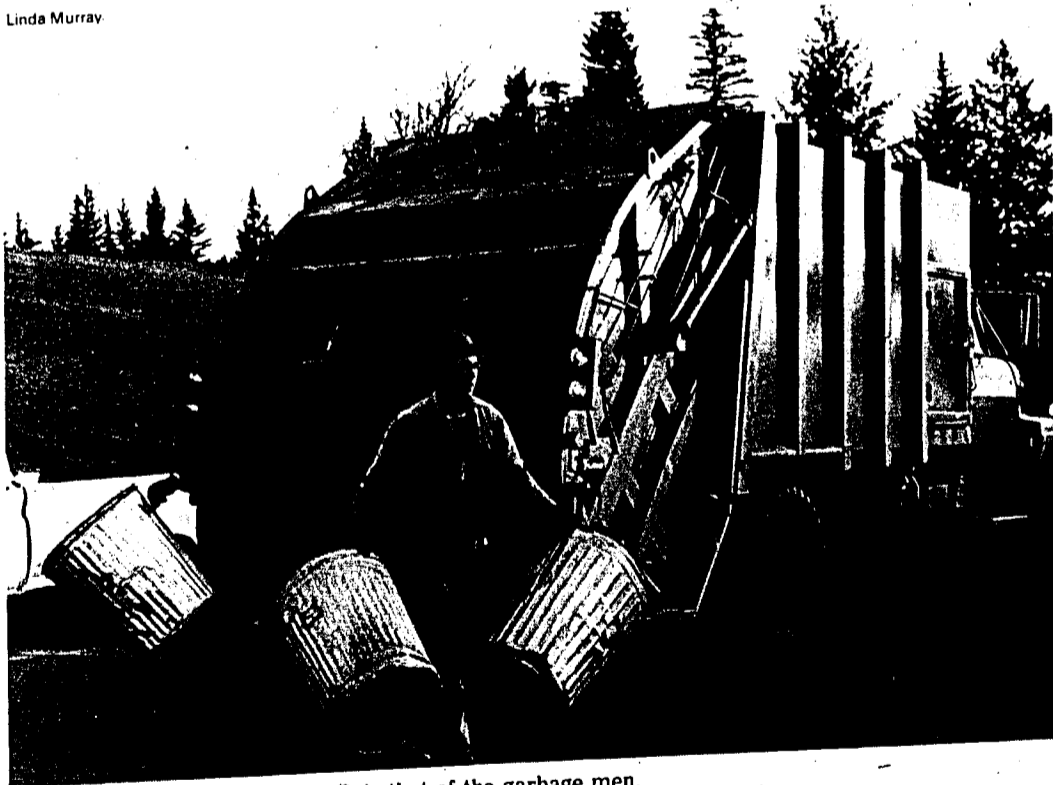
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Roy Knecht keeps up the heavy tunes on the late shift at KUOI. "Forecast for today will be light, continued light with scattering showers of darkness as the day goes on."

Certainly one of the first activities during a day in the life of Idaho, Frank Martin begins his task of milking the cows.

Linda Murray



A familiar sight each morning is that of the garbage men. However, if you can't see them you can certainly hear them. Today Nez Perce Drive gets the treatment.



John Bird

The Argonaut's own paper boy, Mike Mundt.

Glenn Cruickshank



Most people begin their day with orange juice—President Hartung starts his off with a jog around the golf course.

Linda Murray

Idaho awakes

The morning ritual which has faced men and women since the beginning of his existence on earth is that of "waking up." This same schedule greets people at Idaho, but in a variety of ways which can only be fathomed by each individual.

The start of a day may come with a sunrise jog across the University golf course, stretching the muscles and stimulating the mind for the toils of the approaching workday.

Probably more common in the world of Idaho's early morning people is the refreshing outlook provided through mother nature's tingling effervescence: the shower.

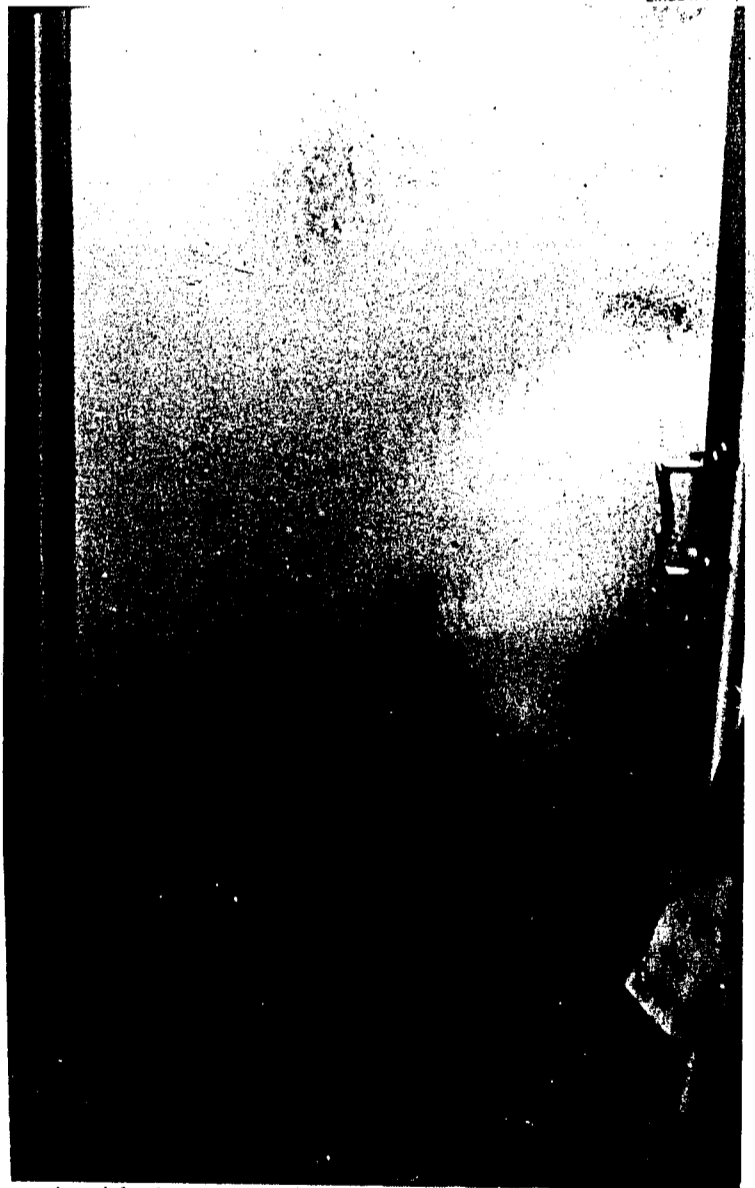
Ah yes, it happens to us all and it will continue long after we perish, for the act of waking up ends man's dreams of nocturnal contentment, and begins a day of human commitment.

