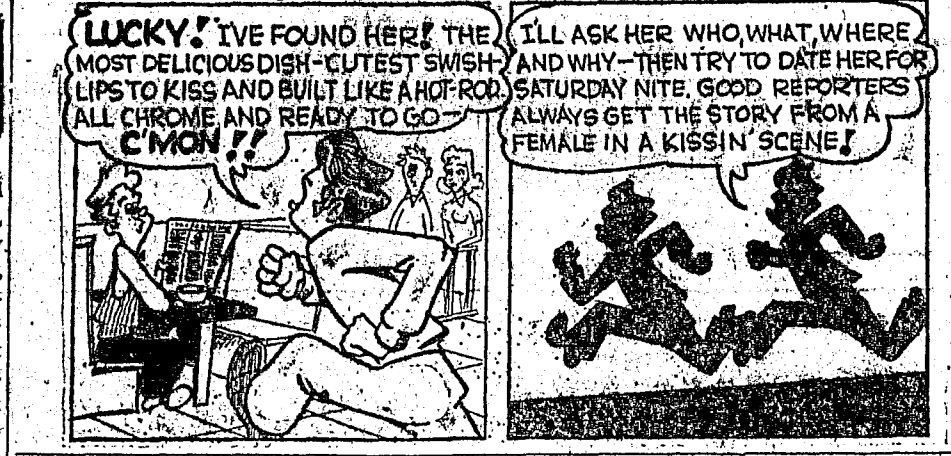




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Dear Jason:
In answer to the letter signed by five gentlemen on the campus, presumably seniors since they say they have been here four years, we say "Are you sure you are expert fans and critics?"



Misplaced Humor
No matter where you go there is a group of people, you always find a certain few who just don't seem to be able to control their sense of humor—and we use the word "humor" loosely.

Improving Vandal Support
Idaho's quartet of yell leaders has been put "under the gun," so to speak, in last Friday's Argonaut and by students' comments heard throughout the basketball season.

New Schedule Is Released For Exchanges Next Semester
Second semester exchanges will start on February 8. All exchanges will be held at the sororities and women's halls every Wednesday evening from 7:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. according to first semester plans.

Hectic Week May End After Quizzes And Invasion Threat
By Jerry Kinsey
"QUIET! Genius at work," the note on the door says. And inside hunched over a desk piled high with books, disorganized notes, and old worn-out quizzes, sits a haggard, red-eyed creature who looks like he took the long way over from Mars—and not in a comfortable Pullman!

Views Presented On Movie Of The Year
"WHAT do you think was the best movie in 1949?" was the question asked of 80 top Hollywood correspondents in a recent Associated Press poll. "All the Kings Men" won top honors with 26 1/2 votes.

Calm Before Storm
But in reality he is in sort of a step-happy daze, cursing the times he wasted during the past 120 days and wondering how bad it would be after all to go out into the world and work for a living instead of trying to get a degree to make his living for him.

Campus Crippled?
Reports from Campus Intelligence are conflicting concerning the possibilities of protection from this new threat. Some authorities believe that student position has been so weakened by crippling snowstorms and sub-zero weather that any defense is impossible.

Faculty Members In South Idaho
Three faculty members of the College of Agriculture are attending meetings in South Idaho this week. They are Dr. T. B. Keith of the department of Animal Husbandry, and Professors C. E. Lampman and C. F. Peterson of the poultry husbandry department.

New Amendment Is Approved By Club
The Ag club at a meeting January 26 voted to approve the constitutional amendment which will provide for departmental clubs in the college of Agriculture.

