Winter Sports at ISC . . .
Basketball and Intramurals

Featuring a well-balanced squad with four seniors and a sophomore on the starting unit, Idaho State's basketball team completed the 1961-62 season with 17 victories and 9 defeats.

Coached by Johnny Evans, who has compiled a 51-26 won-loss record in three years at ISC, the Bengal cagers split two game sets with the University of Idaho and Seattle, dumped Gonzaga twice and took three of four verdicts from Montana State.

Idaho State competed in the Campus Christmas Classic at Wichita, Kansas, and finished first after triumphing over Friends University and Pittsburg State.

After dropping their initial four games, the I-Staters won 10 of their next 11 encounters. Then ISC fell into a slight slump, losing four of its next seven, including a 60-58 setback at Moscow to the University of Idaho. A sweep of two tilts from Gonzaga preceded a 67-65 revenge win over the U. of I. and a season-ending conquest against Colorado School of Mines.

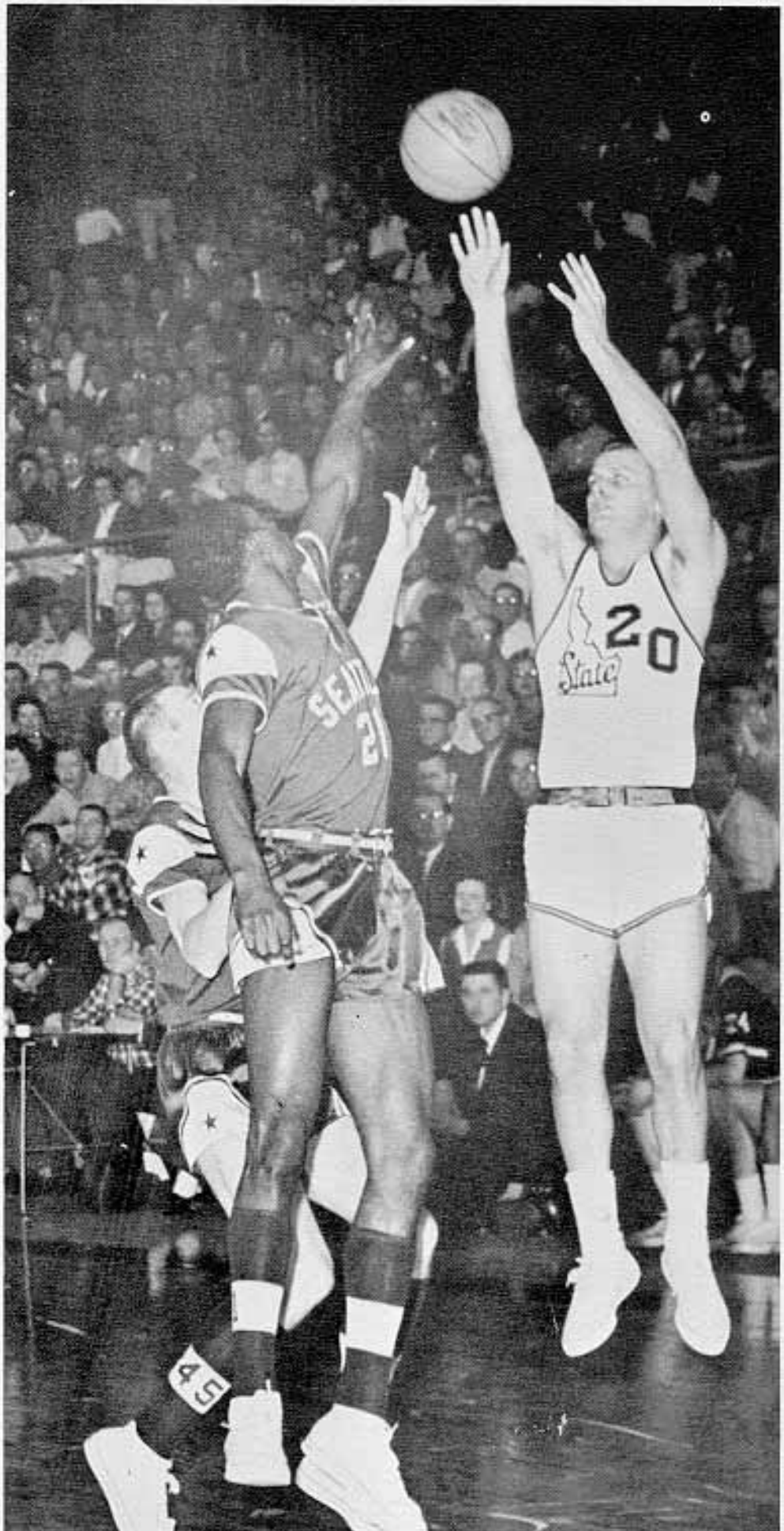
Art Crump, a sophomore forward and only non-senior starter, edged three-year letterman guard, Frank Swopes, for top scoring honors during the season. Swopes, who had the best single-game output of the year, 35 points, led Crump until the final two games. Crump finished with 16.0 points per game and Swopes averaged 15.8.

Accurate shooting forward, Jack Wombolt; consistent guard, Bob Blum; 6'8" center, Al Rolf, rounded out the Bengal first unit.

"The team reached my highest expectations in wins," Evans said in reviewing the 1961-62 season. At the first of the cage campaign Evans hoped his team might win 16 games at its very best.

Boasting a rather short squad, the Bengals amassed a school record in field goal shooting accuracy, a 45.3 per cent showing for the season. Until its late-season slump, ISC was in running for a post-season berth in the NCAA regional basketball tournament.

Seven returning lettermen, six of them sophomores, and a host of top varsity prospects from the freshman ranks should give Idaho State a taller but less experienced club for next season.



Jack Wombolt jump shoots during the Idaho State-Seattle University game played at ISC before a near capacity throng. Rallying in the final minutes of the game, I-State defeated the Chieftains 74-68.