You're up and moving, time has meaning to you now, and the period of waking has passed. A day begins for you and you will never repeat these exact actions again. Your motives are your own and the sun is up.

Travis Brock



Judy Moon of Hays Hall sighs the common plea, "Just five minutes more."



A quick shower in the morning might make things go a little better for Sally.

Carly Rogers and Joy Stansberry make final preparations at the Alpha Gamma Delta house before facing up to their morning classes.



Linda Murray

Jack Emerson



David Warnick, ASUI president, puts down a quick bite before beginning another day of responsibilities.



Glenn Cruickshank

It was a day of eggs and bacon during the breakfast hours at the Wallace cafeteria.

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In an executive breakfast, President Hartung meets with University vice presidents and officials for discussion.

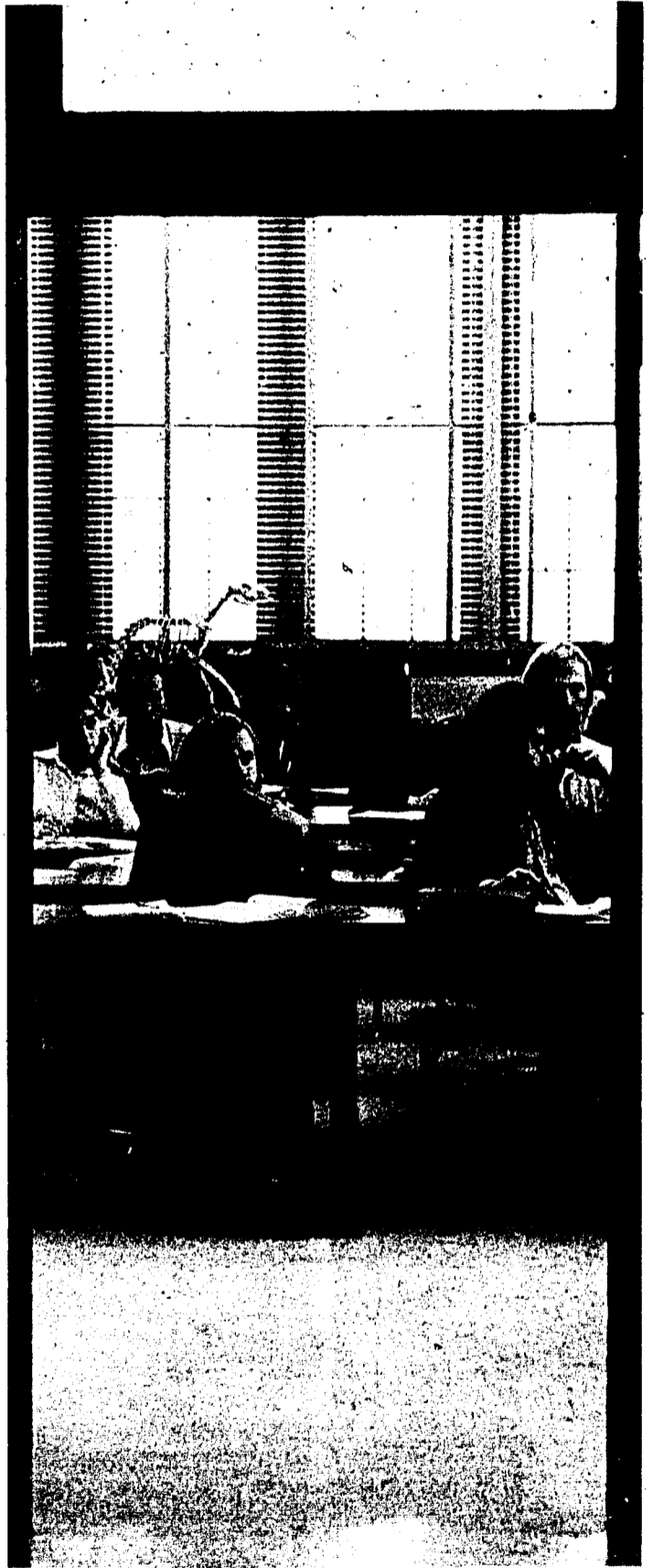
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Morning sunlight filters through the main entrance of the Student Union Building producing a shadowed pattern on the floor.

