

director Atwood named new Comm

Dawn Casey Staff

eginning this summer, the School of Communication will have a dynamic new director.

Dr. Roy Atwood, in his 10th year at the University of Idaho, brings a wealth of experience to the communication department and his new position as director.

When Peter Haggart announced his resignation this September, Atwood presented a vision statement to the faculty for the candidate selection process. He received unanimous support which was "nice confidence from the faculty," he said, who passed their recommendation on to Dr. Kurt Olsson, dean of Letters and Science.

The School of Communication, Atwood said in his vision statement, is "in pretty good shape ... our strengths continue to outweigh our weaknesses.'

As director, Atwood will encourage students to get internships with "expert advice" and "criticism" and to build relationships within the professional community. Quality students should be "rewarded with plum internships"-which Atwood believes to be "capstone" experiences for students looking for professional insight during their education. Students, Atwood says, often become "cheap labor" for businesses. Interns are "thrown into the (internship and) not necessarily carefully supervised," he said.

He would like to see the department "launch new programs" to improve relations with students and alumni. Active programs of improvement will include stronger student representation at faculty meetings and renewed commitment to alumni relations with a regular newsletter, he said.

Changes will also include greater curriculum flexibility to

accommodate newer, more diverse courses and allow these courses to count toward a degree in the communication specialties. He would also like to see improved scholarship and financial assistance to deserving students.

Upcoming retirements and changes in the faculty will give the department "opportunity to expand and grow in new directions," he said. With a 12-member faculty, four possible vacancies might make room for "new blood."

Atwood has an extensive background in international education. With a B.A. in philosophy and an M.A. in religion, Atwood headed the journalism department at

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West Park sixth graders put electonic projects to the test as the designers look on. The projects were part of the EE480 senior design class for Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Child care availability low in Moscow

Christine Ermey

Staff

hen University of Idaho junior Angle Smith couldn't find child care for her infant daughter until the week before fall semester classes began last August, she panicked. She finally found a family care facility-four days before classes started.

"I pay \$365 a month for child care, which is really low," said Smith. "The average is about \$475 a month. But I like this family care because it's very family and home-like. The lady who watches my daughter doesn't take kids years old, and I totally trust her." Two weeks before Chris Menter came back to work for the UI Registrar's office last August, she ran into a problem with her childcare provider in Troy. "A lady in Troy, who was watching my son and daughter, basically said that she was not going to baby-sit my kids anymore," said Menter. Problems like Smith's and Menter's are not unusual in the Moscow area. "Moscow is facing a serious crisis situation with day care," said Menter. "Most are full and have waiting lists. There is a shortage of child-care workers because of low pay. People don't realize what a shortage there is." The Idaho Child Care Office has 13 day care centers, 67 family care centers and six in-home child-care providers registered with the Idaho Child Care Program in Moscow. Of these, only 29 have openings. Menter's children are now separated in two different day cares.

Her daughter, a kindergartner, attends an after-school family care in Troy, while her son, age 2, attends Shirley's Tots R Tops day care in Moscow. "I like the care at Shirley's, and I was happy with their ability to take him on a moment's notice," said Menter.

On Dec. 12, Shirley's Tots R Tops, Moscow's second largest day care, announced that due to parents failing to pay on time, they will be downsizing from 75 openings to 20 openings beginning Dec. 15.

Further complicating matters are changes in the ICCP. Formerly under the ICCP, parents who required assistance with child-care payments were reimbursed for the child-care plans they were receiving. However, beginning Oct. 1 of this year, the ICCP no longer reimburses parents for the entire child-care plans they are receiving. For example, if a student parent has classes from 8 a.m. to noon, the ICCP will now only reimburse parents for those hours, and not for an entire day, as previously. As a result, students will not be reimbursed for study time. "For student families, child care will only be paid for during times they are in school. Some families were cut \$1,300," said Mary Spilva of the UI Child Care Resource and Referral. "When you're a student parent, you base everything on the fact that your child care will be paid for.' Jan Reed, director of UI Early Childhood Center said 40 percent of the parents at ECC will be affected by this. "I refuse to kick people out because of this. because we're supposed to be doing what's in the best interest of

the children," said Reed. "But you can't go for free. In the first month of cuts, we're going to try to get \$462 out of \$366. It may end up that parents may have a bill to pay back later."

Reed also said the new ICCP does not help her center, and it. doesn't help child-care providers. "Our budget isn't up until July, but parents may have to look at part-time care," Reed said.

Sandra Mix runs a family care facility out of her Moscow home for preschoolers. Mix said she lost between \$200-\$250 per month with the new ICCP cuts. "It affected me because I charge a flat fulltime fee, and that made a big dif-ference," Mix said. "I lost a week at Thanksgiving break and three weeks at Christmas break. It makes it difficult for child-care providers who want to have a base and need to put food on their tables.'

Last August, Spilva wrote a proposal to the university for "flex

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works to inform public on avalanche safety. See page 12.

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UI Theater Arts students

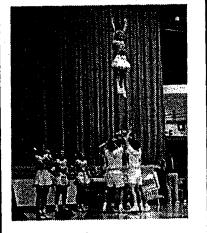
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showing this weekend at

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presentation, 'Mother,'

Collette Theater.



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UI cheerleaders head to NCAA national championships.

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worst in nation

Christine Ermey

Staff

urrently, Idaho has no standards for what is considered quality care. Idaho's child-care licensing standards are the worst in the nation, allowing for 12 children of any age group to be looked after by one person, who is not required to have a license. "What we're saying when we do that is children are not worth anything and education is not important," said Jan Reed, director of the University of Idaho Early Childhood Center.

The UI ECC cares for 120-125 children with a staff of 55. The ratio of child-care providers to infants is one to three; for toddlers the ratio is one to four; for preschoolers the ratio is one to seven; and for school age children the ratio is one to 12. Because of the lack of state licensing, many cities, including

Moscow, have picked up the responsibility of setting standards for child-care licensing: Moscow uses a points system to regulate child-care licensing. Moscow is on a 10 point system, while the state of Idaho is on a 12 point system. Under both systems, infants (ages 0-2) are worth three points, toddlers (ages 2-3) are worth two points and 3-5-year-olds are worth one point each.

So under the Moscow licensing system, a child-care provider can

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take three infants or five toddlers, while under the Idaho licensing system, a child-care provider can take four infants or six toddlers.

Also under the state licensing system, an infant is considered a buby under one year old. Under the Moscow licensing system, a family care provider can watch up to six children including his or her own without being licensed. "What this means is that anyone with a crimind record can watch those first six kies, and they don't count," said Samira Mix, a Moscow family care DEWNIGER.

In order to qualify for a Moscow child-care license, applicants must underge a fingerprint background check (which would presumably

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burn up a criminal record), present proof of insurance, complete cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid classes and have the facility checked for plumbing and health inspection.

"Another child-care provider and I worked with the Moscow City Council to come up with a licensing system because we were frustrated," said Mix. "The thing with the points system is that it isn't regulated if the providers area't licensed. Good providers try to follow these rules, but many of them know that no one is going to comeknocking on their doors to check."

Moscow city council member Paul Palmer said the city can help by making sure child-care facilities are safe. "If a parent is looking for a child-care facility, they should be able to ask the city what a license means, and the city should be able to say what's been checked-like the safety of the facilities, fire and health standards and the background of the child-cure provider," she said.

In Washington state, the standards for child care are among the best in the nation because Washington follows the national standards for child care set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Washington state even has a book telling how to talk to children." said Reed. "I know those Washington standards, and I refuse to do less."

Idaho recently passed legislation requiring day care providers to have four hours of training every year. There are things in child development that a lot of parents and child-care providers don't know," Mix said. "And it's like pulling weth to get people to do the comine."

Spilva said that day-care centers sometimes, but not always, have trained caregivers who offer a curriculum for child development. "Most parents are happy with family care entil their child is 2 1/2, then they move them to day care," Spilva said. "This makes me sad because children learn more through playing than they do by being told to color."

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Gonzaga University. Upon completion of his Ph.D. in mass communication at the University of lowa in 1984, he began his career at UL

Every seven years, professors are eligible to apply for a sabbatical Atwood spent his at Warsaw University in Poland in 1990 and then at Egerton University in Kenya in 1991.

Atwood's experiences overseas range from lecturing in traditional classrooms to dodging hostile political climates. Egenton is eight miles from the town of Molo. where, during the Kenyan elections of 1991, breakouts of unrest prompted the evacuation of expatriates, including Atwood and his family.

Before beginning his duties as director on July 1, Arwood will spend time in Poland and the Czech Republic-researching the changes in media policies since the 1989 fall of communisations well as lecturing in Badapest, Hungary,

So what will the School of Communication look like in four to eight years? "Your guess is as good as mine," he said. One can guess with Atwood's scopicus and fascinating background, it will look

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Health Services advises caution

Geoff McClelland Contributing Writer

More students are bound to find themselves sick at this time of year than at any other. University of Idaho Student Health Services wants students to be extra cautious.

Dr. Donald K. Chin has been the director of UI Student Health Services for the last five years and a staff member for 18 years. He says Health Services is "a sort of one-stop service" for UI students.

Health Services is responsible for the health of some 11,000 students. "We're the gatekeepers of medicine, taking care of all major illnesses," said Chin.

The student health care center offers primary medical care which includes x-rays, women's health care, nutrition, immunization, and minor surgery such as the treatment of lacerations, ingrown toenail removal or liquid nitrogen treatment for warts.