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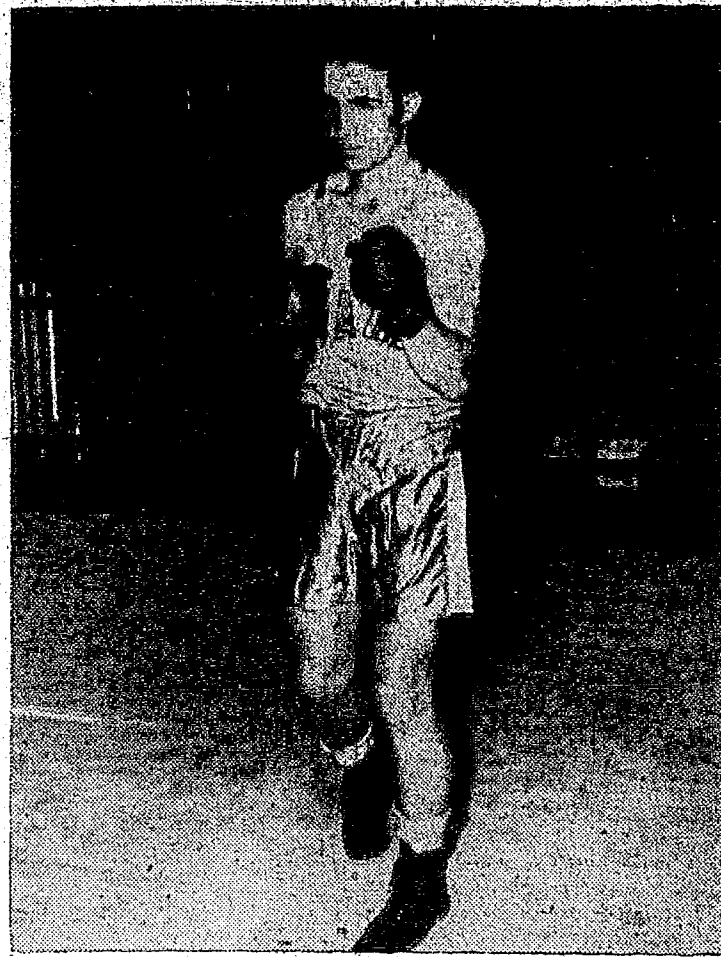
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Mighty Mite



One of the most dependable winners on Idaho's undefeated boxing team is little Frank Echevarria. The 125-pound sophomore is featured in today's "Vandal Portraits." He started fighting for the Vandals in exhibitions last year as a freshman. His speedy, hard punches and aggressive manner have made him a crowd pleaser ever since.

Leather Slingers Rest After Pounding Win Over Cougars

By Don Theophilus

It's taking semester exams to do what the cream of north-west boxing has failed to do. This week the Vandal fight machine slowed to a walk while team members prepared to battle the books. Coach Frank Young says turnouts are to be limited to light exercises until Wednesday when full scale ring-work will begin in earnest. The Vandals are pointing toward their return match with WSC in Memorial gym February 11, in an effort to make it two in a row.

Over the weekend, Burl Joe Vandal donned his ring clothes and went Cougar hunting across the line. The whiskered gent made an evening of it as he smacked his way to a 5-3 decision over Washington State's mittmen. Frank Echevarria and Ted Diehl led the way with sizzling t.k.o's.

125 Pounder Starts Wins Idaho entered the ring with a 2-0 lead from forfeits in the 145 and 165 pound divisions. Little Franky went to work from there as he belted Phil Largent into submission with a blistering attack. Throwing rights and lefts with crushing effect, the flashy sophomore won his third try in as many starts when Largent failed to answer the third round bell.

In the 130 pound bracket Norm Walker assured the Idaho squad of at least a tie when he squeezed by Jerry McHugh. Walker held the advantage in the first two rounds but seemed to tire in the third canto.

Second TKO - Ted Diehl added cake to the ice cream as he pounded out a victory that gave the team its third straight dual win for the season. Utilizing Johnny Blacken's unorthodox attack he poured rights to the body and face. In the third round, Diehl bored in and caught Blacken under the chin with a right that left him helpless. The referee stopped the fight at that point.

The good sized crowd of 3500, made up a large part of Idaho fans, voiced its disapproval when DeForrest Tovey lost his first start of the year to Larry McLaughlin at 130 pounds. Tovey fought a defensive battle most of the way and delivered a dazzling exhibition of counter-punching and footwork. McLaughlin carried the fight and apparently was awarded the points for his aggressiveness.

