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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  \* \* \* Memorial Gymnasium

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

University of Idaho

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION First

CITY, TOWN

MOSCOW

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Latah

CODE

057

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

University of Idaho

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

MOSCOW

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Latah County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

MOSCOW

STATE

Idaho

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

\_\_FEDERAL  STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

610 North Julia Davis Drive

Boise,

STATE  
Idaho

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Memorial Gymnasium at the University of Idaho is a brick building in the collegiate Gothic style. It consists of an outset 80' memorial tower and a three story gymnasium.

The tower's corbelled tudor arched entry is of pre-cast stone made in Spokane, Washington. Stained glass windows with cast stone tudor caps and tracery grace the buttressed tower on three sides. The tower's frieze is embellished with precast figures of an Indian, miner, frontiersman and cowboy. An octagonal bell tower rises 24' above the frieze.

The gymnasium is eight bays wide, as demarcated by modified buttresses. Inset panels of glazed tile accentuate the gym windows and also enhance the octagonal tower's crestings. Six thousand square feet of skylight aid in the gymnasium's illumination. Besides a 160' x 108' gym floor, the main body also houses a swimming pool on its lower level.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	1927-1928	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	David Lange
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Memorial Gymnasium is significant as a good example of collegiate Gothic architecture in Idaho. University of Idaho architect David Lange's design for this \$350,000 structure exceeded the normal expectations for an Idaho collegiate building. The use of stained glass windows in the tower greatly enhances the Gothic effect, as do the frieze sculptures. Each of the Frieze's figures represents a segment of Idaho's history from the Indian to the rancher. These were made in hand carved molds by O. N. Wolff Company in Spokane. When completed, Memorial Gymnasium was the largest college building in the state. The tower memorializes Idaho's World War I dead, as noted on a bronze plaque in the lobby.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Idaho Post - May 13, 1927 P. 6, c. 5-7; August 12, 1927 p. 1, c. 6;  
 May 25, 1928 p. 3, c. 2; October 5, 1928 p. 6, c. 3  
 Gibbs, Rafe, Beacon for Mountain and Plain, Caxton, 1962

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 1	49, 90, 3, 0	5, 17, 45, 6, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

12 December 1976

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Merle Wells*

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

24 March 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST: *Charles A. ...*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE *10/5/77*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
 DATE *7-21-77*