SHS deals with diseases commonly found in young adults, said Dr. Chin. Flu, colds and sexually transmitted diseases are the top illnesses commonly treated by SHS. "We also deal with a lot of minor injuries: sprained ankles, fractures-intramural injuries," said Chin.

It's great to be SUB-conscious

Chin wants UI students to know the center also helps with the treatment of mental illnesses. "Students are sent to us with test anxiety, and we either treat them, refer them to Student Counseling Services, or set them up with an appointment with our psychiatrist." UI and Washington State University student health services jointly employ a psychiatrist who works 3 1/2days at WSU and 1 1/2 days at UI each week.

Chin anticipates a lot of flu and colds as finals approach. "A student is a high risk patient," said Chin, "due to lack of sleep, constant stress, as well as tending to take risks with alcohol or becoming involved in risky sexual relations."

As preventive measures Dr. Chin recommends:

• exercising regularly

• becoming nutrition conscious (low fat/high fiber diet)

• practicing stress management techniques

 regularly checking cholesterol, diabetes, hypertension, etc.

· immunizing against the flu and other illnesses

 assuming responsibility when using alcohol

• taking preventive measures with sexually transmitted diseases

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Now that the Palouse is blan-

keted with snow, most students

have put their bikes away. But a

few have decided to face the chal-

lenges of cycling on slushy side-

Why would anyone want to ride

a bike in such weather? One rea-

son can be money. Driving to and

from school every day can be

Another reason, for some, can

be time. After de-icing and warm-

ing up a car, driving (don't forget

red lights, traffic, and road condi-

tions), finding a parking space

and walking to class, most people can make the bike ride to school

Students, however, should be

aware that once they have decid-

ed to cycle through the winter, their next step should be getting

together the proper equipment.

Most students who are reasonably

active in the outdoors probably

A bike is, of course, important.

Mountain bikes are highly sug-

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Contributing Writer

Leonard Halland is helping the university build the new engineering and physics building going up east of the Buchanan Engineering Laboratory.

The retired University of Idaho lab technician has established several University of Idaho endowment and trust funds totaling nearly \$4 million, of which a portion is being used for the project.

Although blind now, Halland is still very keen of mind, said Bob Steele, director of Trusts, Investment and Deferred Giving. He said Halland visited the campus last year for the groundbreaking of the building. For Halland's Oct. 31 birthday, Steele recorded the Vandaleers singing a "Happy

of the tires helps-more of the tread comes into contact with the road surface this way. A good chain lubricant will be

The snow cyclist's survival guide

needed to help prevent rust in winter's wet conditions.

A waterproof jacket will keep out the cold air as well as the slush thrown by those drivers who don't have enough consideration to avoid splashing bikers and pedestrians. Rainpants will do the same for legs, not to mention preventing the embarrassing back tire "skid mark" from staying on the backside all day.

Gloves might just be the most important piece of clothing a bicyclist can wear. Fingers can get pretty cold-even during a short ride. A waterproof pair would be best, but a pair made of thick wool will suffice.

A touch of courage should be part of every winter cyclist's equipment list. Coasting down steep, icy hills with cars and pedestrians all around is not for the faint-hearted. Most stores, however, are no longer carrying courage-in-a-container. But while looking for it, it wouldn't hurt to

tires. Letting some of the air out ask if they carry canned humility-sooner or later most bicyclists wind up on the pavement, and the most likely spot for this to happen is wherever the sidewalks will be filled with members of the opposite sex.

The actual act of cycling in winter conditions is a lot like driving in them. The first rule is GO SLOW. Velocity, ice, and two tires often make people glad they chose to wear waterproof clothing and sorry they don't have health insurance. Staying in low gear will help maintain control.

Car drivers know that putting weight over the back tires gives them better traction. This principle also works on bicycles. The best way to keep weight on the back wheel is to keep that rearend planted on the seat.

Another good trick to practice is to pedal on somewhat clear surfaces and coast over possible ice patches

Sidewalks have an advantage over roads: most drivers try to stay off them. A bicyclist's greatest fear is the possibility of sliding on ice and winding up under some studded snow tires.

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He keeps giving and giving...

Contributing Writer Even though he is 101 years old,

Birthday" song for him and messages from people on and off campus who remember him.

Halland, of Great Falls, Mont., earned his B.S. in mechanical engineering at UI in 1919 and his M.S. in 1928. He started working for the physics department in 1920 at 67 cents per hour and retired in 1960 after nearly 40 years of managing the physics laboratory.

Halland started his giving to UI in 1957 with 30 shares of J.C. Penny stock valued at \$2,520, said Steele. Since then, Halland "has added as he could, when he could," he said.

With UI stewardship, Halland saw fund balances reach \$1 million in 1984. The balance mark now nears \$4 million. Steele said approximately one-half of the funds will be used on the project after federal funds are depleted.

Halland's funds were used as matching funds to secure the federal grant for the project, making the building possible, said Dr. Henry Willmes, physics department chair.

"His original goal was to get a fund that would be meaningful to physics, possibly a small building," Steele said. Halland may not be getting a small building, but Steele said the whole physics floor in the new building will be named after him.

Why does Halland give all this money to UI? "When someone receives an education from a school such as the University of Idaho, I believe they should remember it and support it financially," he said in Idaho the University magazine in 1988. "They did so much for me, I can never repay them for what they've done for me," he said last year.







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Big West move to be discussed

A meeting will be held Dec. 19 at 2:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium to have a final discussion of the possible move to the Big West conference. President Zinser will make her final decision known Dec. 23.

'Grasping for Air'

Dr. Michael Dickinson will give a lecture entitled "Grasping for Air: The Aerodynamics and Physiology of Flight in Drosophila" today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 277 of the Life Sciences South Building. The lecture is open to the public.

Those darned gov't forms...

"Help tables" will set up by Financial Aid Dec. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist

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students with filling out financial aid applications. One table will be set up on the first floor of the library, and the other will be in the Student Union next to the Information Desk.

L&S to honor fall grads

The College of Letters and Sciences is holding a reception to honor its December graduates Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium. Friends, family, faculty and staff are all invited to attend.

ASUI positions open

The ASUI will have several paid and unpaid positions open for next semester. The positions are appointed by the ASUI senate: ASUI Senator; Public Relations Coordinator; Student Issues Board Member; Academics Board Member; Recreational Advisory Board Member; Programs Board Member; Student Media Board Member; Student Union Board Member. Applicants for the positions of Attorney General and Student Defender must be in their second or third year of law school. For more information, call 885-6331.

MLK III to speak at WSU

Martin Luther King III will be the featured speaker Jan. 18 at Washington State University's celebration of Martin Luther King Day. The speech will be given in the CUB Auditorium at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Class offered on Europe

Professor Alan Rose wants to encourage students—especially those majoring in business— to take his spring class on the current formation of the European Union. The union will be the largest consumer market in the

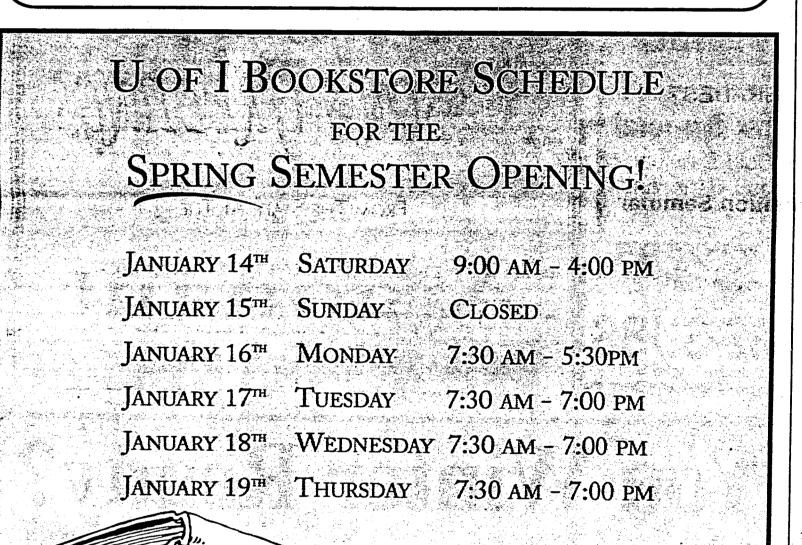


world and is currently debating the feasibility of using one currency. The title of the class is FL/EN 400 "European Union Seminar" and is open to all students. The only requirement is to understand Rose's English Cockney accent.

Women's award offered

The Intensive American Language Center is offering a \$750 scholarship towards the study of the English language at the Intensive American Language Center.

All foreign women who are residing in Whitman, Latah or Nez Perce counties are eligible for the scholarship. For information or applications, contact Jan Stephens at 335-3264. Applications must be turned in by Jan 6., 1995.