Head Coach John Evans
Frosh Coach Don Kugler
Business Manager Joe Richmond

1962 Bengal Basketball Scores

Opponent	ISC	Opp.
Long Beach State C.	64	69
Utah State University	63	67
Utah State University	71	86
Seattle University	64	76
Whitworth College	74	52
Portland University	67	54
Friends University	78	54
Pittsburg State	57	47
Montana State College	73	64
Montana State College	63	66
Western State College	67	65
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Montana State College	65	52
Montana State	90	81
Eastern Montana C.	24	23
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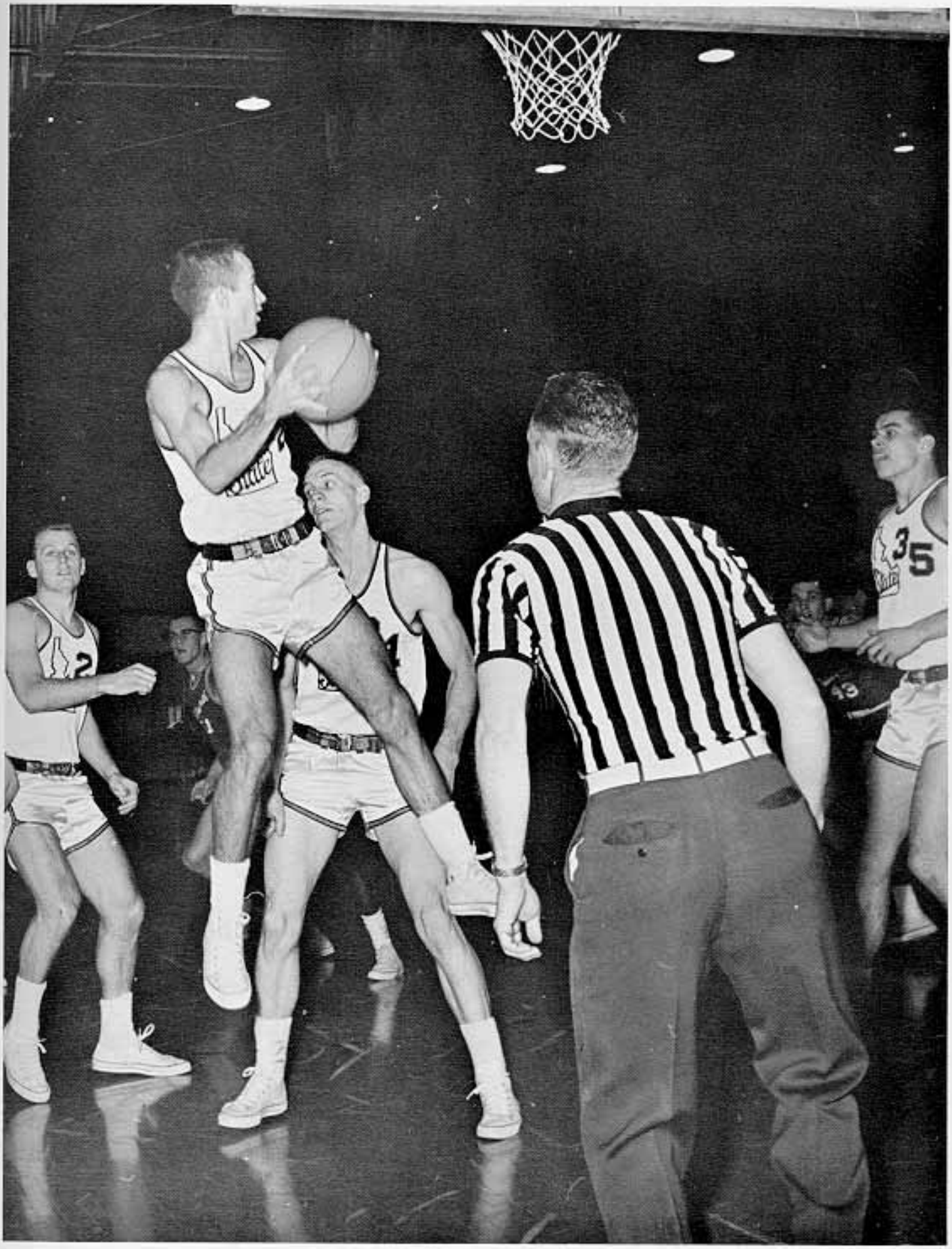
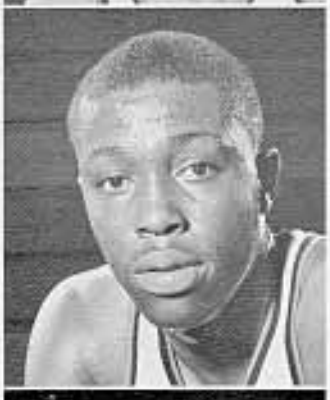
Portland U.	46	53
Seattle U.	74	68
Colorado State	92	59
Colorado State	77	64
University of Idaho	68	70
Whitworth College	61	74
Gonzaga	80	79
Gonzaga	86	77
University of Idaho	67	65
Colorado Mines	59	40

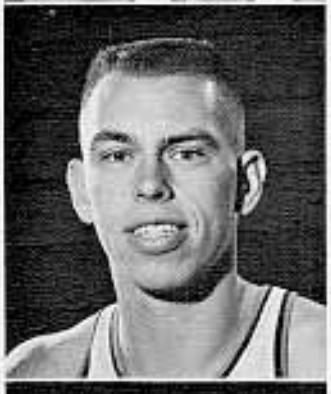
Amicable Johnny Evans jumped from high school coaching to the helm of the ISC basketball club three years ago and is continuing the winning traditions he started in the prep ranks. After his three seasons at Idaho State, Evans has won 51 of 77 games.

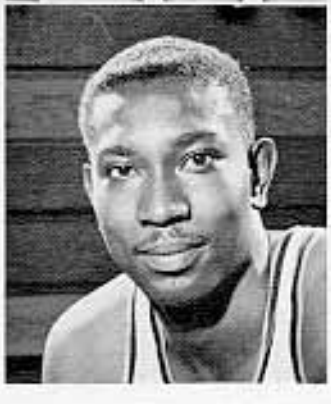
Former three-year basketball letterman Don Kugler, coached the I-State freshmen cagers to a 12-8 record. Several members of the frosh unit are expected to be strong candidates for the 1962-63 varsity. Joe Richmond, a former ISC student, this year served in the dual capacity of athletic business manager and sports publicity director.



Snaring a rebound in the Whitworth contest is veteran guard Bob Blum, rated by Coach Johnny Evans as ISC's best all-around basketball performer. Other Bengals pictured are, left to right, Jack Wombolt, Don Rightmire and Al Rolf. Idaho State defeated Whitworth 74-52.