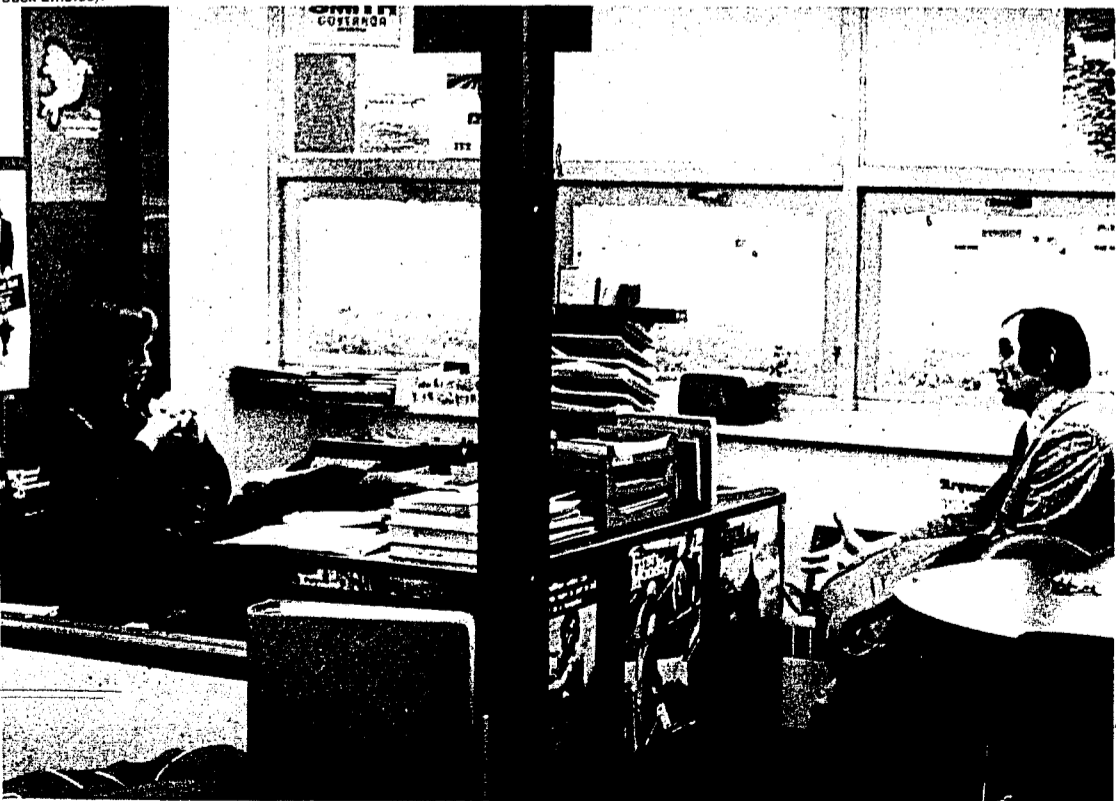
The U of I routine

Scott Hanford



Students listen to a lecture in the Life Science Building, during an early morning class.

Jack Emerson



David Warnick meets with Tom Richardson, University vice president of student affairs, for an informal chat in the ASUI offices.



John Bird

The early morning rush through the SUB means a quick stop at the bulletin board, and a trip through the blue bucket.

Morning activities are abundant at the University of Idaho. Students appear with the sunlight at the SUB each day or make their way to the ever familiar eight o'clock class.

Morning is also a time of meetings, as a student body president meets with an administration official. Or perhaps a University president meets with four students interested in planning for future growth in Latah county. He listens and considers, and then suggests other faculty members that would be helpful in this pursuit.

Glenn Cruickshank



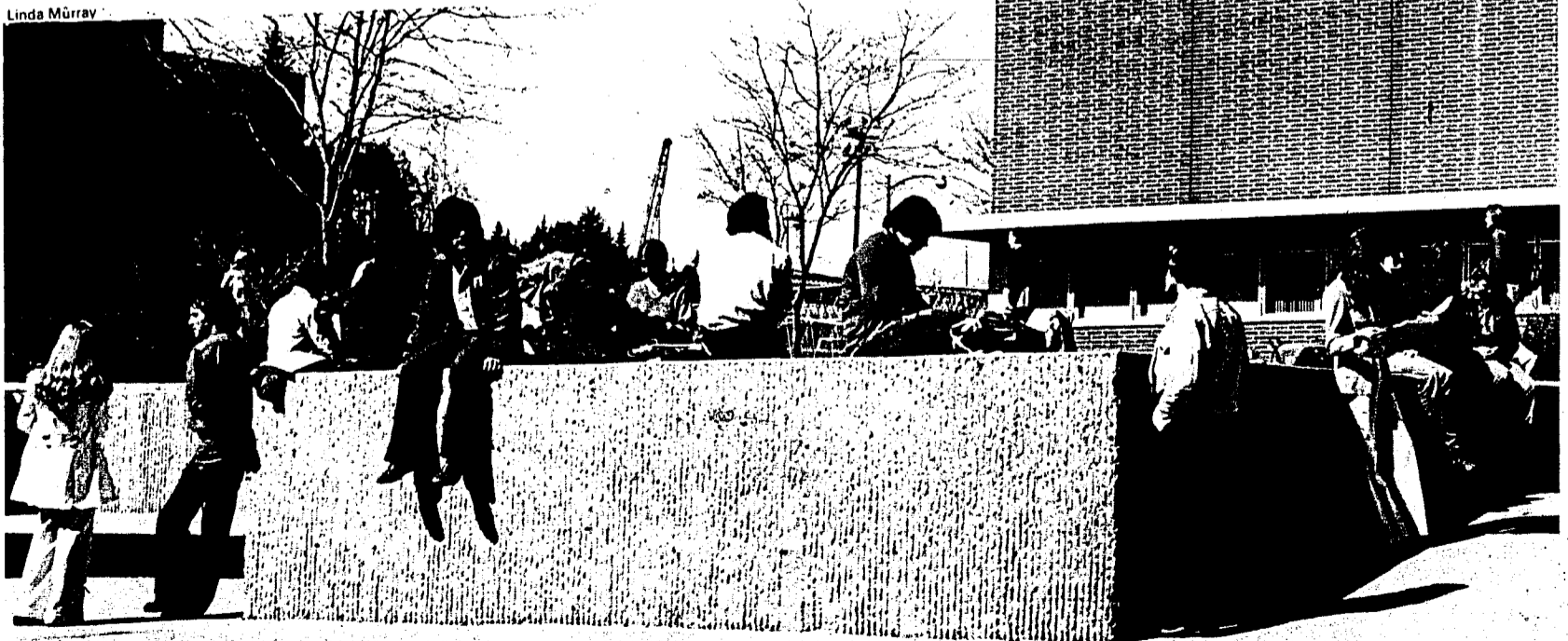
President Hartung meets with four concerned students.