Thane Johnson, Idaho's substitute 155 pounder, lost a close decision to Milt Wilson of W.S.C. Both boys tired early in the struggle and most of the later blows carried little steam.

Heavyweight Loss In the final bout Larry Hanson was outpointed by Hubert Christianson in the heavyweight encounter. Larry looked much improved but still a long way from his top form in 1947. Christianson dealt out heavy punishment in the final round with telling blows to the body and face.

In exhibition bouts of the evening Herb Carlson faced more difficulty than expected before downing Chuck Morgan. Pre-card exhibitions saw Idaho's Otis Malloy win a decision over Denny Yashuhara, and Vern Puddy of the Cougars take a decision from Idaho's Fred Bowen.

"My daddy's a bookkeeper," said little Linda proudly. "Yes, I know," said her little pal. "He borrowed one from pop."

Still No Conference Wins As Cagers Fall Before WSC

NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS

Table with columns: W, L, Pct., PF, PA. Rows: Washington State, Washington, Oregon State, Oregon, IDAHO.

Saturday night's WSC-Idaho game may be summed up in the same way as have many of their previous meetings. Once again it was Gayda, Gayda, Gayda. As the Cougars' All-America candidate lived up to his reputation by sinking 27 points, Idaho's hapless five slipped farther into the mire of the Northern Division cellar. When the game ended Saturday, it was WSC 63, Idaho 40.

Dick Geisler, who led Vandal scoring with 12 points, opened the evening at Memorial gymnasium with a free throw. Leon Mangis countered with a gift toss for the Cougars but Sam Jenkins looped in a 10-footer and Geisler added one from the free throw line for a 4-1 Idaho lead.

Cougars Move

Free throws by Ted Tappe and Mangis for the Cougars and one by Pritchett for Idaho made the score 5-3 after three minutes. The Cougars set to work at this point. With Gayda, Gambold and Conley scoring, the WSC five had a 13 to 5 lead during the next five minutes.

Idaho whittled the margin to 13-10 after 10 minutes and the score remained close until, with three minutes of the half gone, the Cougars rallied again. This time Mangis joined Gayda, Conley and Gambold to build the score to 29 to 16, before two quick buckets by Idaho made the halftime margin 29 to 22.

Conley opened the second half with a hook shot and Gayda made four quick points to build the score to 35 to 22 before Idaho scored after two minutes to make it 35 to 24. Gayda and Gambold combined to increase the margin to 15 points after three minutes, and that was practically the ball game.

Gayda kept the Vandals out of the running and in the second half he laced the net for 19 points. Pritchett lost

Idaho, after losing Bob Pritchett by fouls after six minutes, was never in the ball game after the start of the second half. The Cougars, shooting an amazing percentage of shots, wound up the evening with 21 of 54 attempts going through the bucket. Idaho, which shot 73 times, claimed only 13 field goals.

The rough contest saw 51 fouls called—23 on WSC, 27 on Idaho. Five players were shown to the showers, Pritchett, Bob Wheeler and Roy Irons of the Vandals, and Gene Conley and Ron Button of the Cougars.

Coach Friel's second platoon did not do its usual double duty in either half. Coach Chuck Finley matched the WSC second five with a platoon of his own, which effectively bottled up the second WSC quintet. But the first team handled the chore satisfactorily.

The victory set the Cougars on the top rung in the northern division race. Washington was defeated for the second time by the Oregon Ducks, 63 - 60, at Eugene. Washington, however, can jump back into the lead as it meets Oregon State in a pair at Corvallis tonight and tomorrow night.

Southern Division

In the southern division, California's Golden Bears collide with the flashy Oakland Nuggets tomorrow night in a contest which precludes disaster for the Bears. If nothing else, the game might smarten the Californians for their clash Friday with the Stewart Chevrolet, another AAU outfit, and Saturday's game with University of Hawaii.