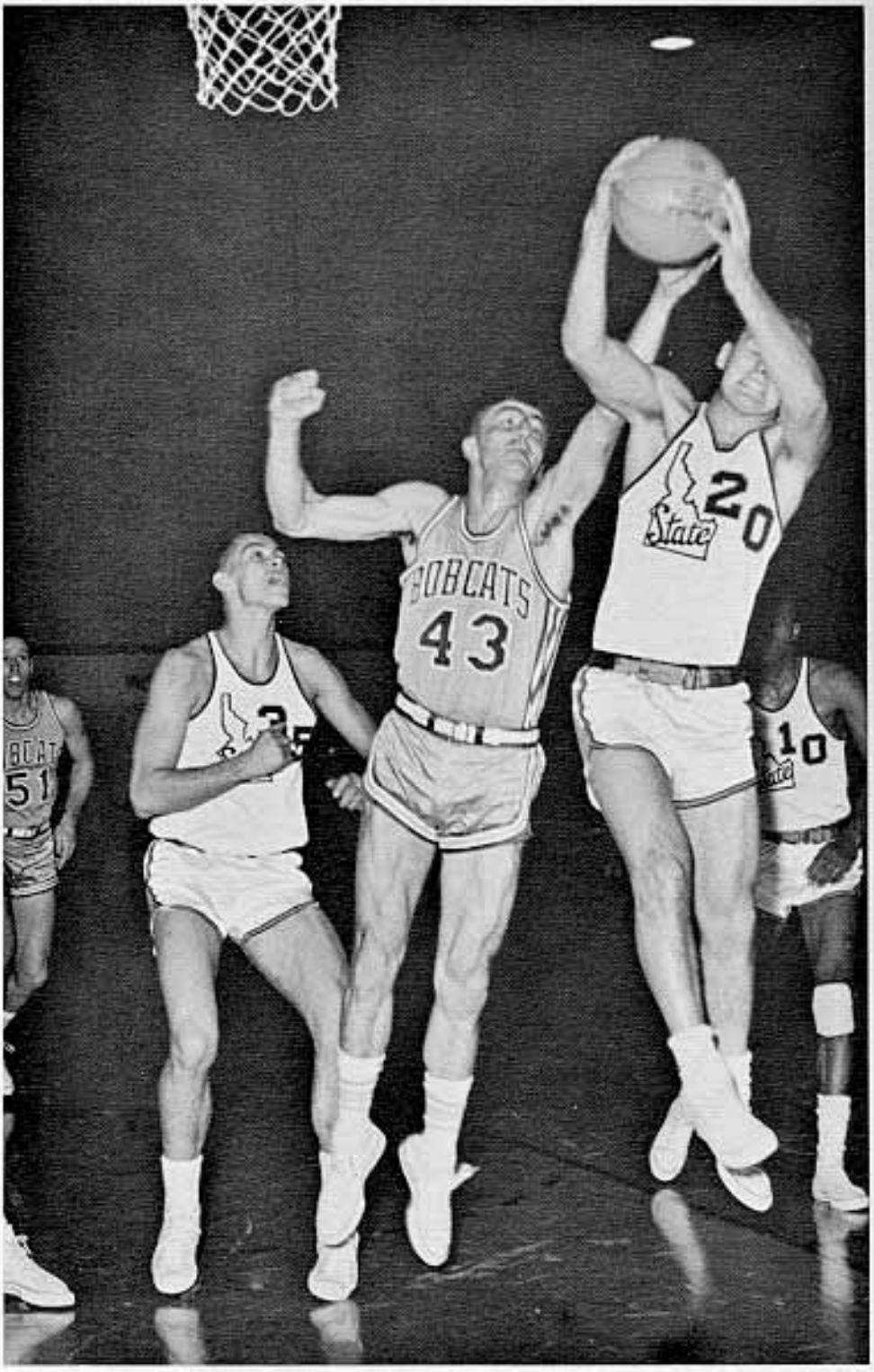




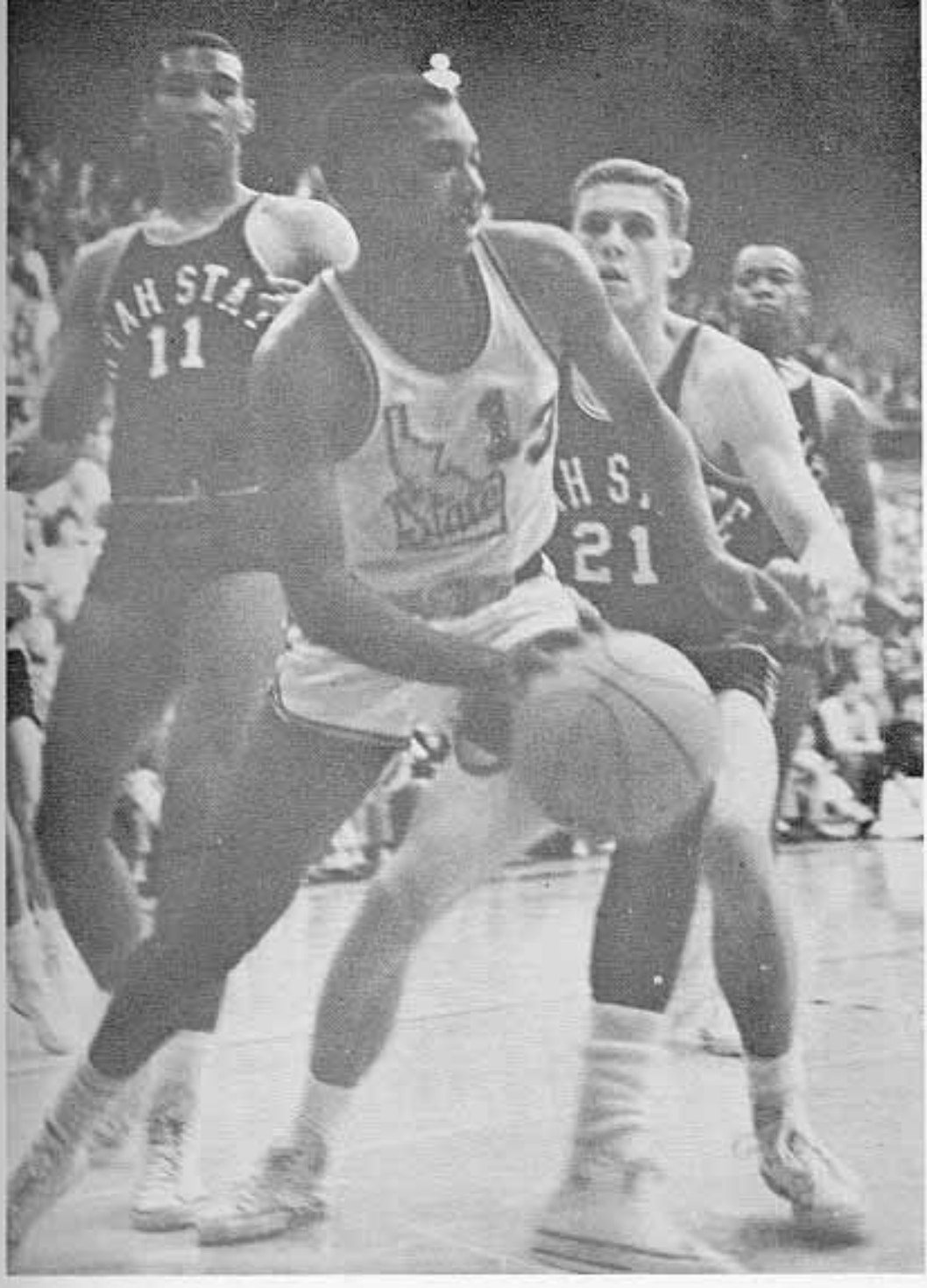


Bob Blum
Art Crump
Al Rolf
Jack Wombolt
Frank Swopes

Arch-rival Montana State lost three of its four contest with Idaho State during the 1961-62 hoop season. The Bobcats, parading one of their strongest aggregations in years, split a pair of encounters at Bozeman, losing 73-64 and winning 66-63, but were later dropped 65-52 and 90-81 at Pocatello. The first ISC-MSC clash in Pocatello was televised throughout southeastern Idaho and parts of Montana. The basketball telecast was the first-ever of an indoor Idaho State College sports event.



Idaho State forward Jack Wombolt grits with determination while rebounding against Montana State. The fiery Wombolt was a favorite with the Bengal fans for his constant hustle and serious playing attitude. ISC players in the background are Al Rolf, 35, and Art Crump, 10.