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A small robin perches in a tree near the Engineering Building, letting life pass by without worry.

Linda Murray



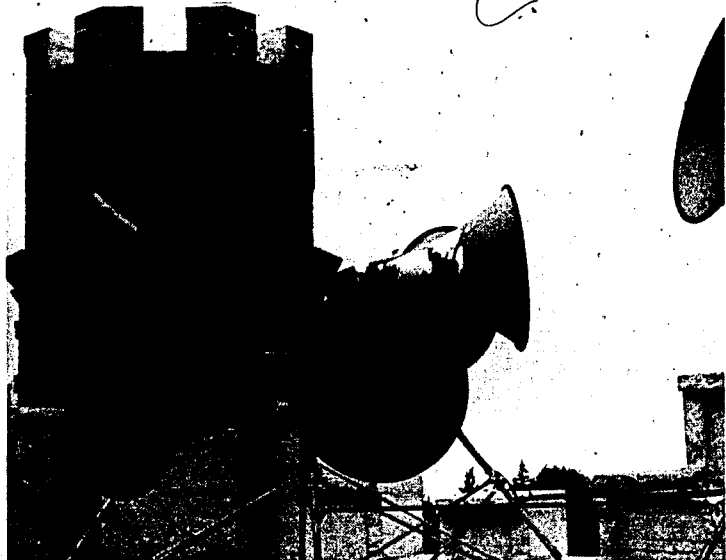
Students lounge around the mall which separates the Library and University Classroom Center, before 10 a.m. classes begin.

On the lighter side



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This pinto patrol member is mounted



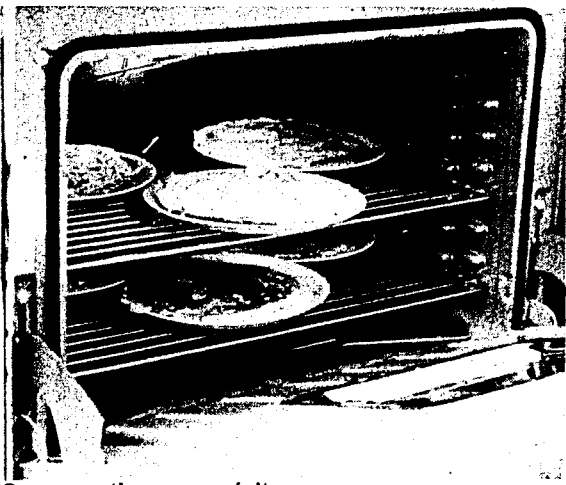
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For those that thought the carillon bells were an ornate set of chimes...



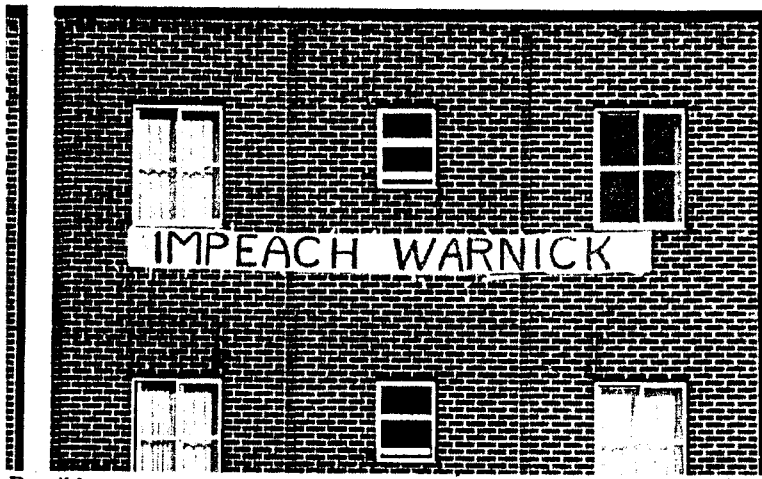
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Is Nancy Kramer practicing for a Calgon Bath oil beads commercial?