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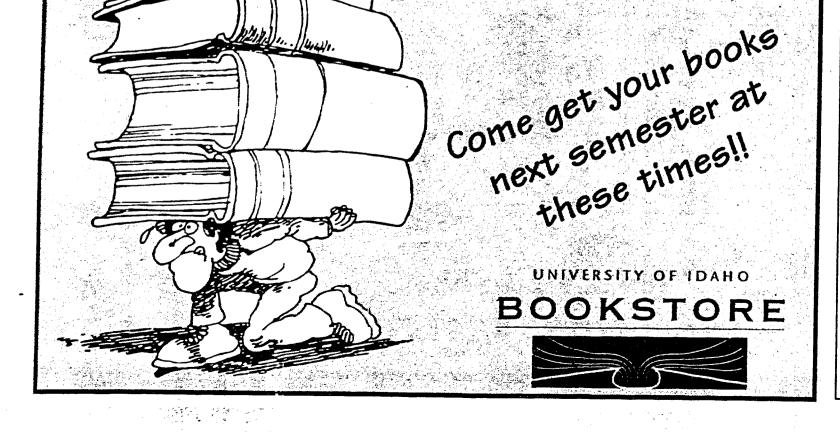
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care" for students, under which students make a contract with the university as to the amount of child care they need, when they need it and how much they will pay for it. "The problem with that is the university does not want to be in the child-care business," said Spilva. "But if ECC is service for students, we need to treat it like a business."

Bruce Pitman, UI dean of Students said flex care is not impossible, but implementing it will be difficult. "The major chal-lenges are related to space and money," said Pitman. "I've done some preliminary research on this, and we just don't have the space available. Other issues are related to financing and staff. We have to have a stable financial base, but beyond that, if you don't know how many people are using it, you can't.

have a staffing pattern." Pitman added, "I've been reluc-tant to get into this very deeply because we've spent a lot of time with our current child-care facility to make it self supporting. We're barely one year into our new center, and it took a lot of time to get it."

Spilva said the national turnover rate for child-care providers is 41 percent every year. This means that 41 percent of all child-care providers quit every year, usually due to low pay. "This is a hard pro-fession and parents need to acknowledge that," said Spilva. "Most child-care providers make less than minimum wage, but when child-care providers charge for the quality of care they give, parents don't want it or can't afford it."

Mix charges \$340 a month based on a nine hour day, with \$2 extra for a 10 hour day. Mix says many parents don't realize the rate she charges does not reflect total profit. "The IRS takes 50 percent in taxes, not to mention the insurance, wear and tear on my home and the amount of stress involved in this job," said Mix. "Parents need to realize that child-care providers aren't just hanging out with their kids. They're doing it for an income, not just for spending money.'

Spilva has worked on national campaigns which try to educate parents about child care. "The highest paid child-care providers with master's degrees only make \$6.50 an hour," she said.

Mix, who considers herself a child advocate, feels that children should be treated well, because our future depends on it. "child-care providers can't do a good job if they make \$1 an hour when they're taking care of the nation's most

prized possession," she said. Reed is an out-

> Wages" cam-paign in Seattle. This campaign is sponsored by the National Center Early for Childhood Workforce.

"Studies have shown that small

groups and the education of the child-care provider have the highest impact on the quality of care," said Reed. UI employee Menter said she

favors a flex care system for UI employees. "There needs to be more availability for day care. I'd like to see more day-care employers who are concerned about daycare issues and realize that parents need to interact with their kids daily," said Menter. "I would like day cares to employ competent people who are fairly compensated for their work."

Smith said although she only pays \$365 a month for her child care, it still takes a huge chunk out of her budget. "I pay \$475 a month for

spoken advocate Child-care providers can't do a for the "Worthy Work, Worthless good job if they make \$1 an hour when they're taking care of the nation's most prized possession. **Family Care Provider**

rent, \$365 for child care, \$370 for utilities and bills," said Smith. "That's over \$1200 right there, plus there's diapers to buy, which is about \$100 to \$200 a month and \$50 a month on gas." Moscow City Council member

Pam Palmer agrees that child care is expensive. "Traditionally, childcare workers are underpaid," she said. "I support paying child-care providers a decent wage, but I'm not sure how to resolve the conflict."

When Palmer began looking for child care for her daughters ten years ago, she had a booklet listing all the child-care providers in the area, the services they provided,

was overwhelmed by their ability to be so understanding and patient and provide the guidance that works so

providers should be paid more than the rest of us because what they do is so important."

Mix said she doesn't know how to resolve the child-care conflict. We don't want the government to be looking over our shoulders all the time, but child-care providers shouldn't have to work for minimum wage," Mix said. "I don't know what the answer is."

Mix said she would like to see parents become more involved in child-care regulation. "Some par-ents get so desperate for child care that when they find something they don't feel comfortable with, they turn their heads because they are afraid to lose their slots," Mix said.

Reed feels that Idaho needs to resolve its child-care conflict. "If we don't nurture and care for our children now, we'll pay for it later, and the children will suffer," she said.

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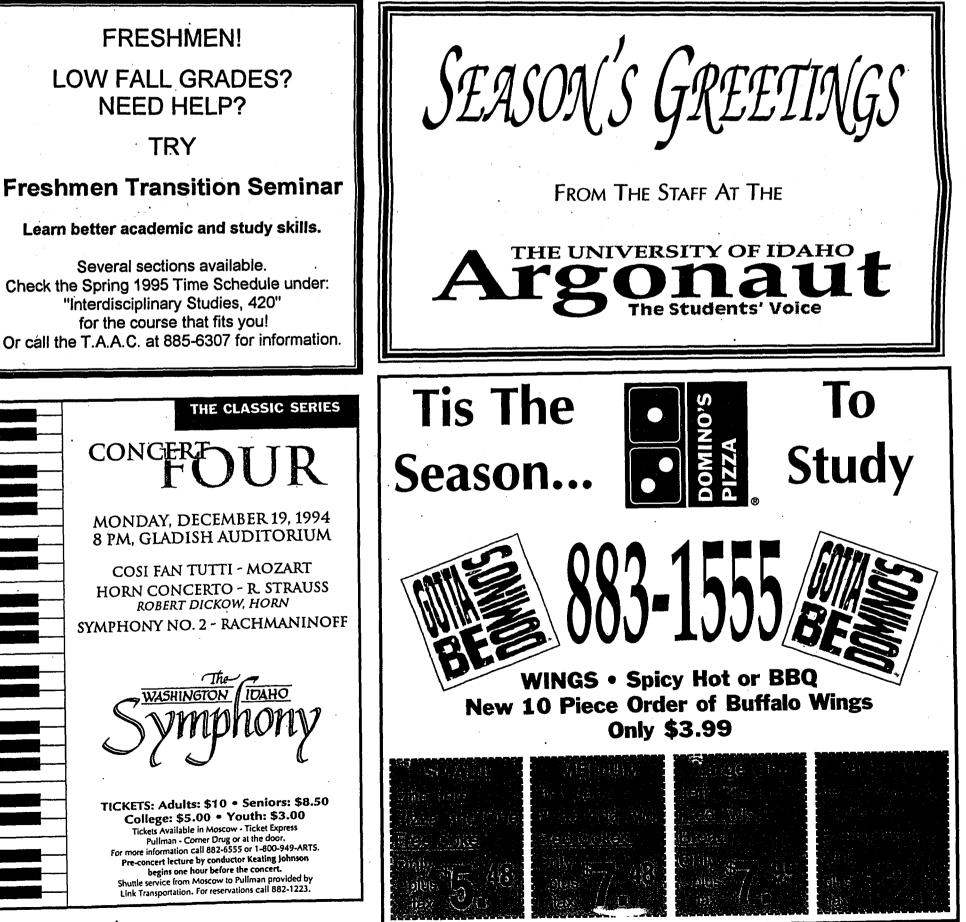
-Sandra Mix

and their philosophy about child care. "It really helped me out when I was looking for child care," she

said. "I'd like to see more of that." Palmer found child care for her children at Moscow Day School. "I

well," she said. "Sometimes I think child-care

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Ethics hard to find at UI

In the last issue of the Argonaut, Dennis Sasse wrote a story about Zach Craig-Works-another Argonaut reporter who had a run-in with University of Idaho Judicial Officer Brett Shoufler and Dean of Students Bruce Pitman.

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Pitman and Jim Bauer, director of Residence Life, are now crying foul because of an apparent conflict of interests and ethical concerns regarding the Argonaut's use of its own reporter as a primary source.

Is the newspaper supposed to ignore a story regarding questionable judicial practices of university officials because of a conflict of interests? Is there an ethical concern? Yes. Should the Argonaut ignore the problem simply because it involves a staff member? The answer is no.

Sasse made every attempt to get university officials to talk to him about the incident. The responses he received were less than communicative or helpful.

The one exception was Pitman. He would not talk to Sasse without Craig-Works present due to a concern of student privacy. This is admirable but not necessary. An act of vandalism occurred in a public building and was investigated by a public entity. The media should have access to this material.

Craig-Works, however, discovered several lapses of ethical behavior on the part of several UI officials.

Jason Rammel, ASUI student defender, was the first person Craig-Works talked to after discovering he was being charged with vandalizing an elevator. Rammel apparently felt it necessary to inform UI Judicial Officer Brett Shoufler of everything Craig-Works had told him regarding the incident. What happened to client-counselor confidentiality, folks? Apparently UI officials have forgotten an important part of the American judicial system.

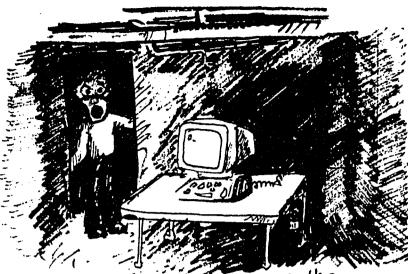
Mary Lu Freano, resident director for UI Residences, refused to give Craig-Works a copy of the incident report. What happened to the defendant's right to all evidence brought against him? Yet another basic tenet thrown to the wind.