Shown maneuvering against Utah State University, fancy floorman Frank Swopes this year wound up an outstanding collegiate basketball career at Idaho State. Great at moving inside or converting high-arching shots from outside, Swopes was noted for his consistent high scoring and his key defensive moves. Twice a Rocky Mountain Conference first-team choice, the senior guard always was a threat to break a game wide open. In his junior year he scored at a 21.7 points-per-game average. As a sophomore Swopes averaged 13.5 ppg and during the 1961-62 season he averaged 15.8. Seldom in his three years of varsity playing was Swopes not in double figures in scoring. When Swopes hung up his No. 13 jersey for the last time this season, he had tallied enough points to finish as the second highest all-time scorer in ISC basketball history.

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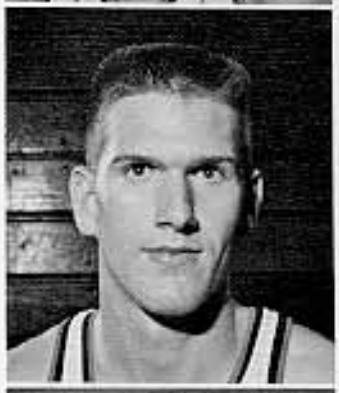

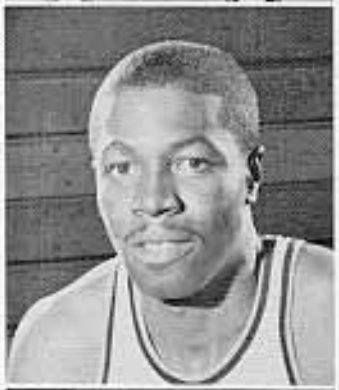

Bengal center Al Rolf tries to feed a teammate while Utah State's Darnell Haney, a selection to the ISC all-opponent team, tries to thwart the effort. White-shirted Bengals in the background are, left to right, Jack Wombolt, Art Crump and Bob Blum.

