

Dr. Hartung - FYI

REMARKS OF WILLIAM H. KIBBIE

AT UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO DEDICATION ON OCTOBER 11

Governor Andrus, Board of Regents, President Hartung, Students, Faculty, Administration and Friends of the University of Idaho.

I am very humbled to be a part of the dedication of this facility this afternoon.

Some of you may have wondered what it was that prompted my interest in the University of Idaho. Some of the news people have apparently thought it of importance to say something about that in recent days.

Much of that interest I suspect can be traced to my upbringing, my attendance at the University of Idaho, albeit for a relatively short time, and my roots and affection for the State of Idaho and its people.

But perhaps even more importantly were two principal facts which I have seen during visits to this campus during the past several years.

The first is that the University of Idaho has been and is now one of the great educational institutions of higher learning in the United States. The School is better than 80 years old. It has developed leading colleges in all of the academic disciplines of a great institution. The Colleges of Engineering, Forestry, Education, the Arts, the Sciences, in all of its aspects, Agriculture, Business, Politics, Pre-Medicine, Architecture, the Graduate Schools of Law, and

others leading to doctorate degrees are recognized throughout the reaches of the nation. The alumni, some 34,000 strong, reach not only to the continental United States, but have distinguished themselves worldwide.

I hope the Board of Regents recognize the prominence of which this institution stands beyond just the five corners of the State of Idaho.

A great University is not created overnight but like most things that are good and lasting, matures only over many decades of outstanding educational programs.

This is how I see this classic University. There is no other like it in my judgment, in this State, and such prompted my desire to be of assistance in completing this great Complex.

For this building is truly one of and for the students. It is not just to be used for intercollegiate athletics, but will have the multi purpose use for all and every student in the campus, hopefully for generations. This too played a part in my thinking.

Lastly, I was from the outset and still am of the view that this University is presided over by one of the finest University Presidents in the United States. A man sincerely dedicated to the maintenance of the high ideals of this School and of continuing its great heritage of the past. I must say that the faith, energies and goals of Ernest Hartung were instrumental as well in my decision to render some help.

I am very humbled and honored in being a small part of this dedication. I hope to be back many times to see this Center in use by all the students as well as to watch the Idaho Vandals play football.