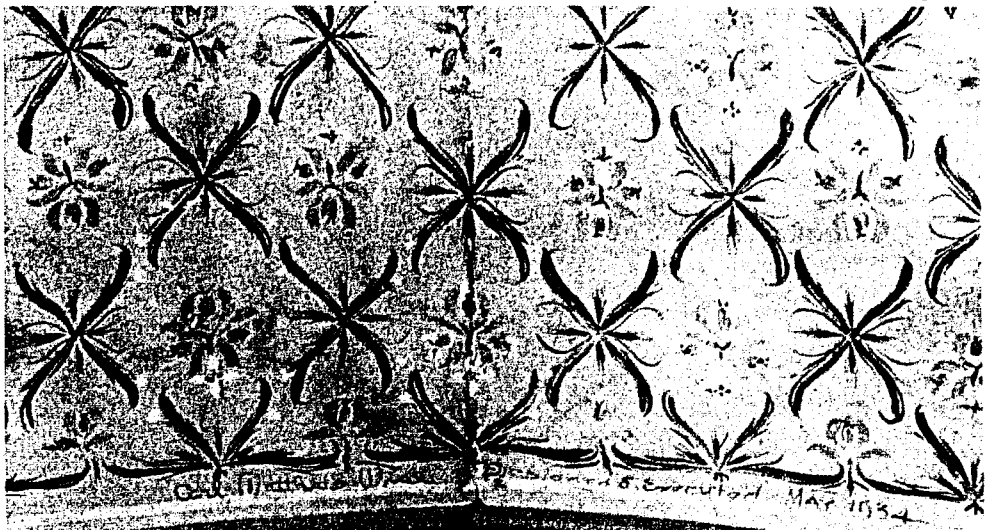
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Over easy these eggs ain't



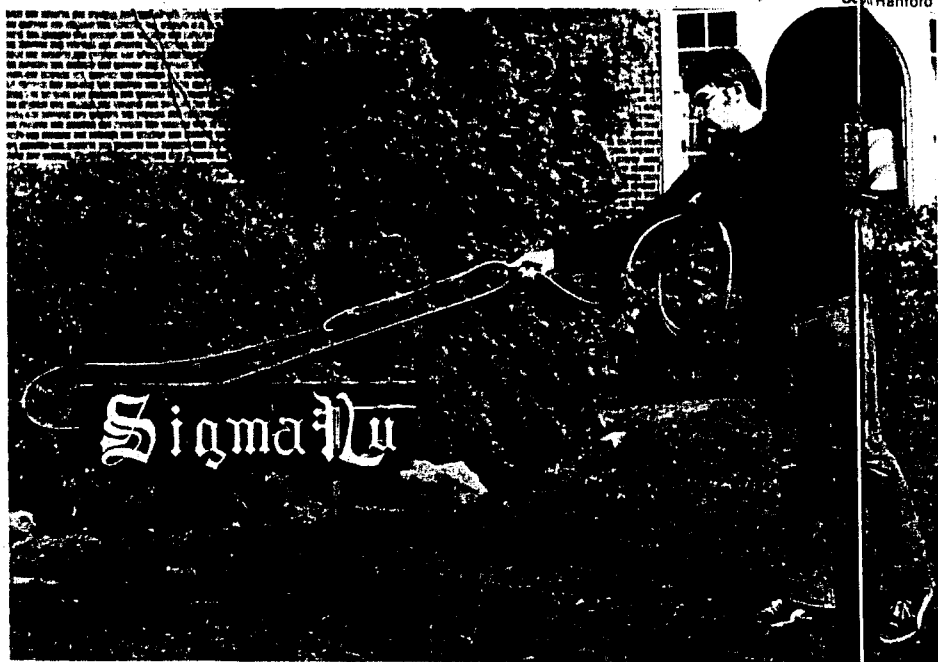
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Possibly not such an absurd idea was displayed from Carter Hall this day.



Scott Hanford

Where is Carl Matthews Wise now? This aspiring young Michaelagelo preserved his name for posterity on the archway ceiling of the Life Sciences Bldg.



Scott Hanford

A fraternity member practices his pledging technique for the fall rush week.

Absurdity. Webster created no better word to describe the University of Idaho.

Absurd are those things which provide the added twist to normal routine: the dream-busters, the ego-deflators, and the stupid mistakes that can ruin your whole day.

For instance, getting that test you aced last week, only to find that the outcome wasn't exactly what you had anticipated. How about waking up one morning to find out that a student taken out a recall petition on you and you aren't even an senator. Who can forget the time that those nuts snuck into the music building and started playing "Louie, Louie" on the bells on the Ad Building: absurd.

Didn't it come as quite a surprise to you when you found out that the great smoked cheddar cheese your mom and dad bought so much for Christmas was stored in the basement freezer creamery, right next to the stiffies they use in anatomy class?

What about the little absurdities? Those things so insignificant that one doesn't even notice their existence. The campus is full of these little "absurdities."

Did you ever notice the segregated bathrooms of the Engineering Building? There is a Men's Room and right next to it is a Faculty Men's Room (one never would have thought there was a difference.) What about those things at our feet? We walk over acres of concrete everyday and rarely a square passes underfoot that has not been imprinted with the signature of someone who once hoped to make himself immortal. The grounds of this school are covered with the verses of unknown Hemingways, Twains and Shakespeares.

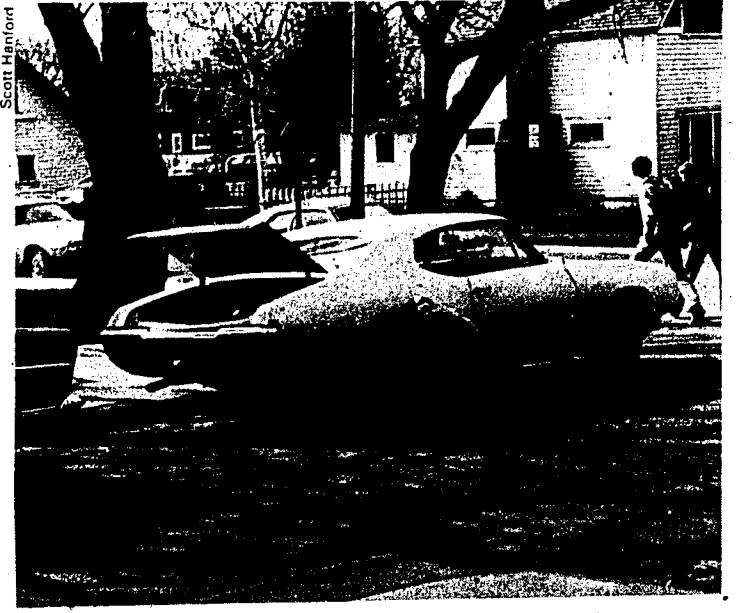
It is the unusual combination of little irritations and major catastrophes that makes our lives a study in absurdity. For no matter what happens to us, no matter how important it may seem, the world keeps on turning.



