

**Higher ed's budget
has administrators
smiling, frowning.**

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'Financial difficulties' close Food-Op

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After eight years of financial difficulties, the Food-Op, a cooperative that offered low cost, natural foods to University students, has closed its doors for good.

In a memo dated June 30, ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss, speaking for Food-Op officials, announced the closure of the store because of "ongoing financial difficulties."

Hotchkiss refused any further comment about the Food-Op's financial status. Mary Rowe and Jon Lickerman, spokespersons for the Food-Op, were nearly as tight-lipped about the situation.

However, the two did say that members of the cooperative, which is a private, non-profit corporation, will explore the store's financial status in the next two weeks and future decisions will be made on the basis of that determination.

There are no plans to declare bankruptcy at the present time, say Lickerman and Rowe. They also say

there is a chance the store will owe no money after liquidation and examination of the books.

However, chances are slim that the store will re-open.

"It's not in the foreseeable future," says Lickerman, referring to the possibility of the store opening its doors again.

The store's perishable goods were liquidated last Thursday, but no plans have been made regarding equipment in the building, according to Rowe and Lickerman.

The closure of the Food-Op will not affect an IFC-funded outreach program which started as an outgrowth of the store.

"The goals of the outreach program are not store-related," says Sheila Schain, ASUO budget director.

The director of the outreach program, Pat McGurk, resigned his position at the time of the store closure according to Lickerman and Rowe.

McGurk has been out of town, according to housemates, and was not available for comment.



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Signs say the Food-Op is closed, spokespeople say re-opening is doubtful.

McGurk has contended the lack of visibility has been a major cause of the store's low sales.

The Food-Op building, located at 1535 Agate St., sits away from any main traffic flow, its entrance facing a parking lot. McGurk planned to move

the store to a more favorable location, but the cost of the move changed his mind, McGurk said. He then decided to refurbish the building's exterior.

As recently as June 27 he reported plans to carry out the brightening-up effort.

After a year as chancellor, nobody calls him doctor; folks just slap him on the back and say: How are ya,

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When Chancellor Bud Davis was president of Idaho State University, the librarian told him he didn't look the part of a college administrator.

"You know, Bud," said the librarian. "There are two things you need to be a college president. Gray hair to give you a look of distinction — and hemorrhoids to give you a look of concern."

Now the silver-haired Davis laughs. The look of concern "came naturally," he says.

By Sandy Johnstone

Davis' concern for higher education has taken him nearly 36,000 miles around the state since he took over as chancellor. He has attended public hearings, attended banquets and luncheons and received several awards from all over the state.

Meeting the people of the state was one of Davis' priorities.

"One of the goals I set out a year ago was to build a grassroots level support and interest in higher education," he says.

Davis' visibility throughout the state has been a boon to higher education, says Rep. Wayne Fawbush, D-Hood River.

"He has let a lot of people know that higher education exists and the people in charge care," says Fawbush.

Davis is much more visible than former Chancellor Roy Lieuallen, says Bill Lemman, vice chancellor for administration. "Some administrators work behind the scenes, and some work the crowd," he says.