The issue is the fact Shoufler accused a student of a crime he knew the student did not commit in order to scare him into saying who did it. This kind of behavior is totally unethical and should never have happened. If a witness needs to be questioned, they're issued a subpoena to do so before a judge—not accused of the crime as a default.

Apparently some UI officials must resort to Gestapo-like tactics to communicate with the people who pay their salaries.

If UI officials are going to assume the role of investigator/prosecutor/defender (is there a conflict of interest here?), they should begin by modeling their judicial proceedings upon those rights which are provided for citizens in the Constitution of the United States.

-Russ Wright



Deep in the bowels of the Admirz., Ed discovers a mythical creature - the available computer terminal.

Put the 'dead' in Dead Week

nto every life, a little rain . must fall, and it's pouring buckets this week. For UI students (and about 45-50,000 other students statewide), this

week is a whirlwind of papers,

think that it must be all right to

the final, of course). To put it

mildly, this creates tension.

reviews, finals and professors who

cram the last three chapters of the

text into this week (and it's all on

Tension can be a good thing; it

otherwise stagnation would result.

already zombied out on caffeine,

it seems that there is too much, too

soon. In today's world, where it is

becoming acceptable to grab large

(Unless, of course, you're all for

mowing down your neighbors, in

Obviously, we need to treat the

problem at its source. In this case,

root cause of their late-night anxi-

ety attacks is finals. Therefore, I

tic, is quite easily accomplished,

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ties. Don't go.

To hell with your finals; you've been going to those classes two. three or maybe four days a week, every week since school started. You've taken notes, read the book, taken the tests; why would you want to spend another block of time going over the same damn material? If it was that good to start with, you wouldn't spend so much time trying not to drool on your desk.

Not only is the block at least twice as long as any other single chunk you spend there, they're scheduled at insipidly silly times. Who out there wants to take a test on 7:30 on a Saturday morning? I sure as hell don't; calculus is a masochistic way to kick off the morning during the school year, much less for finals.

Stop your whining; I'm sure some of you out there are going, "But I'll fail if I don't go!" What if nobody shows up? If 11,000 students refuse to take their finals, I guarantee that someone in the state government will smell a titanic rat and investigate. Oops, there went our funding

In addition, it would look bad

for every professor on campus if we don't go. A few heads would roll, and you could probably address each one as "Doctor" as they bounced down the aisle and into the street. Everyone would probably get a default C on their finals, just so UI doesn't land in the soup.

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Let's not forget here that, despite all the trappings, UI is a business. When all your customers express dissatisfaction at once, it tends to cause a stir, if not outright panic.

You can bet your Vandal Card that if we all stood outside the Administration Building, tapping our feet and looking sternly at the windows after failing to show up for our finals, that every bureaucrat on the premises would be most attentive to whatever we had to say

The biggest problem in all this would be overcoming inertia. Most people would just go on to their finals anyway, since it's much easier to just blindly march to class and take a final in a caffeine and exhaustion haze than to think about the possibilities and consider all the consequences. Oh well; I suppose we could just hunt them down and kill them later. after we march into the Admin. dodging the boiling oil as we came.

Think about it. Power to the people.



was a very happy day last week when I got news that Jocelyn Elders had been given the pink slip. "Yahoo!" I yelled

at the top of my lungs. "The dragon lady has been vanquished!"

Bill Clinton, for the first time in his presidential career, has done something that won my praise. I spat profanities when he proposed nationalized health care, when he wanted to openly promote gays in the military, when the new crime bill passed, when he decided to invade Haiti to reinstate a communist, and scores of his other liberal agenda baloney actions.

Now, I'm afraid that I can no longer claim to hate everything Clinton has done. Why? Because he has fired Dr. Elders, the

Aaron Schab

Surgeon General from Hell. Elders' supporters praise her outspokenness, her "honesty," and her ability to offend people who have any morals at all. But it's about time somebody put a muzzle on that crazy woman.

She's the kind of person who would show up in a church and say, "Jesus is dead, so get a life!" or walk into a Muslim mosque and tell the people praying to the east that "Mohammed is a boxer, you losers!"

There is no reason why a person with such a great lack of common courtesy and manners should hold public office. To be in public office, you sometimes need to compromise, and Elders was not willing to do so. She was a stub-

born old crackpot with a big mouth.

She has been insulting religious people since the day she took office. She told pro-life people to "get over their love affair with the human fetus." I had never heard such an insulting remark from a public official in my life.

She may not agree with pro-lifers, but she could at least have shown them and their views some basic human respect. Pro-lifers could have just as well remarked, "Why don't you get over your obsession to murder unborn chil-

dren, you old hag?"

Even Bill, as rotten as he may be, has enough common courtesy to treat people that disagree with him with respect.

Elders was also a hypocrite. She wanted to ban cigarettes, but legalize drugs. What kind of logic is that? Anybody with half a brain knows that marijuana and cocaine

are much more deadly than cigarettes.

Personally, I think that old Jocelyn had been getting into her son's stash a bit too much (her son was arrested for possession of cocaine, but I guess you can't blame the sins of the son on the mother, can you?)

Dr. Elders' recent comments on masturbation were obviously not the cause of her being fired. They were much milder than some of her other far-fetched ideas, such as giving condoms to five-year-olds (come on!), and public schools basically trampling the rights of parents by forcing early sex and AIDS education down their children's throats.

This liberal mentality that "the government knows how to raise your children better than you do" is one of the underlying reasons that people are turning on the Democratic party. Have any of

you out there by chance read Anthem by Ayn Rand or George Orwell's classic 1984? These books perfectly illustrate the problem with putting child-rearing into the hands of the government.

Although I agree with Bill Clinton's decision to sack the Surgeon General, most people are sure that he did it for political reasons.

Elders has been a thorn in his side ever since he appointed her, and now that it has become clear that the only way Clinton will get anything done is to compromise with the Republicans, he can ill afford having to apologize for the actions of his loud-mouthed Surgeon General anymore.

Bill Clinton, you have made a very intelligent choice. If you can keep this up for another two years, you just might fool enough people to get elected for a second term. God forbid.

Haven't we been through this before?



Like Christmas music, really I do. All the kids are so cute at their programs, and they work so hard at doing them well. But isn't there something in the

Constitution about government not promoting religion?

So the public school are having programs before winter vacation. Great. Seasonal songs about snow or even Santa, mistletoe or holly? No problem. Holy Baby? Little Drummer Boy? Children Go Where I Send You? Now we have a problem.

The Moscow schools, with our diverse (for Idaho) population of varying traditions, ethnic backgrounds and religions, should be more sensitive; and they usually are. People who want their children learning Christianity in school have at least three private school options in the Moscow-Pullman area.

Certainly, those who don't want to promote Christianity have the option not to attend. But why should these children be denied the Helen W. Hill

same chances to perform in public, sing a solo or announce the program that their classmates have?

Even if children of non-Christian families choose not to attend the programs and perform in public, they have had to learn the songs and sing them in school or risk trouble for not participating in their music classes. Not to mention having to explain to their classmates why they missed the big event for something less than bronchial pneumonia.

Most elementary school kids don't have the kind of nerve it takes to stand up to a teacher, to say, "I won't sing about Jesus being the messiah, it's against my religion." Nor are they likely to be happy about having to choose between religion and being a "normal" kid doing "normal" kid things.

Most parents are unaware of the program choices, including religious content, prior to performance time. Parents of children in multiple age groups, all taking part in separate programs at churches as well as schools often can't tell for which program, if any, a child is practicing when singing around the house.

In recent years, schools around here have steered clear of the religious, with maybe one Christian song with one Jewish song for balance, and offered secular songs of which we have an abundant supply. Can't we focus on *Silver Bells* and *Deck the Halls*, and leave the "little bitty baby born, born in Bethlehem" in the context where

He belongs? Christmas is a Christian holiday, beyond doubt. Most public school students are some type of Christian. Most schools that have winter programs sing some Christian songs.

stams sing some Christian songs. Slavery was wide spread and generally accepted, too. Being common and accepted doesn't make anything right, and forcing children to sing songs celebrating someone else's religion is never right.

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My children will be performing in a Christian program celebrating Christmas next Sunday night at our church. That, not schools supported by a diversely believing public, is where religious celebrations belong.



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Elders deserved to be fired

Jennifer Swift's editorial lamenting the demise of Jocelyn Elders' tenure as Surgeon General is standard, liberal, party-line drivel. As is her habit, Ms. Swift makes several throw-away statements she appar-ently hopes will go unchallenged because they happen to appear on the Op-Ed page.

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Elders no doubt firmly believes everything she said. She was not always eloquent, and sometimes struggled with what to say; but to her credit, she spoke her mind.

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ment to irresponsibility, a commitment that Ms. Swift apparently shares. Legalized marijuana? Find one heroin addict who started on heroin. Find any recent survey that documents grass as helpful. You want proof this is a stupid idea? Read about Zurich Park in Switzerland.

Since Ms. Swift also believes in free love, it was no surprise to read she condones Elders' irresponsible stance on sex education. Education isn't the problem, it's the fact no responsibility for actions is ever part of it. Condoms fix AIDS, abortion fixes pregnancy. Never any talk of about true condom effectiveness, or the very real physical and psychological effects of abortion.

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Ms. Swift, do you have children? Do you have to answer their questions on issues they just aren't

ready for? Does it make sense that the school can't give my daughter medication without consulting me or her mother, but she can get major surgery like an abortion with no question asked?