Scott Hanford



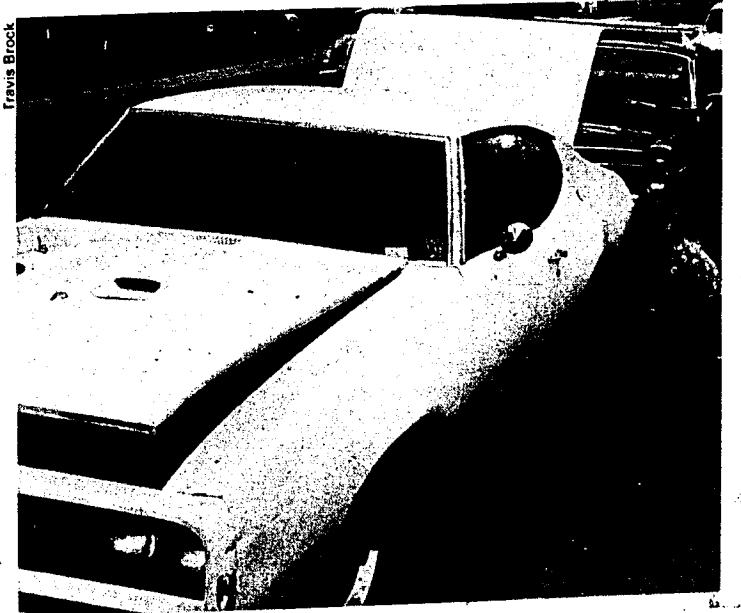
The absurdity of campus signs



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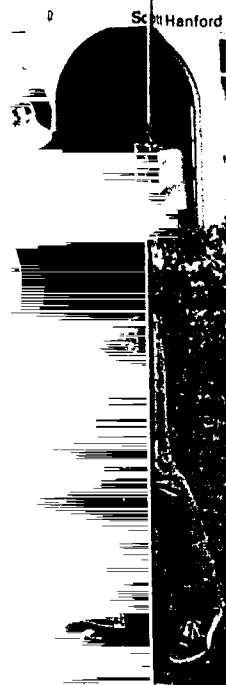
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Those moments of idle thought have produced stages of enlightened Nirvana.



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Where's a hefty trash bag when you need it?

Randy Nichols is captured in four different poses of rapture in the continuing struggle of man against machine.

Jack Emerson



Warnick dines with members of the Latah County Republican Central Committee, before continuing his daily work. Serving him is Mrs. Guy Wicks.

Time-out for lunch

Sometimes a hectic day, sometimes routine, but in any event, the midday lunch break is an essential part of the U of I's life. The menus vary in each living group, as do the lunch hour activities.

To eat or not to eat, that is the diet. Whether you sit down with 30 other people for a meal, work it off in the gym playing basketball or catch a catnap in the SUB before classes, this sacred time to the student is an individual preference.

Hot dogs for lunch at this sorority, as (from left) Joy Stansberry, Barb Cloninger, Dayle Darbon, Jennifer Washburn, and Kay Simpkins take a midday break.



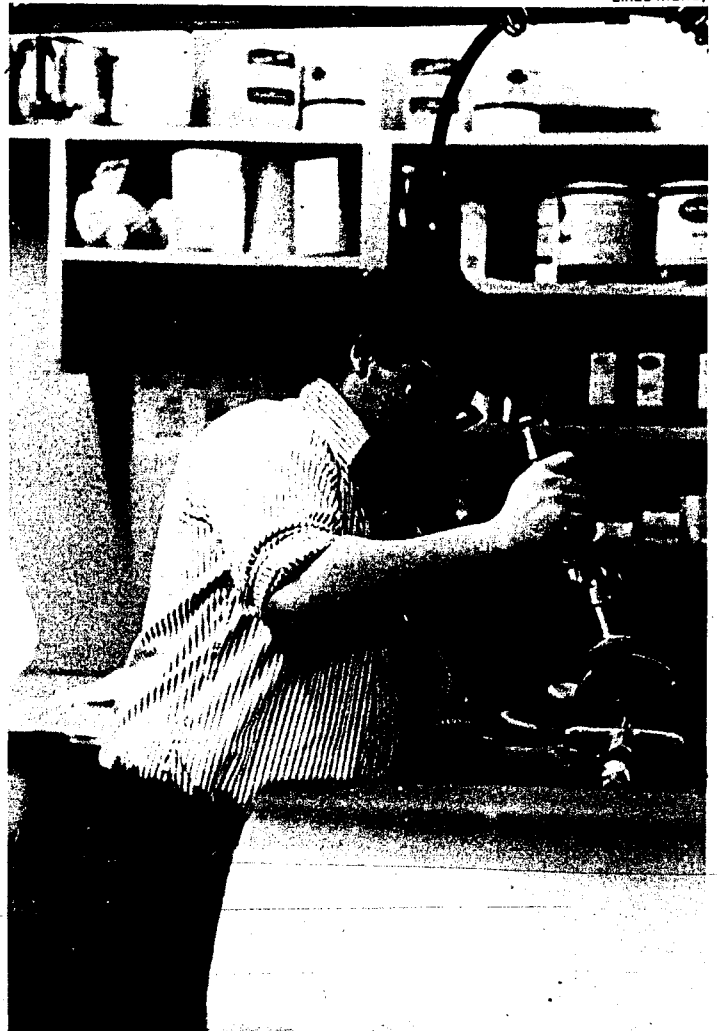
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Playing basketball instead of eating lunch, activity instead of food.