Part of Davis' success comes from his ability

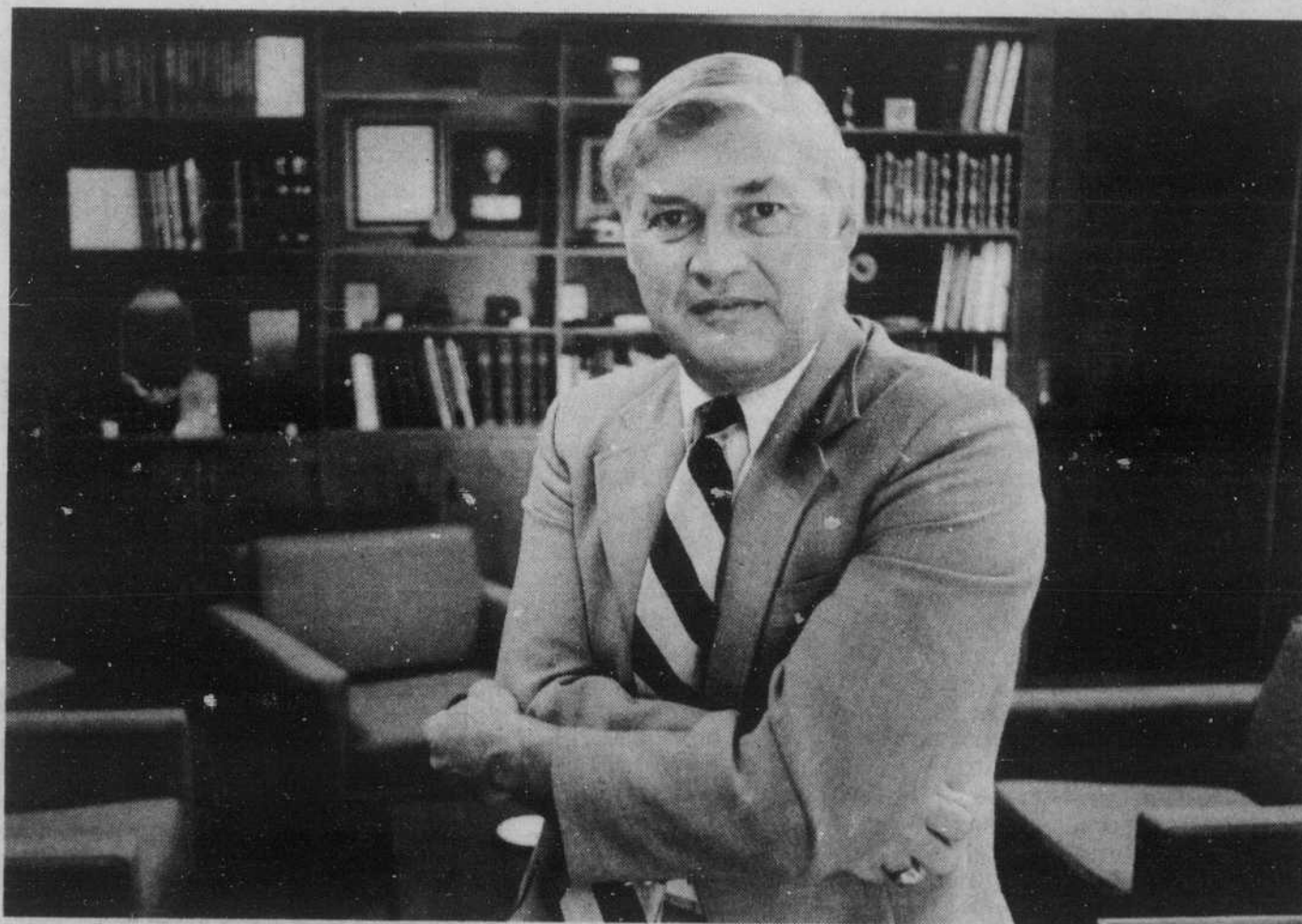


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to get along with people and to feel at home in any situation, says Ed Harms, member of the State Board of Higher Education.

"People like him," says University Pres. Paul Olum. "He's a warm, friendly person with a real commitment to higher education."

Davis, 54, was president of the University of New Mexico for seven years and president of ISU for 10 years. He has a bachelor's degree in physical education, a master's degree in education administration and a doctorate in higher education. He was even the head football coach at the University of Colorado for a short time.

Davis' message to the people of the state has been to create a program of excellence in the state

— something that will rival, in quality if not size, the best institutions in the country.

As he talked to luncheons and banquets across the state and told of his plan for excellence, he discovered the citizens support his plans. "I saw heads nodding," Davis says.

The strategic plan for higher education, a 46 page document detailing the goals for higher education, was the instrument he selected to hear people's views on the state system.

"He's full of ideas to improve higher education," says Olum. "He communicates a sense of urgency to them."

New admissions requirements are perhaps the

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