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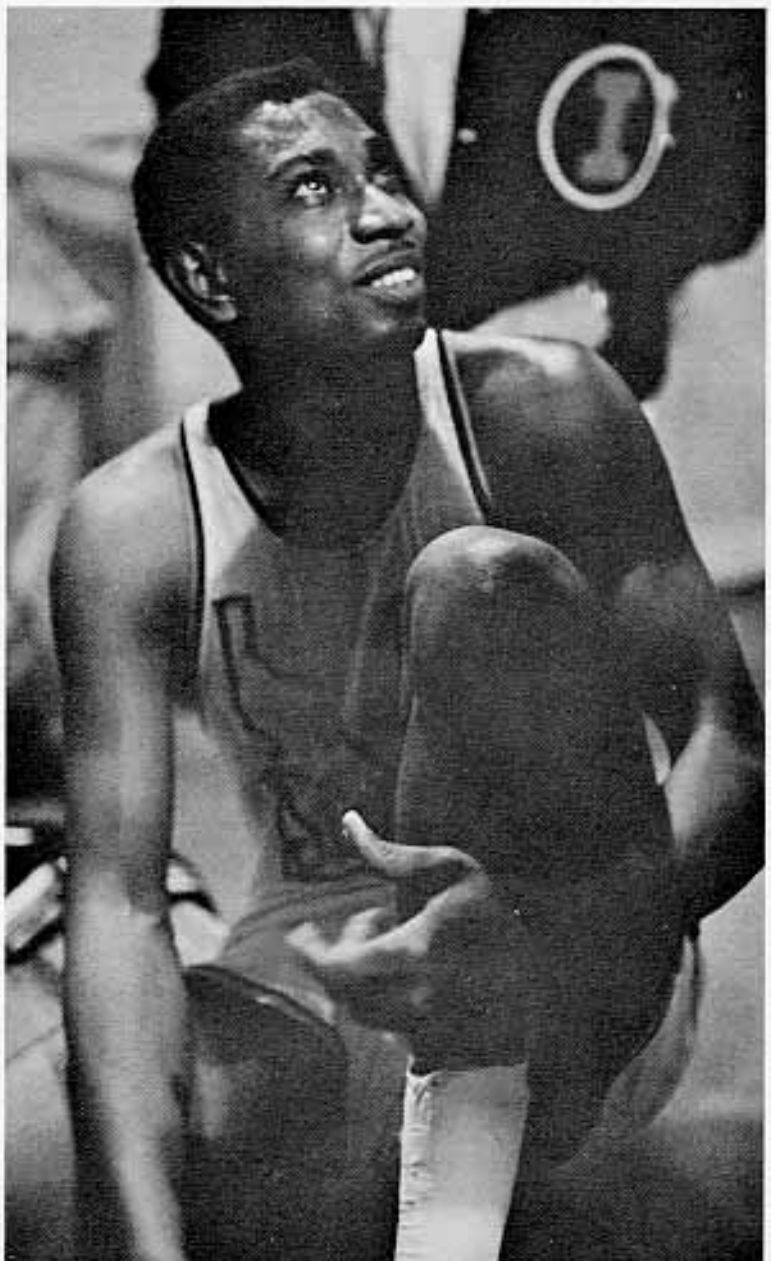
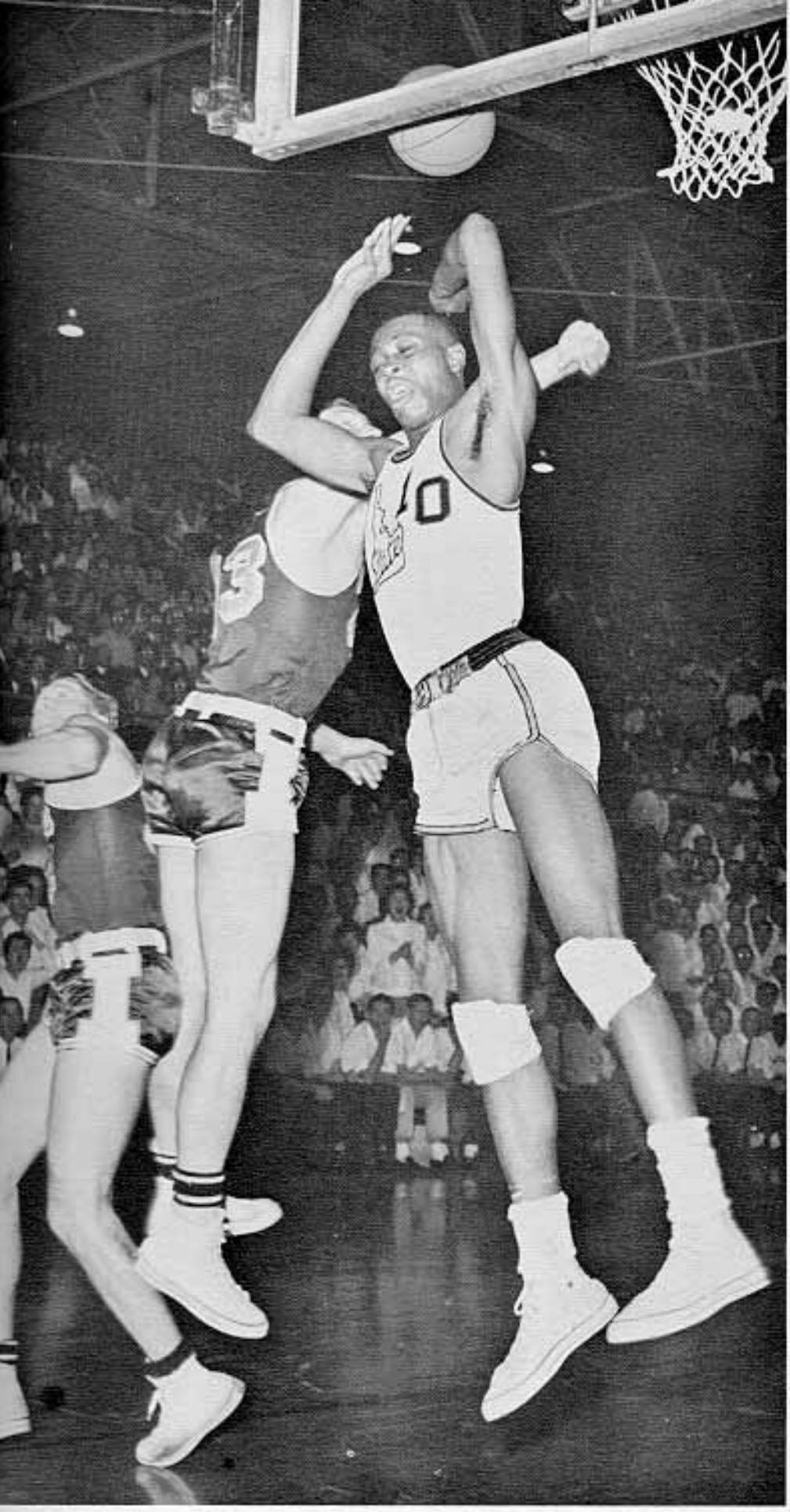


Beaming after scoring 35 points against Montana State is Idaho State captain Frank Swopes, one of the all-time great ISC guards in basketball.



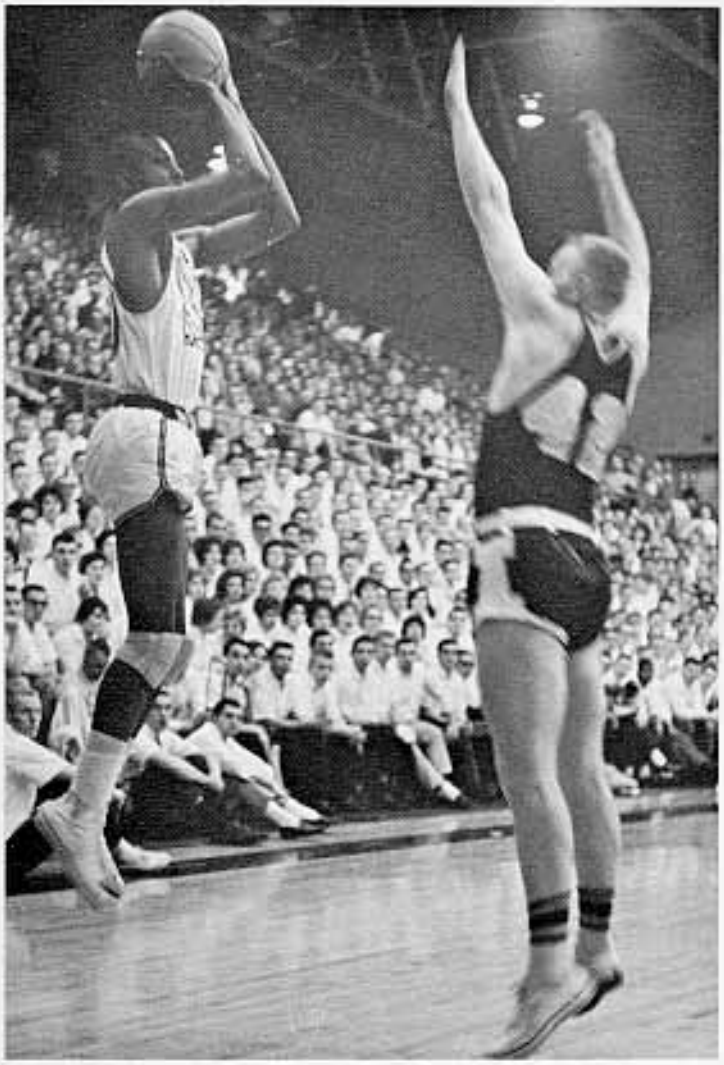
Final ISC Basketball Statistics
26 Games—Won 17, Lost 9