No, you and those like you have all the answers and never mind if we, the parents, disagree. We are just too uneducated and oppressive, and obviously don't have our children's best interests in mind.

Which leads to your next throw-away statement-that "schools are playing an expanding role in the overall education of our children." Where have you been? One of the

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biggest battles going is the questionable social agenda of public education. It is not a decided issue, as you would lead us to believe.

And just what are all these "defin-itions of family"? Mine sure hasn't changed, and I certainly don't advocate the government "filling in the gaps"; if you do, try re-reading Orwell's 1984.

While it is tragic that your hero Clinton caved, you got what you deserved. He never met a cause he couldn't drop like a hot potato if it didn't serve his political interests. I would like to see him held up to

the same scrutiny and negative press that Gingrich and Dole are enduring, but the media apparently isn't interested in objectivity or

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If you think reduced taxes, more responsive representation, and government reform are "big trouble, then sharpen your pencil; you're going to have a lot to complain about, come next year. But that's just my opinion. —William Carlson



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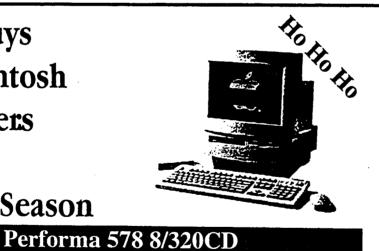
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Stress Relief or Psycho Ward? Yelling the words to the Christmas music the bells play over campus.

Doing handstands against the wall and counting to twenty.

Watching "Geraldo" (Psycho Ward).

Equality: "People on welfare shouldn't have the right to vote."

-An unidentified neigh-

Huh?: What are they? (Those people on the Duracell Battery commercials.)

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'Mother' tackles social issues



Antonio Gonzales Carey Gibbar and Tristan Trotter play a couple growing apart in "Dress" one of the performances in "We're Not Your Mother."

UI students write, direct fall production

Antonio Gonzales

Staff

The UI Theater Arts fall production of We're Not Your Mother does not lack for social ignorance, environmental awareness, or sexual identity in a conservative society.

In fact, the production not only addresses those subjects but also tackles the issues of relationships, cultural differences, and racial stereotypes.

Mother is a series of original performance art pieces that are conceived, written and directed by UI students. The concept of Mother was imported from Western Washington University by Kelsey Hartman where she did her undergraduate study.

Although *Mother* is produced by the Theater Arts department, it is not limited to those within the theater department. Much of the talent comes from students in the English, Art and Music departments. According to Hartman, one of the goals is "allowing a creative outlet for people who are trying to experiment with theater."

One of the more dominant messages in the production is social acceptance. The piece *Populace*, which lasts no longer than five minutes, deals with the subjects of interracial relationships and cultural stereotypes. *Populace* was written and directed by Joe Arconti and Anne Jensen. According to Jensen, the idea was first conceived at a party when she and Aconite saw each other and playfully yelled derogatory remarks at each other. The end result is a strong message of acceptance and tolerance. Other pieces such as *Play*

OUTside, A Scrambled Dish of Life and Art, and Earth From a Distance deal with relationships on a visual level. The concept behind these pieces is for the audience to accept and digest each piece and create their own meaning and message.

In certain pieces such as A Scrambled Dish of Life and Art use audio-visuals where the performers interact with each other by following the words of a female, purple-haired, Bob Rosswannabe on a television screen. Earth From a Distance takes an environmental tone in dealing with the connection between life, industry and the advancement of mankind.

Each piece in *Mother* has its own individual and unique style.

"We're Not Your Mother." Performances such as *Happy*? and

Performances such as Happy? and Dress take a refreshing look at romantic relationships and how they can end or take a different route.

Some of the performances also challenge social and legal issues. *Three Strikes*, You're Out questions the stability of the law known by the same name.

Other notable performances include Abby Bandurraga's performance in *Turn*, and the final piece, which is choreographed by Kelsey Hartman.

We're Not Your Mother also contains musical interludes by Pat Jones, and an art showing by local artists to be seen prior to the performance and at intermission.

The performance is well worth seeing. The show runs at 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening following the performance of *Lily* and *Lou* in the Collette Theater. Admission is free.

'Lily and Lou' combines romance, comedy

Shelby Beck

the town includes Xenon.

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he talent of University of Idaho Theater Arts

Professor David Krasner; director Jonathan Sprenke, a UI senior; sophmore Carolyn Hitt; and experienced local actor Alvin W. Berg is brought together by *Lillie and Lou* tonight and Saturday evening in this sometimes comical tale of unorthodox love.

This weekend will mark the first time Lillie and Lou has been performed outside of New York. Written in 1982 by Krasner, it has only been performed off-Broadway. Krasner has been on faculty with the theatre Arts department for two years.

In Lillie and Lou, Lillic is a 19year-old punk rocker in New York, working as a waitress and living on the fringe of the New York scene. She's just getting by. One November night she is followed home by Lou, a sensitive, sometimes naive, middle-aged



Antonio Gonzales

Lily (Carolyn Hitt) and Lou (Alvin Berg) argue over Lily's musical talent in "Lily and Lou."

homeless drifter who is also living on the edge. She invites him in and begins what will ultimately become a unlikely romance. The play is fast paced and shows the audience that this strange love affair brings both tender moments and violent consequences and an element of humor. "It's funny, very funny," says Berg, "It's almost slapstick comedy."

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<u>Lifestyles</u> THE ARGONAUT

Bukvich experiments with sounds, notation

Shelby Beck Staff

Composers are not concerned with the sounds they make, but rather the emotions they capture according to University of Idaho Music Professor and composer Daniel J. Bukvich.

Bukvich addressed the purposes and issues surrounding 20th century music Wednesday in his University Roundtable lecture entitled "Murder, suicide, or worse: the power of music."

Bukvich, a nationally recognized composer and a faculty member of the Lionel Hampton School of Music since 1978, has had one of his pieces performed at the White House and has been protested by the Moral Majority, among others.

"If there was one event that made me aware of sounds and music, it was (the assassination of president John F. Kennedy)," said Bukvich. Bukvich was later commissioned to compose a piece for the 30 year commemoration of the Kennedy assassination in Dallas, Tex.

"Whenever I hear trumpets, I think of my mother because she told me how difficult it was for that person to play "Taps" at that time," he said.

Bukvich is fascinated with sound in general. He told his audience of walking through the campus one day this summer and hearing the greatest sprinkler he ever heard. Then he walked to the center of the room where a large glass bowl had been placed on the floor next to a table.

"You might want to close your eyes so you won't be distracted," he said. Using only thin wooden dowels, the table legs, and the glass bowl, he precisely reproduced the sound of a sprinkler. "That to me is July 29, 1994—a

sunny day, with an undertone from the air conditioning units in the Education Building, and the lawn mowers outside." Bukvich said the first thing he

thinks when he hears compelling sound is "How can I make that sound with something else?"

He noted that he is sometimes mixes up what he hears and what he sees.

"Sometimes my eyes and ears get confused," he said. "I'll be driving in the car and say, 'Turn down the radio, I can't see."

Bukvich writes music mostly for concert bands. Because the concert band is newer than the orchestra, there is not as much literature out there.

Therefore, composers are often commissioned to write music for concert band.

Bukvich, who had used music recordings throughout his presentation, gestured and a John Phillip Souza march began to play.

Audience members chuckled. "Don't get me wrong, I like Souza. But I won't offend by trying to imitate it," he said.

Bukvich said he likes tonal

music, but also likes surprises that convey emotion. Another gesture and another recording demonstrated that. those surprises often were not melodic.

Bukvich, preferring to call music his craft rather than art, said the problem with 20th century classical music is not the audience.

the performers that don't," he said.

The reason performers dislike contemporary classical music, he said, is because they are asked to be more than musicians; they are required to be actors, singers, performers.

the music he composes is to expose musicians to different types of music, to make them sing, and to expose them to new kinds of music musicians reject the music because it is different than what they are used to playing. "Musicians are very

They are comfortable playing

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that it starts to train you not to be

prejudiced. Making snap judgements about appearances might not be so easy after that," he said.

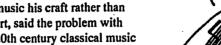
The next University Roundtable lecture, entitled Idaho Core Discovery: New Models in undergraduate Education, is Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Silver and Gold room. The

speakers are Associate Professor of Political Science Dan Zirker and the Dean of the College of Letters and Sciences and English Professor Kurt Olsson.

For more information contact Pam Farmer, coordinator of the Roundtable series, 885-6009, or Suzanne Loker at 885-6546.

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Berg first appeared on the stage at the University of Idaho in the spring of 1979, and has been seen more recently in A Few Good Men, performed in Lewiston, in which he played righteous Colonel Jessup. He also starred in Patchwork two years ago, a play that addressed issues surrounding AIDS by playwright Ariana Burns.

Interestingly, another play by Burns' brought together two other major figures from Lillie and Lou. Carolyn Hitt starred in Tiny Lives, while Jonathan Sprenke directed

Hitt played the role of Mrs. Winthrop in the musical, *The* Secret Garden, earlier this semes-

Lillie and Lou has three scenes and lasts about an hour, says Berg. He also says that the first scenes serve to set up the plot for the cli-max, which Berg implies is not comical.

"It flows real nicely, with a real nice level." says Berg. "It has high energyand intensity.

Lillie and Lou will be performed for only two nights, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the UI Collette Theatre. Admission is free. The play contains adult themes and language. For more information contact the Theatre Arts Department at 885-6052.