Jim Bohman



David Raffetto, an employee of the Perch, washes dishes after the lunch hour.



John Bird

Napping in the Vandal Lounge, a weary student takes it easy at noon.



Glenn Crutcher

University President Hartung drives through the residence area of campus, enjoying the early afternoon atmosphere.

Jim Bohman



A karate demonstration is taped at KUID-TV.

Ross Stoddard works on a project requiring an acetylene torch — separating metal from paint — during his first afternoon class.



Travis Brock



A Home Economics class studies textiles.

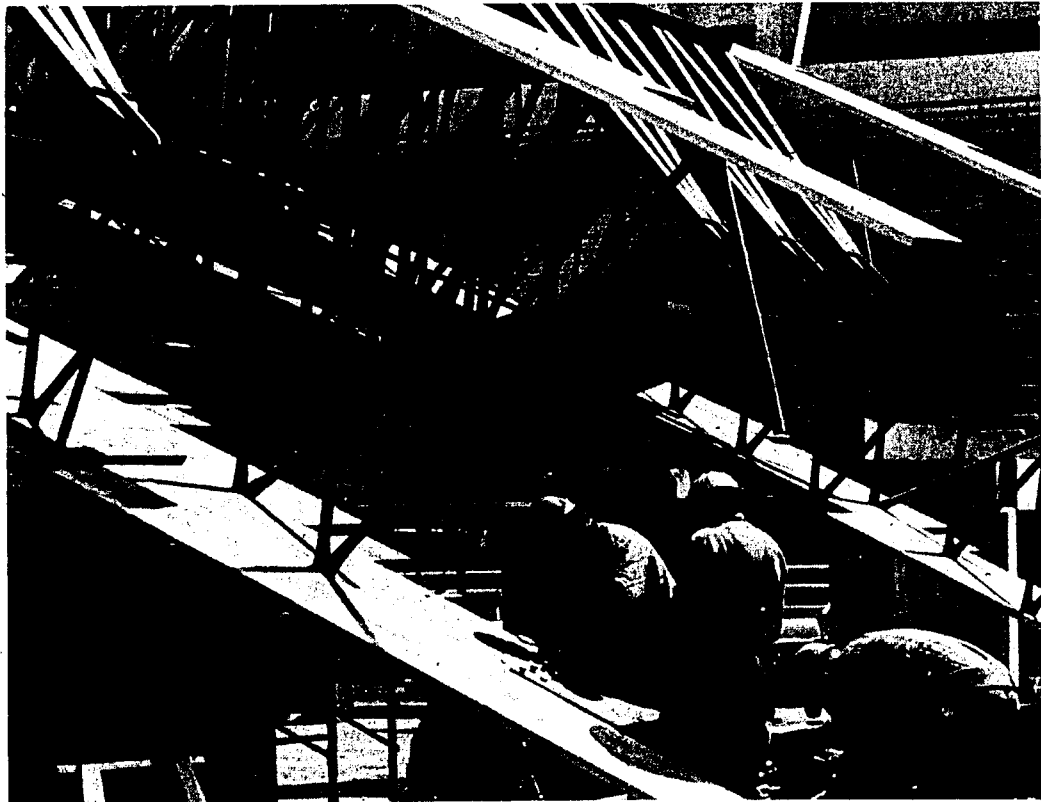
Jim Huggins



Scott Hanford

Animal crackers provided a snack at the College of Education's pre-school.

Jim Bohman



Stadium construction workers continue to move the project ahead under the watchful eye of their foreman.

Sue Hopkins

Lazy afternoon

The day has fallen into a somewhat steady pace, interrupted by an occasional daily annoyance or unexpected occurrence. The only consolation that can be taken is in the fact that the work-day finish is but a few hours away.

Life goes on at the University, and these images have captured the activities which make up an afternoon at Idaho. Vandal baseball is finishing its season at home and the stadium construction indicates that next year's completion date may possibly be met.

Some people made a visit to the polls this day, and cast their ballot on the Moscow school mill levy, while others took advantage of the sun which made a short appearance this day.

Glenn Cruickshank



The Moscow school mill levy comes under the scrutiny of University President Hartung as he votes on the issue.



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The sun sets on the Wallace Complex as Roger Reeves, Donna Cowles and Spud partake in late-afternoon relaxing.

Naval ROTC midshipmen perform another late-afternoon ceremony: the flag must be taken down and folded at sunset.



Jim Huggins

Glenn Cruickshank

Grown-ups relax helplessly.



Jim Huggins



The late-afternoon rush is one familiar aspect of the late afternoon most people would gladly do without.



Linda Murray

For many, it's the last class of the day: another afternoon's worth of classes has finally ended and students hurry home to relax.



Jim Huggins

The chairman — chairperson? — of ASUI Public Relations, Sherry Jacobsen, cooks dinner in her trailer.



Glenn Cruickshank

And that's how we stand . . .

Well . . .

I'll go through it again . . .

Now this is uhhh . . .

How do we stand?

The day is finishing at Idaho and President Hartung is meeting with faculty members for discussion on various issues. At the same time, ASUI President David Warnick met with the senate for a discussion of his own.

But this time is for more than just winding down after a day of classes and labs. Most students take time for a little entertainment, or continue on with the grind by studying for tests later in the week.

The night will go on, and the students will be part of it, because that's what makes the life around the U of I what it is.



Jack Emerson

ASUI President David Warnick makes a point during the senate meeting.