Player	G	FG	FT	REB	TP	AVG.
Art Crump	26	162	93	196	417	16.0
Frank Swopes	26	141	129	108	411	15.8
Bob Blum	26	98	66	102	262	10.7
Jack Wombalt	25	98	43	74	239	9.6
Al Rolf	25	64	42	195	170	6.8
John Shivers	24	26	26	68	78	3.2
Don Rightmire	12	25	9	63	59	4.9
Orval Gastineau	22	10	14	31	34	1.5
Mike Zaklan	18	8	9	8	25	1.4
Gerald Mayes	14	6	10	41	22	1.5
Roger Gallagher	11	5	10	4	20	1.8
Terry West	5	2	6	8	10	2.0
Mike Bistline	4	4	3	10	10	2.5
Ronald Kress	3	0	1	0	1	0.3
Charles Bearup	1	0	0	3	0	0.0
Team Totals	26	649	461	1094*	1758	67.5
Opp. Totals	26	590	448	984	1628	62.6

*183 Team Rebounds

Action was fast and the playing hard as the Idaho State Bengals nipped Gem State rivals, the University of Idaho, 67-65 at Pocatello. ISC's Art Crump is shown being fouled by Rich Porter of the Vandals.

ISC's leading scorer Art Crump unleashes a jumper against the U of I Vandals. Idaho State won 67-65 at Pocatello.



A portrait of emotions is displayed as Coach Johnny Evans and his ISC bench closely follow the action in the Idaho State contest with the University of Idaho.

ISC Nips U. of I.

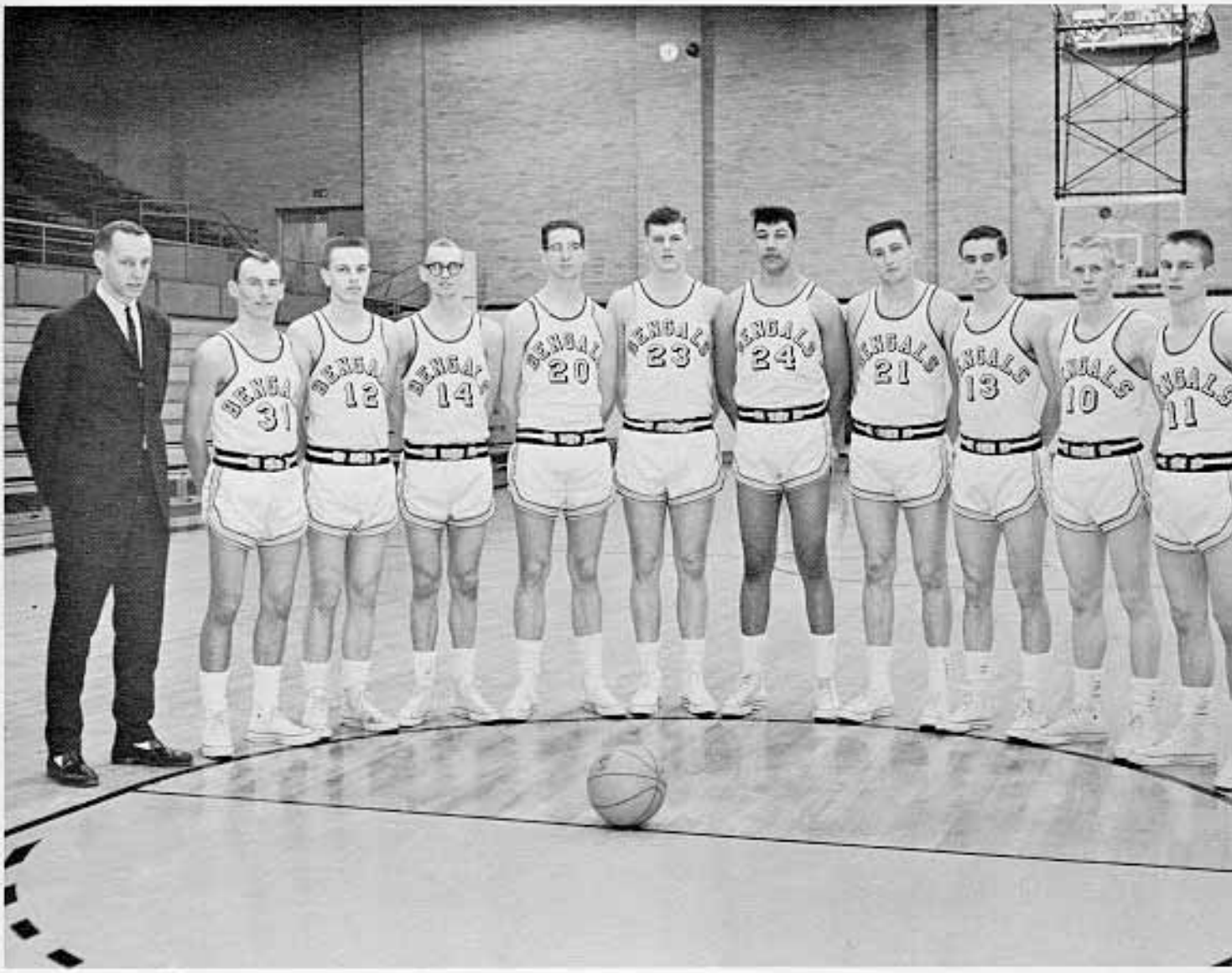
Idaho State, after trailing by as many as nine points in the second half, stormed from behind to defeat the University of Idaho Vandals 67-65 in the highlight encounter of the 1961-62 season.

Played before a capacity Pocatello crowd, the game was slated to decide which Gem State school had the superior basketball team. The outcome failed to provide the answer. At Moscow, the U of I rallied to trim the Bengals 60-58 while ISC also triumphed by two points at home.