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ASUI Film Festival schedule set Beverly Penney

Staff

Before your brain locks down to include only the categories of (1) finals, and (2) Christmas vacation, spare a moment of thought for Spring 1995.

Browse through the fantastic selection of movies that are available for next semester from the ASUI Productions film crew!

The film season will be celebrated beginning with a showing of Malcom X, in honor of Black History Month on Jan. 25. Next. look forward to another diverse film series scheduled in February.

such as Spartacus during (Wednesdays) Roman daze.

Saturdays in February are entirely devoted to the hard-core Sci-Fi/Cult crowd so watch for Pink Floyd's The Wall, Terminator 2, and Aliens.

March roars in with Much Ado About Nothing, a blockbuster movie hit that leads a series of Shakespearean Classics on

Wednesdays. Don't miss lusty Elizabeth Taylor in The Taming of the Shrew. Two other great classics accompany this series with the double-feature Gender-Bender premiering on March 11 along with the female-bonding film, (of course)Thelma and Louise at 7

p.m., closely stalked by the malebonding film, Reservoir Dogs at 9:30 p.m.

rembers of both sexes are wel-come at either film...if you dare! Finally, April's schedule is stuffed full of fantastic films, and it caps off the semester. April 11 has been devoted to Schindler's List as part of Holocaust Awareness Week and students can look out also for other related events at this time.

International Films again play a vital role on Wednesdays, with such gems asWomen on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown and Baraka.

(not limited to children only) show from 2 to 4 p.m., and will include classics likeThe Secret of Nimh and the The Goonies. Saturday nights are illuminated by the fantastic Miramar computer animation festivals, The Gate to the Mind's Eye, plus a Mystery Miramar Film!

All films, unless otherwise indi-cated, will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Borah Theater. Admission is \$1 UI Undergraduates, \$2 General Admission, and children's mati-nees are \$0.50 per child. For more information, contact Sara Crockett,

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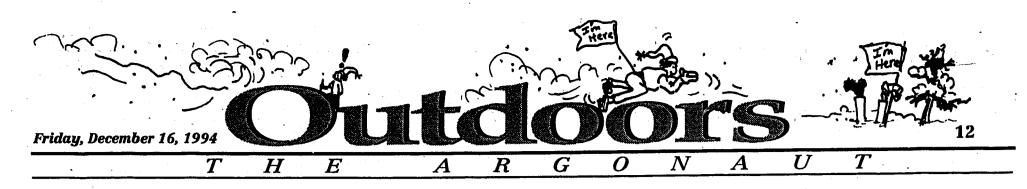
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Steep snowy slopes sometimes spurious

Erik Marone

I t's the middle of spring break, and you and some buddies are out doing some back country snowboarding. It was a five mile hike in on snowshoes, but it was worth it. It's a perfect day, clear skies, about 40 degrees and you've found some incredible slopes. You're just about to call it a day when someone spies a killer slope on the next ridge. You figure you can hike over, run the hill and make it out with an hour of daylight left.

The climb didn't take nearly as long as you had expected and you pause a moment to take in the scenery before hurling yourself down the hill. It looks like the best run of the day, a steep bowl with a foot and a half of fresh powder, just waiting for your board to carve it up. Your buddy stands up, and with a primal scream, launches himself down the face, laughing maniacally. The rest of you follow suit, cutting back and forth, trying to give each other a face full of snow.

The run proves to be a bit more tricky than you had expected. The crust below the powder keeps collapsing, but once you get the hang of it, it's easy. About halfway down, you hear a sharp crack from back up the slope and the next thing you know, you are riding a wave of snow and ice. You can hear your partners' shouts somewhere nearby while you are tossed about, pummeled by chunks of ice, rocks, tree branches and your own board.

As quickly as it started, it is over. You find yourself stuck almost upside down, surrounded by snow, and you can barely move. Fortunately, your board is sticking up out of the snow so someone will find you and can dig you out. After a few minutes you realize that all of your buddies are in the same situation, if not worse, and will not be

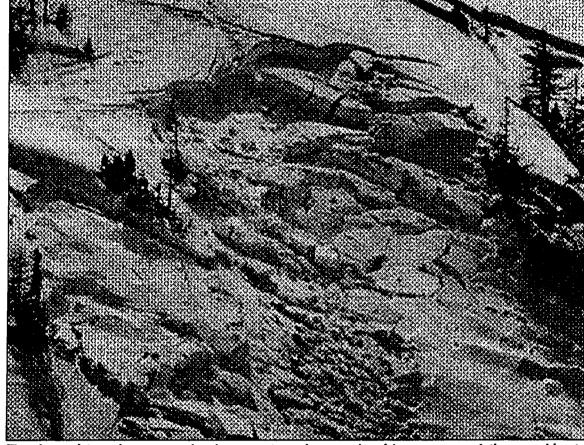
digging you out anytime soon. Although this seems like something out of "Reader's Digest," it is a very scary possibility in the area. This region of the Rocky Mountains has one of the highest avalanche fatality rates in the world. It is both unfortunate and ironic that it also has the lowest rate of avalanche education and awareness. Mike Beiser, director of the Outdoor Program, is trying to change that.

Twice a year he conducts an avalanche education workshop that includes a free seminar about detecting possible avalanche conditions and basic safety precautions to take before exploring the winter back country, as well as survival techniques if you are unlucky enough to be in an avalanche.

He also leads a day-long field trip to demonstrate practical snowpack testing techniques and avalanche search and rescue procedures.

Having lost friends to avalanches and been in several close calls himself, he hopes to educate people about the dangers of back country winter activities, including snowmobiling, snowshoeing and out-ofbounds skiing—both for cross country and downhill.

Since most professional avalanche training programs cost



The above picture shows an avalanche were steep slopes and rapid snow accumulations combine to increase avalanche potential.

over \$150, it's discouraging to all but the most avid back country users to take one. However, with

off-the-beaten path snowboarding and skiing gaining popularity, he hopes that the reasonably priced seminars through the Outdoor Program will encourage more people to educate themselves about this winter sporting hazard. Mike feels that avalanche education is just as important for back country users as driver's ed is for young drivers: You can know the basics, but until you are aware of the details, you are at a much greater risk than you need to be. Although the fall workshop is over, Mike will hold one in February. He encourages anyone who participates in any outdoor winter activities to try to attend. If you would like more information about the seminars or avalanches, contact Mike Beiser at the UI Outdoor Program in the basement of the Student Union at 885-6810.

about this Although the fall workshop

Outdoor program teaches avalanche avoidance

Erik Marone

I f you are planning on doing any kind of back country sporting this winter, there are a few things you can do to help make your fun a little safer: always go out with a friend, let someone know where you are going, dress appropriately and know how to detect, avoid and survive avalanches.

The first three are easy enough, but chances are you are not prepared for the fourth. Avalanche detection and survival are skills vinter sports par should attain. The first and easiest skill is detection. Although there are numerous factors that you need to be aware of, there are a few simple things you can look for before and during your activity. First, you should pay attention to recent weather conditions. Generally, new-fallen snow brings the greatest immediate avalanche danger. Accumulation of 1 inch per hour or greater will quickly overload slopes, and they will remain unstable until the snowpack layers have a chance to bond.

near freezing.

The next factors to look for are terrain features. Windward slopes tend to be more stable than leeward slopes. Slopes facing north are more avalanche-prone since they get less sunlight during the winter months, and south facing slopes are more dangerous during the spring thaw.

Although slides can occur on any slope steeper than a 20 degree angle, slopes that are between 30 and 45 degrees tend to be the most dangerous. Anything less is generally not steep enough and will hold quite a bit of snow before any ging a "quick pit" to get a cross section of the snowpack. When you dig the pit, try to pick a site that has a similar slope, faces the same direction, and is about the same elevation that is in question. Once you have done this, there are several tests you can perform fairly quickly. The first is checking the temperature gradient of the snowpack. This is easily done with end dial probe thermometers. They are relatively cheap and with two you can alternate them, testing each layer in succession. If there is a great difference between the lay-

Once you are caught in the slide try to do a breaststroke motion. This will help keep you near the surface, and you may be able to "swim" to the edge of a slide. If you happen to be caught in an avalanche, there are a few things you can do that will help you to survive.

First, discard any cumbersome items such as backpacks, ski poles or snowboards. Never try to outrun an avalanche, try to escape to the side if possible. Once you are caught in the slide try to do a breaststroke motion. This will help keep you near the surface, and you may be able to "swim" to the edge of a slide. Once you feel the avalanche starting to slow down, make one last effort to get to the surface, then cup your hands around your face to create an air pocket. As the slide comes to a stop throw one arm toward the direction you think the surface is. If you are trapped, do not waste vital energy by thrashing or yelling. If you used a safety cord or transceiver, it is only a matter of time before you are found. Finally, search and rescue procedures need to be organized and carried out as soon as possible. Switch transceivers to receive and begin systematically looking for safety cords and listening for transceiver signals, starting from the point you last saw the missing person, following the path of the avalanche. If a person is found within 15 minutes, there is about a 50% survival rate. After that time, the percentage drops rapidly, so it. is essential to get rescue efforts under way quickly. Basic first aid knowledge may • SEE SNOW PAGE 13

One common misconception is that after a few snow-free days, it will stabilize. However, in order for this to happen, the temperature outside and within the snowpack must be right. If it is too warm or too cold, the snow layers cannot bond and will remain loose and unstable. Usually, snow layers will stabilize when the temperature is

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will slough off snow before any major levels can accumulate.