Linda Murray



Jeff Fossum, a Theta Chi, prepares for a business examination.



Travis Brock

A game of bridge in Snow Hall after dinner featured Rick Schlader, Dave Barrett, Milt Jacobs and Kim Ritchie.

Winding down

After dark

Karen Hudson



Jim Bohman



A couple of cans of beer is enough excuse for a party.

Karen Hudson



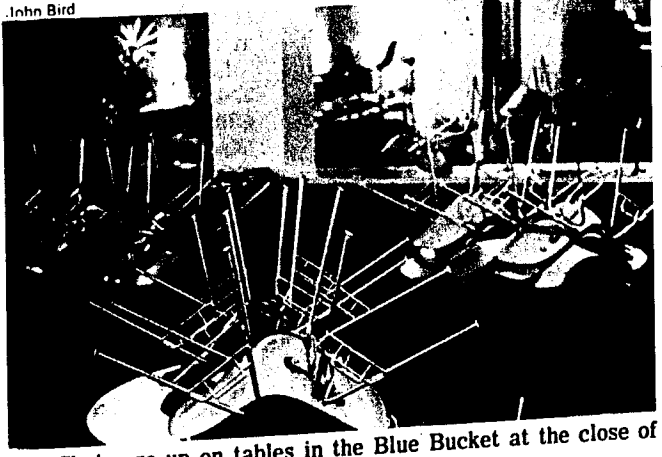
Moscow's taverns saw their share of the action Tuesday night.



Karen Hudson

Television is always a popular pastime.

John Bird



Chairs go up on tables in the Blue Bucket at the close of business.

Jim Huggins



A faint heart during the movie "Soylent Green" drew an ambulance crew to the Student Union Building.



The U of I Theophilus Tower stands as a monument to student dedication. As can be seen a single light burns testifying the presence of one studious individual.

Day ends

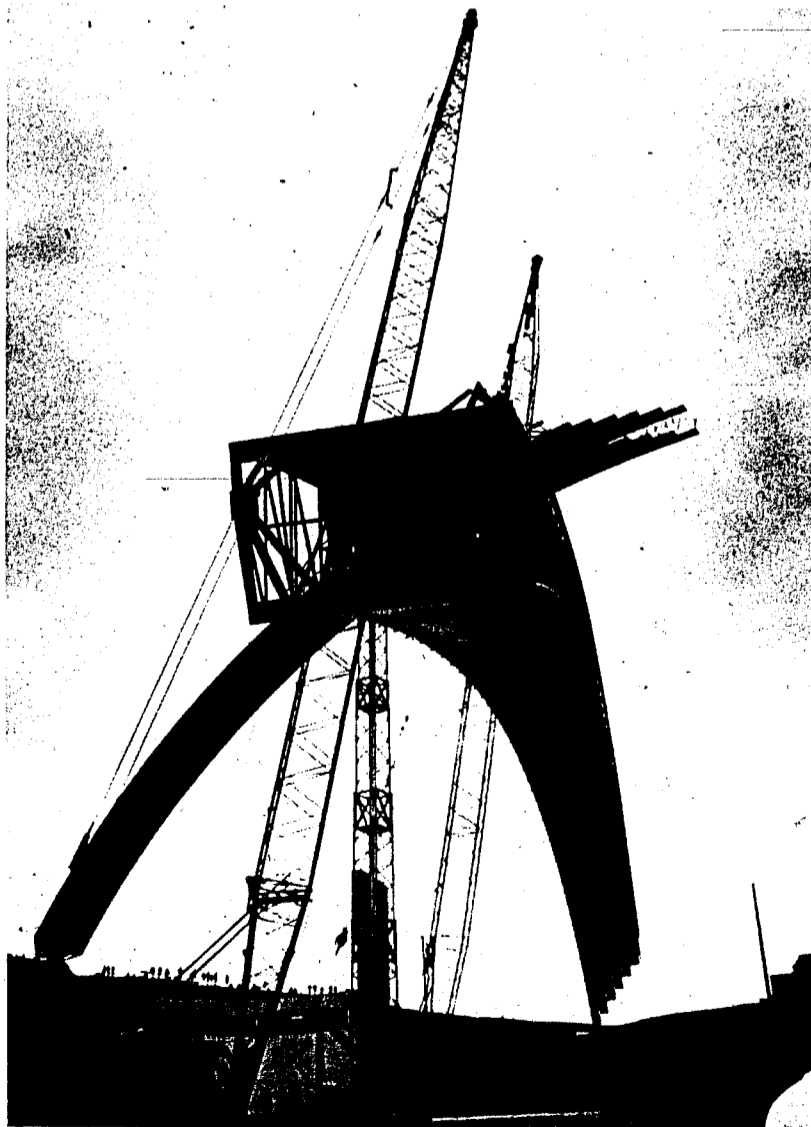


SUB janitors are busy at work cleaning the game room after the building has closed for the night.

Epilogue: one week later



Workmen lower the beam to its base for a secure attachment, before spanning the stadium with its first completed segment.



The beams are brought into place to form the first segment to the roof of the Idaho stadium.

One week had passed since our report on the "Day in the Life," and May 6 found the first beam of the new stadium in place. The beam was originally scheduled to be erected the day of our report, April 29, but bad weather conditions delayed installations.

Our staff has given the stadium special attention, because it has been in the minds of so many students in recent years. The stadium has been a matter of concern and controversy for many, and yet it has come through it all, proving that a roofed stadium will be a reality at Idaho.

Lives change quickly, and for every life briefly glimpsed in this report, new chapters are being written now. As time passes on, things are changing all around us, never pausing for an instant's rest. But perhaps we have allowed ourselves the chance to examine "One Day in the Life of the University of Idaho."