On the basketball court a see-saw battle was waged. The lead changed hands several times during the contest but the Vandals were generally ahead most of the way. Although it trailed by five points at intermission and by nine during the last period, Idaho State scorched the nets late in the tiff to pull ahead 67-60 and then held off a determined last-ditch comeback by the U of I.

Idaho State students donned white shirts and blouses, sat in organized cheering sections and showed vociferous approval as the Bengals recorded a 67-65 victory over the University of Idaho.

Freshman Basketball Team



Members of the freshman basketball team at ISC were, left to right, Coach Don Kugler, Doug Green, Kent Brimhall, Tom Richards, Bob Reinhart, Bob Smith, DeWayne Cruse, Ken Leland, Dave Williams, Randy Harris and Merlin Vilhauer.

Idaho State's freshman basketball team compiled a 12-8 season showing while competing against outstanding quintets from Utah State, University of Utah, Montana State, Brigham Young University and other area schools.

Coached by former Bengal cager Don Kugler, the ISC yearlings had a tall team with only one player standing under six feet. An extensive recruiting program around the Gem State brought many of the top prep stars to Idaho State to play on the frosh club, which had only two out-of-state members—6-4 forward Ken Leland from Wyoming and 6-5 center Bob Reinhart from Montana.

Top scorer on the freshman squad was 6-7 forward-center DeWayne Cruse, who averaged over 16 points per game and on several occasions scored 25 to 35 points in contests. Kent Brimhall, an outstanding outside shooting forward, was runner-up in scoring and 6-8 center Bob Smith finished high in the point-production totals.

Rotating the playing time of his players, Kugler gave each member of the frosh ample opportunity to display his talents. Varsity coach Johnny Evans said he was optimistic about the help that several frosh members could give the varsity next season.

Women's Intramural Program

Officers in the Women's Intramural Program are, left to right, Kathy Molitor, Sylvia Miller, Advisor Miss Marian Blackinton, Linda Butler, Barbara McMahon, and Nancy Packham.

The Women's Intramural Program is an ISC organization whose primary function is to provide physical activity for women students. Sports the girls participate in are softball, track and field, rifle, tennis, league bowling, table tennis, basketball, foul pitch, swimming, archery, badminton, and tennis. W.I.P. participates in sports days at such schools as Ricks, Utah State, the University of Utah, Brigham Young University and Weber.

Highlight of the year for participants in women's intramurals is the annual awards banquet, at which time outstanding teams and individuals are honored and the awards presented. Miss Marion Blackinton is advisor of the Women's Intramural Program.

A leaping one-hander is fired by a member of a women's intramural basketball team. La Piscas 'A' team won the Campus League championship while the Gamma Phis topped the sorority division.

Sports captains in the Women's Intramural Program are, front row, left to right, Susan Knight, Peggy McCain, Nadine Yingst, and Kathy Molitor. Second row, Frances Holloway, Cheryle Geesey, and Sylvia Miller. Third row, Marilyn Abel, Marilyn Clapp, Janice Christensen, and Mary Bass. Fourth row, Linda Butler and Carol Jones.

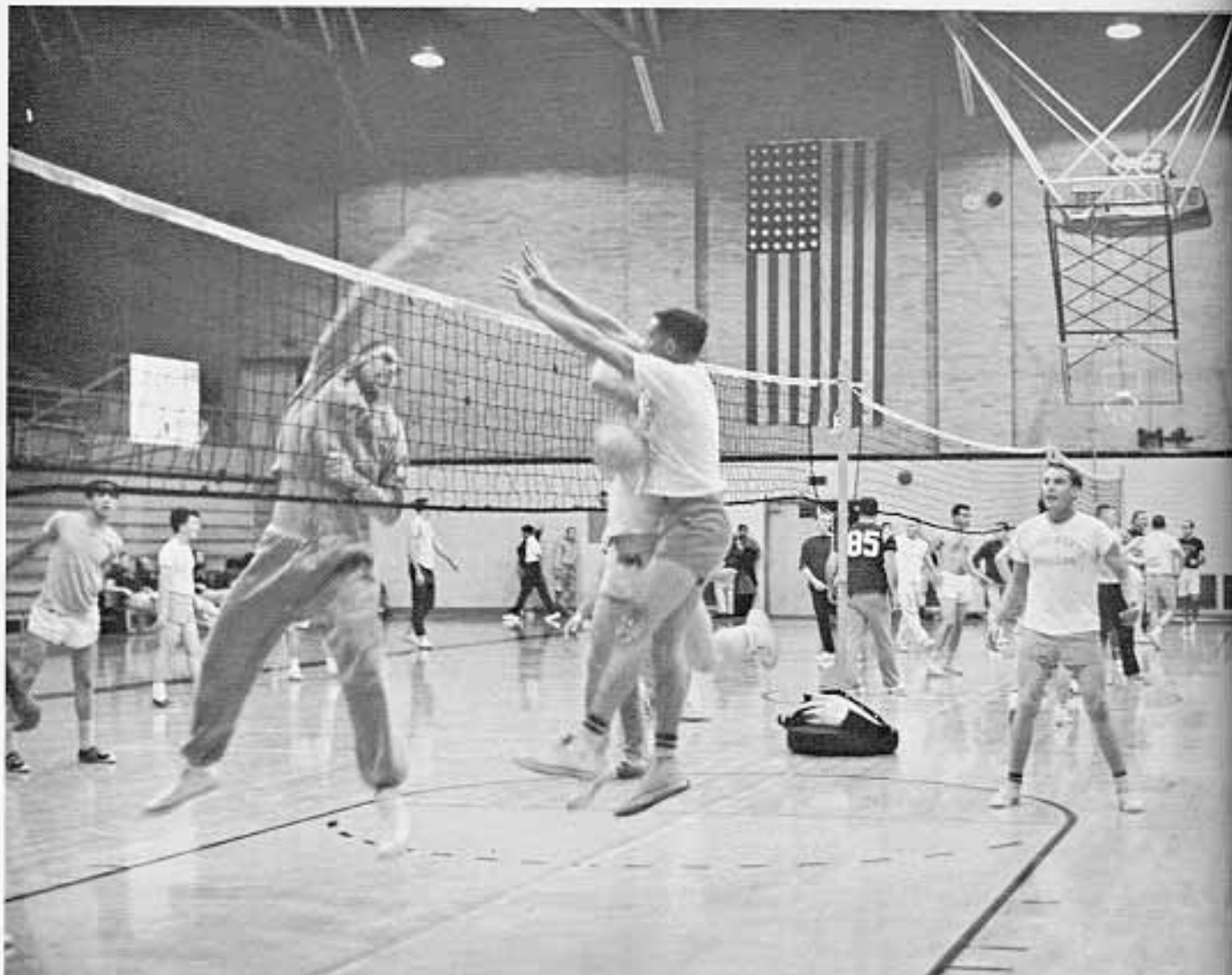
Girls scramble for the loose basketball in women's intramural play. At right, wearing number 1, is Miss Marion Blackinton, who not only acts as advisor for W.I.P. but also participates in some of the activities.