Broken branches and exposed rocks will usually indicate slide activity.

However, terrain that is rather rough or has a significant number of trees helps to anchor snowpack, unless there has been a great deal of temperature fluctuation, then the terrain may act as a heat sink and trap heat near the bottom of the snowpack, rendering it unstable. Another thing to look for is fracture lines along the slopes that indicate avalanches.

The last and most involved thing to check is the snowpack itself. A quick method is the use of a probe or ski pole. Probe poles are ski poles that often telescope and combine to form one pole that can be used as a kind of dipstick to test depth and cohesiveness of layers within the snowpack. The best way to test is by digSIOW PACK.

The next test you can do is the shovel shear test. This simply means cutting a slab about 2 feet square out of the side of the pit to see if layers easily break away from the pack. This can be done with a ski, but a rescue shovel or snow saw make it much easier. If the snowpack passes that test, have one person go to the surface above the pit and jump, lightly at first and increasingly harder to see how much weight and shock the snowpack will support.

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If at all possible, avoid crossing suspect slopes, but if you must, look for a safe route across. Avoid old slide paths, cornices, and leeward slopes. If there are patches of trees, try to ski from grove to grove, stopping on snow that is probably anchored pretty well. Most importantly, always cross one person at a time. Never assume that because others have gone before you that there is no

danger, every person will create new stress and makes the snowpack less stable.

Before you cross you should loosen straps on any packs, snowboard tethers, or ski poles, put on your gloves or mitts and zip up all layers of your jacket. Carry first aid kits on your person, not in a pack or on your machine.

Something that may save a life is the use of transceivers, which are tiny radios that emit and pick up a signal that make detection of avalanche victims easy and quick. Make sure they are transmitting before crossing.

If you don't have a transceiver, use avalanche cords, which are lightweight, highly visible strings that trail behind you and will usually stay on the surface of a slide. This will allow rescue teams to follow your cord right to you if you are trapped. You should use ' your avalanche cord at all times.

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Delegation attends wilderness conference

Dan Gager Contributing Writer

The Department of Resource Recreation and Tourism sent a delegation to the 6th annual National Wilderness Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The members consisted of faculty members, graduate students and undergraduate students. The Conference marked the anniversary of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Faculty and students prepared for the week-long conference by applying for scholarships, setting up travel and housing arrangements and putting together publi-cations and displays.

The Conference planners packed the week with interesting and exciting workshops and presentations offering unique opportunities to explore basic concepts and principles to find resolutions to wilderness concerns. Inspirational keynote presenta-tions were given by Stuart Udall, Gaylord Nelson and David Brower. Presentations were given on topics ranging from Australian Approaches to Wilderness, to Alien Plant Invasions.

In addition to the workshops and presentations, there was an exhibit fair and poster session in which various agencies and organizations presented their programs and activities. UI delegages presented the recently constructed Wilderness Research Center traveling display, constructed by RR&T students and a poster display of the Wilderness Discovery Program, a 7 day backpacking trip for at risk youth. One of the main objectives of

the conference was the development of a new Wildeness Stewardship Direction document to carry its vision forward into the next century. The document is designed for use by the four federal agencies that administer the National Wildeness Preservation System. This was done through an array of strategic planning groups.

As part of registration to the conference, participants were divided into strategic planning groups of 10-14 people. Each strategic planning group focused on one topic. Topics dealt with such areas as educating the public, education and training of managers, and interagency coordination and consistency. The entire Strategic Planning process was overseen by UI's Dr. Ed Krumpe, associate professor in the Department of Resource **Recreation and Tourism.**

During two 5 hour sessions, facilitators lead the various strategic planning groups through a nominal group process. Group members were given a list of relevant issues to which they added more issues and prioritized. The members then proposed and prioritized actions to the issues. At the end of the first session, each group chose a group spokesperson to present their group's issues and possible solutions.

In the next session, all the strategic planning groups that worked on the same topic were assembled. The same group process was followed, and issues and remedies were discussed and prioritized. Finally, at the end of this session, members of each

topic chose a spokesperson. On the final day of the conference, with all 700 conferees present, each topic spokesperson reported on the most critical issues and actions for his or her topic. They were to address a distinguished panel made up of the Chief of the Forest Service, Jack Ward Thomas, the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior, George T. Frampton Jr., and Bob Armstrong, assistant secretary, Department of the Interior. Among those chosen as topic speakers to address the conference and panel were UI students Jeff Johnson and Keith Russell.

Following the topic presentations, all participants voted on their preference for all suggested actions. The ballot will use weighting factors (percentage of effort devoted to each action), and will include pertinent demographic information so that the importance of various actions can be sorted by geography, agency and other factors from the resulting data base.

Every conference attendee was able to make a substantial contribution to the new direction for the National Wilderness Preservation System. History was made at the 6th annual National Wilderness Conference, 700 people from diverse backgrounds, levels of expertise and geographical areas were able to voice their opinion and help develop a new approach to wilderness management.

The decisions being made about America's public lands are exciting and optimistic.

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prove to be essential, and a first aid kit is always a good thing to have. The most important thing to do is stay calm, and your chances of survival will be much better.

This may seem like a lot of information but it only scratches the surface of avalanche awareness. In addition to this little slice of knowledge, the UI Outdoor Program rents everything you need, including a transceiver for less than \$15, so there is no excuse

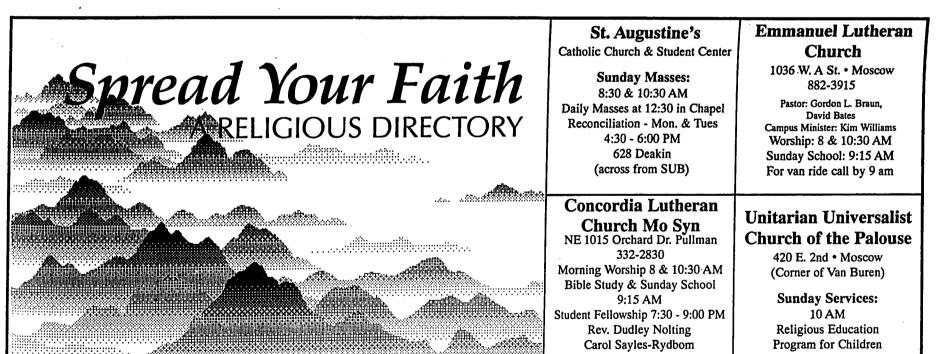
for not being prepared. Any slide can be deadly, and even the most experienced back country users get caught. It can happen at any time regardless of how well you are prepared. For more information about avalanche detection and survival, an excellent book is ABCs of Avalanche Survival by E.R. LaChapelle or contact the Outdoor Program at 885-6810 or Life-Link International at 1-800-443-8620.

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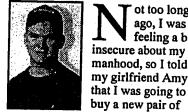
ago, I was

insecure about my

manhood, so I told

feeling a bit

Boots: a manly purchase that women overlook



buy a new pair of boots. Though I didn't expect her to rush right out and buy them, I did expect a little more support than I received.

"You already have a pair of hunt-

ing boots." "Yeah babe, but those are for BIRD hunting."

She just sort of frowned the way she does when she isn't done telling me the way things are. She smiles

Dave Claycomb

when she thinks she's made her point, and I should shut up. "Indians hunted everything in one pair of boots, moccasins at that. Why do you need seven pairs of boots?" She smiled.

Was this the same girl who got a D in American History? How did she suddenly stumble upon this vast knowledge of Native Americans? True, I had a couple of pairs of inferior boots that I could PERHAPS use to hunt elk with, but these new

boots were what I NEEDED. They were vibram soled, traction clearing, gore-tex lined, self propelled, elk-heat seeking, monster truck driving boots. They were manly boots. Last spring, my friend Steve

decided he needed some new rain gear. Never mind that he had been living on peanut butter and crackers for a month, this was a necessity purchase.

After careful scrutiny of every piece of rain gear manufactured in our solar system, he decided to buy the "Alaskan Model Guide Series." Having seen the attached price tag, one might feel compelled to ask if it came with air and an automatic transmission. When I mentioned the

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rising national debt, he just shrugged and said, "Dave, they're super seam sealed, Teflon coated, acid-rain repelling, nuclear-holocaust safe, self-levitating, 'ALASKAN GUIDE MODEL SERIES' rain suits. Guides, Dave, ALASKAN guides. Alaskan guides are men!" It came to me in a flash: manhood purchase. Sometimes I can be so insensitive.