UCLA, which ran up its 22nd consecutive triumph on the home floor last Saturday, will try to keep the string unbroken in two encounters with Fresno State. The Bruins trounced Santa Barbara 67 to 43, and Cal Poly by 69 to 38. Bullseye Bill Shattam, ace forward for the USC Trojans, couldn't connect against University of San Francisco Friday and Troy bowed, 55 to 41. USC beat St. Mary's, 46 to 41 the next night though.

Gloria: Henry always was a perfect gentleman when he was out with me. Jean: Yeah, he bored me too.

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Frosh Hoopsters Still Riding High; Victimize Kitties

Idaho's Vandal Babes turned on the heat in the second half Saturday evening to post their seventh victory of the season. For the second time this year the frosh defeated WSC's Couabes, this time by a score of 58-37.

The first half started slowly and developed into a see-saw race. It featured good ball handling and tight defensive play by both teams. The score read 25-26 favoring the WSC squad at intermission. Mainly responsible for the Couabes' staying in the game during the first half was big center, Don Steinbruner, who made 11 points in that period. He was stopped, however, and only came through with 2 tallies in the second period.

During the second half the Vandal greenies set an undeniable pace led by Hartley Kruger, pivotman who dropped in 18 counters. Forward, Bill Mather, tallied 15 for Idaho.

Friday evening the frosh are scheduled to meet one of the best independent quintets of the Inland Empire when they play Grady's All-Stars of Colfax. Last time the Babes met the Grady five Coach Belko's squad lost a heart-breaker by 2 points. The contest is to be a preliminary to the varsity University of Oregon-Idaho fracas.

Saturday evening's preliminary is to be fought against the junior varsity from EWCE.

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Time Out

By COSTELLO

Our WSC neighbors boast a mascot in the form of an aged, dispeptic cougar called "Butch." The beast is a symbol of WSC spirit and draws tremendous ovations every time he appears in public.

Saturday night Idaho students were presented with a mascot—a shiny Vandal helmet. While the WSC mascot demands more meat per day than a tribe of cannibals, this new Idaho helmet has the admirable ability to sit in a trophy case and cost no more than an occasional bottle of silver polish.

The fact that Idaho has this new symbol can be attributed to a dynamic young man named Mac Black. Mac is one of those undeniably guys with personality and energy enough to sell Japanese fans in Chinatown.

Here is the history of the helmet idea in Mac's own words:

Mac Explains

"Stan (hot lips) Godecke and I were homeward bound after the 1948 summer school. When the idea came, we were charging along in an open jeep at mid-day through the Nevada desert—a place Stan calls 'God's country'.

The heat was terrific and, by George, heat of that intensity does strange things to the mind of a man.

"My thoughts drifted back to the cold weather and cool rains we had experienced during the previous winter. Good old Idaho! As the sun beat down I wanted to pay a tribute to the state which provided such genuine, natural air conditioning. What could I do?"

Inspiration

"It hit me between the eyes like a big hairy bird. I remembered something that almost every other school had which Idaho didn't. I must have been delirious but I saw a Vandal before me. HE DIDN'T HAVE A HELMET. In my heat prostrated mind I determined to remedy the deplorable situation.

"I decided to write to Europe and get a genuine Vandal helmet.

Skiers To Enter McCall PNSA Meet

The university ski team is to leave Saturday morning for McCall to compete in the Pacific Northwest Skiers Association invitational meet. The meet is open for all class A and B competition from any of the Western states.

Coach Gene Harlow has named seven men to make the trip: Fred Boyle, captain, Sverre Kongsgaard, Tor Lyshaug, Paul Mykelbust, Ole Saatvedt, Muddy Numbers, and John Caswell.

Feature events of the meet will be slalom and jumping, with the slalom taking place Sunday morning and jumping in the afternoon.

Idaho is the only college officially entered in the meet, but WSC and the U. of Washington are expected to send competitors.

The team has showed much improvement according to Boyle. Skiing conditions have been good around Moscow the last few weeks and team members should offer some stiff competition.

The famous man stood around after his lecture and answered questions. "It took me 15 years to discover that I had absolutely no talent for writing," he said. "So you gave it up?" asked a student. "No," he replied, "by that time I was too famous."

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