Dr. John Sheard of the physical education department is director of the intramural program for men at ISC.

Idaho State's gymnasium hums with activity throughout the year, whether it is from intercollegiate activity or intramural competition, as shown here.

Men's Intramural Program

A tall volleyball player spikes the ball during heated competition in the intramural program for men. Making the good play is 6-foot 8-inch Al Rolf for the 'I' Club, winner of the over-all season championship for intramurals.



"We enjoyed a successful year," Dr. John Sheard, men's intramural advisor, said of the 1961-62 school year. A total of 23 activities were held during the year, including touch football, swimming, basketball, softball, bowling, track, tennis, table tennis, volleyball and golf.

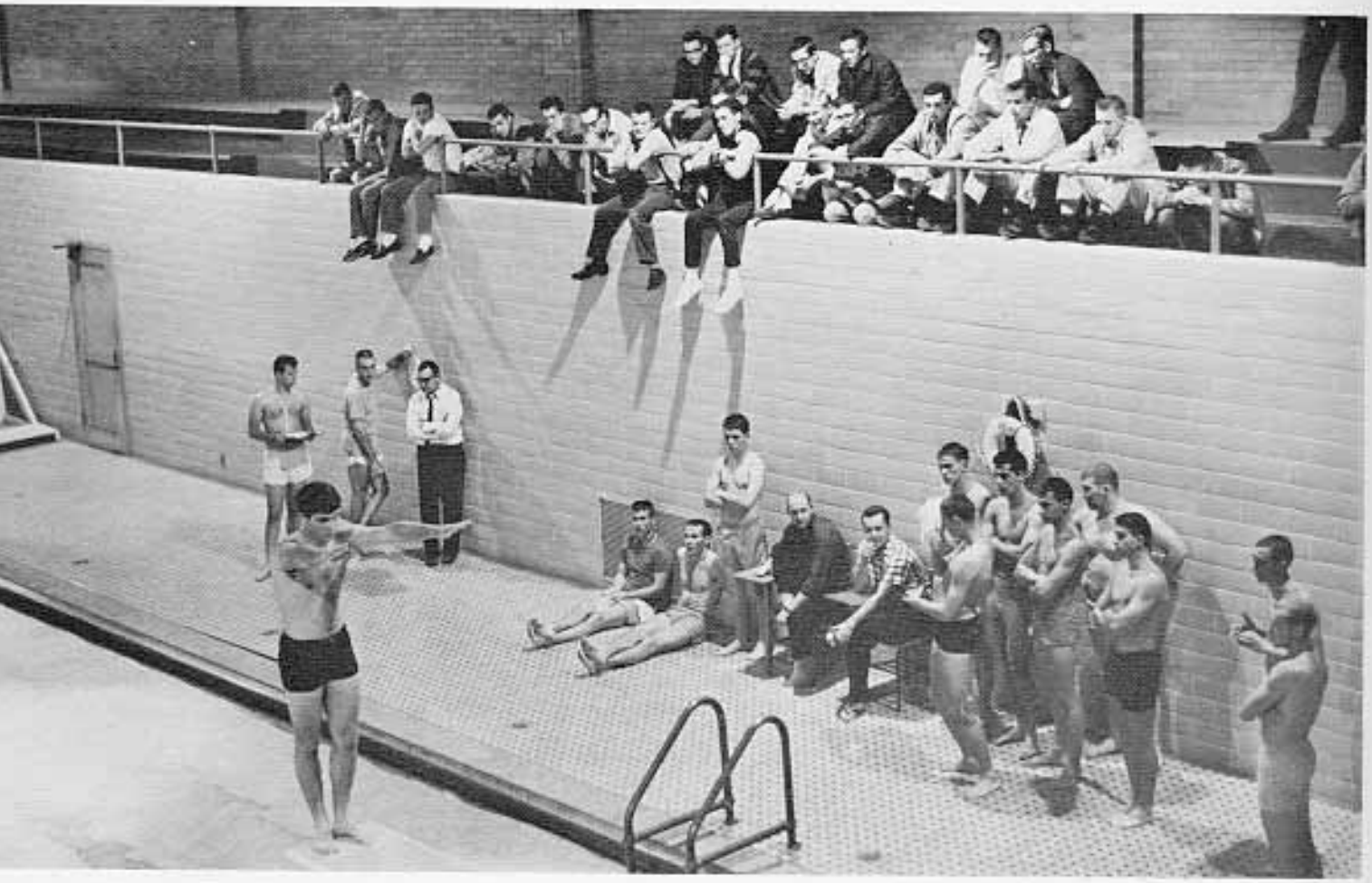
Competition was generally divided into campus and fraternity divisions, with the number of entries varying greatly with each sport. The calibre of play in the men's intramural program is usually extremely good, with dozens of former top high school athletes in the line-ups of teams.

Off the fingertips of an intramural player flies the ball as a jump shot is frozen by the cameraman.

Competition is keen in the men's intramural program as teams vie for points toward the championship trophy. The player to the right has just taken a shot which was blocked by a white-shirted player.

"Catch a falling ball and put it in your pocket . . ." Two intramural performers are shown leaping for the tip.

A diver prepares to show his form during part of the intramural swimming and diving meet held in the Idaho State College pool this spring.



Dennis Moulton (facing camera) of Sigma Phi Epsilon competes in the badminton tournament. Moulton, three year letterman basketball player, was a versatile intramural athlete for the Sig Eps.

Intramural sports at Idaho State attract a large group of males who desire to keep in good physical condition, relax or enjoy some friendly competition.

Directed by Dr. John Sheard and supervised by a corps of college athletes, the men's intramural program offers a wide variety of sports in which students may participate. Beginning shortly after the school year begins, intramural play extends in the different sports throughout the year, ending shortly before finals arrive at the conclusion of the second semester.

Teams generally compete in either the campus or fraternity divisions with points awarded to the teams competing going toward a large trophy awarded to the over-all team champion for the entire year.

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