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## HEDGES APPOINTED DOME MANAGER

MOSCOW -- The newly appointed Kibbie Dome manager at the University of Idaho will be Dennis Hedges, currently assistant athletic director at Oregon State University.

Hedges, 36, plans to arrive in the area around July 1. "I'm looking forward to coming out there. The whole next year is going to be one big learning process," he said in a recent telephone interview.

Although he has not yet discussed stadium policy in detail with university officials, Hedges does have some broad ideas about running the dome. "It must respond to the needs of the people who are supposed to utilize it," and students should have a voice in its operation since "many students will use it."

And though "the maximum number of people must use it," he will encourage outside events, such as state-wide events and concerts, "only as time and space permits."

Hedges' first experience with structures of this sort was in the early '60s when he became assistant admissions control supervisor of the Memorial Coliseum in Portland, Ore., where he was born and raised. While his duties were primarily related to admissions, the coliseum featured a wide variety of events ranging from hockey and basketball to circuses and ice shows.

Later, he became second assistant manager of the Portland Civic Stadium in Portland, Ore., and in 1966 moved to Oregon State University, where he primarily handles the arrangement of sports events.

"They were all similar in some ways to the Kibbie Dome," Hedges said, "but this is a whole new ballgame." In preparation, he has visited the Houston Astrodome and plans to visit other such facilities as well.

Hedges was the first choice of the Stadium Board, the student body which governs the facility. Board member John Hecht said the final selection was up to University President Ernest Hartung, but he and the board have "no qualms" about Hedges.

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