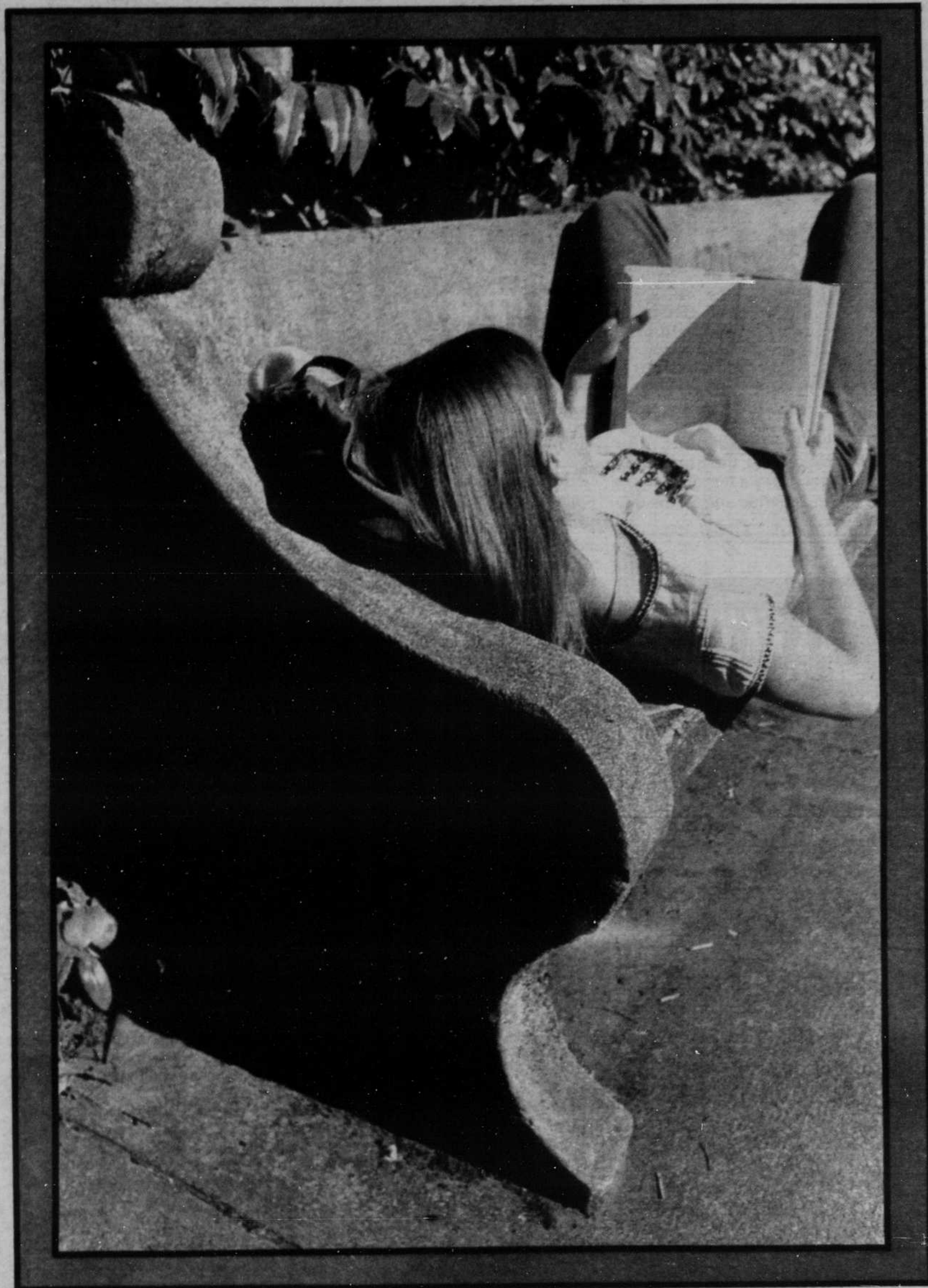


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and the readin' is easy

They said the novel was dead. They said books would become mere museum pieces.

As usual, "they" were dead wrong. The book business in America is booming. More and more people are leafing through books rather than flipping through the television channels.

The summer in particular is a time for reading — the reruns on the tube, silly movies in the theaters and stultifying heat all conspire to make reading the only sensible summer activity.

For a glimpse of the literary opinions of some persons on the street and local author Barry Lopez's ideas about this literary renaissance, please turn to Page 4B.

(And for some clue as to what books to check out and what books to avoid during the summer, see our special review section.)