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Ernest Hartung
President U of I
Moscow, Idaho

Dear President Hartung:

In this mornings paper (The Missoulian, Missoula, Mt.) I see that you and the University are having difficulties with a minority group of people, students.

Fifty years ago this summer I with my folks crossed the plains in a covered wagon and a freight wagon from east of Denver to Moscow, Idaho. Sept. 15, 1924 was my first visit to the campus, and I set in my mind that day that sometime I would go to school at the U of I. My schooling was in the depression years '35-'40 with a B.S. (For. production). I was not a good student and did have a rough time, but I was too proud to quit. Many is the time that I, and others, got a real

dressing down (verbal) from such
Faculty members as:

Dean Jeffers - Forestry
Ted Bank - Athletics
Beckwith and Whitehead - English
Bender - Math
Dr. and Mrs Cherrington - Proctor - Idaho Club
~~Ree~~ and others

Such verbal gymnastics these people,
and others, used has made better
citizens of us students who recieved
such reprimands.

Now to the problem at hand; you
and your Board of Regents have
directives by which you are administering
the functions of my school. When
any student or group of students
have problems properly presented
and the request is justifiable and
worth while Then meet the request.
What I read in the paper seems
to be entirely something else and
not properly presented.

Please count me as one alumni
who will stand up and be counted
with you on your decisions

Concerning this matter as it appears in my paper. The best of luck to you President Hartung as you work on this problem.

Sincerely

Benton O. Wetzel

P.S. - For information

1. Retired from Bureau of Indian Affairs (work with a minority group - 19 years) December 31, 1973.
2. Last October 20 - Homecoming - Ted Bank Day - I was either the first or second person to enter the dining room at the luncheon. I was the mean and homely one that spoke to you.
3. I have filed today as a candidate for election to a senatorial seat, Montana State Legislature.
4. My youngest son received his Master Science (geography) from U of I - August 1973. (Wayne A. Wetzel)

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