I don't mean to sound sexist here, but if you're a man, you're probably nodding your head in complete understanding right now. If you're a woman, I'm sorry but this is just too complicated to understand. It's a gender thing. The best I can do is compare my new boots to

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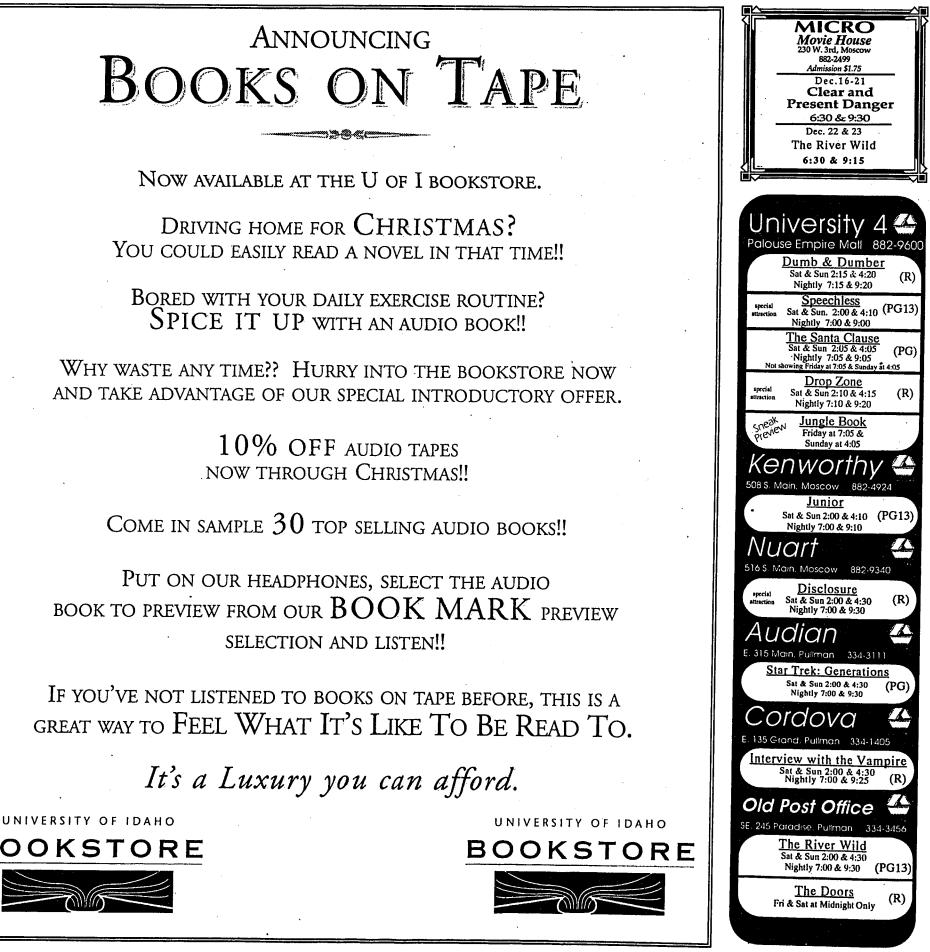
Cinderella's glass slipper.

All of this is especially true when dealing with hunting and fishing items. Hunting and fishing is primarily a man thing. Think I'm lying? When was the last time you saw a woman sitting in front of the TV watching bass fishing?

The population of women that do engage in hunting and fishing have it easy though. You never hear a woman ask another woman if the Winchester she has is controlled feed pre-64 action, or just a run of the mill push feed action .270. Women just blissfully enjoy their time meandering through the woods with no fear that they will run into another woman who has a better rifle.

Maybe that's why we bother to ice fish. I mean who in their right mind would sit in below freezing temperatures and stare at a little hole in the ice waiting for a six inch trout to take their bait. A man would. It gives him the opportunity to use his cold weather suit that he had to mortgage the house to buy.

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Zinser to decide **Big West move**

By Dec. 22, President Elisabeth Zinser will make a final decision on whether to join the Big West Conference. On Monday, Dec. 19, there will be a meeting to discuss the move and to explore options.

May, Rice, Mills, **Phillips honored**

Three Vandal football players and one volleyball player received All-America honors from the Associated Press Wednesday.

Running back Sherriden May was selected to the Division I-AA first team, Jim Mills, offensive lineman, and defensive end Ryan Phillips were on the second team.

Outside hitter Mindy Rice became the first Big Sky All-American, earning a spot on the second team.

Big Sky leaders through Dec. 15

Scoring John Coker, BSU-18.6 Jim Potter, ISU - 17.4. Brad Snyder, NAU - 15.3 Donell Morgan, ISU -15.2 Ruben Nembhard, WSU-14.4 Lorenzo Watkins, ISU -14.4 Kevin Groves, EWU - 14.0 D'mitri Rideout, EWU - 13.8 Chris Spoja, UM - 13.2 Harry Harrison, Ul - 12.8

Rebounding

Kirk Smith, WSU - 12.0 John Coker, BSU - 9.0 Jim Potter, ISU - 8.4 Chris Spoja, UM - 8.3 Nate Gardner, UL 7.8

Melvin Lewis, EWU - 7.3

Harry Harrison, UI - 7.0



creativity, and humor left after a draining semester of social gatherings, newspaper articles, stubborn laziness and of course, academics.

Yes, you guessed it. It's dead week. This is a week where our professors shouldn't be giving us extra work or tests, but that's just too good to be true. It's not easy publishing two Argonauts this week, but I feel it's my duty to the UI student body to author one last article — at least for awhile. Excuse me while I dry my

eyes...

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Big Sky Men's Baskteball

IDAHO STATE BENGALS

This is the team to beat. ISU returns four starters from last year's 18-9 team, including the likes of 6-foot-9 All-Big Sky forward Jim Potter. Another Big Sky first-teamer, Donell Morgan, also returns as the small forward. Point guard Lorenzo Watkins will be one of the premier backcourt players in the Big Sky this year. Their depth, however, is a con-

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BOISE STATE BRONCOS

Prediction - 10-4

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The Broncos caught on fire in the Big Sky Tournament last year, winning it as the fifth seed mainly because they hosted. This year, they are more experienced and willing to prove themselves as the conference's legitimate team. Seven-foot center John Coker is the team's leading scorer and rebounder.

The loss of point guard Steve Shephard to a knee injury will hurt them, however - especially near the end of the season where players begin to wear down. He will be readily replaced by Darnell Woods, who started two years ago but sat out last season due to academic troubles. BSU will once again be dominant at home and pussycats on the road. Prediction — 9-5

WEBER STATE WILDCATS

WSU has been one of the more consistently good teams in the last decade. They lose three starters from last year's squad, but always seem to find spectacular replacements. Six-foot-three

guard and second leading scorer Ruben Nembhard returns as does rebounding fiend Kirk Smith. Sweet-shooting forward Jimmy DeGraffenried also returns. WSU has a tough pre-conference schedule — at Utah, Brigham Young, at Wyoming and at Purdue — that should put some hairs on their chests. If the Wildcats can win on the road this year, they will win the BSC championship. Prediction - 9-5

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MONTANA GRIZZLIES

Last season, Montana went crazy and won their first 13 games, only to lose to Idaho in Missoula to end the streak. Four starters return for the Griz including leading scorer Matt Kempfert and freshman sensation Chris Spoja. Montana is the toughest place to play, except for BSU, in the Big Sky. Like the Broncos, they will be tough at home and mere cub scouts on the road. Prediction - 8-6

NORTHERN ARIZONA

NAU lost All-Conference forward Jason Word to graduation, but the Lumberjacks return a solid nucleus of John Rondeno, Brad Snyder and Chancellor Davis. However, as in most years, NAU has a strong starting five, but no contributing reserves. The 'Jacks, though, will surprise some people this year. NAU is a team that could get hot in the BSC Tournament and win it, just like BSU.

Prediction --- 7-7

IDAHO VANDALS

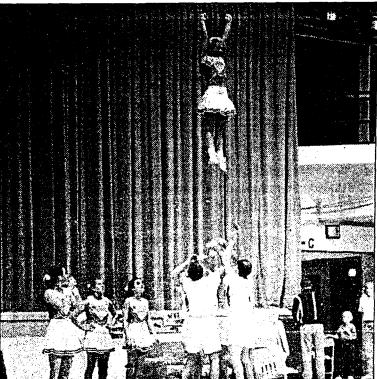
Idaho will definitely go through some growing pains this year, but should gel by the time the BSC Tournament rolls around. The Vandals will be more of a team without All-Big Sky forward Orlando Lightfoot, but will be seriously lacking a go-to guy that Lightfoot provided. Deon Watson was also lost to graduation, but has been replaced admirably by 6-foot-7 forward Harry Harrison.

The backcourt of Mark Leslie and Benji Johnson is one of the more solid in the Big Sky, however, UI lacks a guy who can consistently dish out six assists. Senior Kelly Walker is an enigmatic player who can either play inspirationally or can sometimes get lost in the shuffle. The entertaining Nate Gardner needs to be a consistent scorer along with his superb rebounding skills.

The Vandals will have to use their quickness to their advantage and hopefully head coach Joe Cravens will implement more of a fast break offense than the usual half-court lull. UI has a deep bench so look for the Vandals to

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Cheerleading squad off to nationals



Damon Darakjy Contributing writer

The University of Idaho cheerleaders are off to sunny Dallas to compete in the National Cheerleading Association National Championships Jan. 4-7 for the first time in school history.

"We are ready to go and excited about it," said head coach Scott Jones. The cheerleaders have training morning and night.

"Getting up at 6 a.m. is hard to do," second year veteran Heather Nelson said. "But the whole squad is committed and everyone has been working hard, even Joe Vandal."

"Joe Vandal will give us a lot of bonus points at the competition because he can act goofy," stated Jones.

To get to nationals these individuals had to really work hard besides putting in their usual four hours a day for practice.

Getting up at 6 a.m. is hard to do. But the whole squad is committed and everyone has been working hard, even Joe Vandal. -Heather Nelson



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When asked what is like to cheer when the stands are half empty the cheerleaders had mixed emotions.

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Assists Mike Elliot, MSU-6.2 Scott Hatler, MSU-5.3 Mark Leslie, UI - 4.7 Shabaka Lands, ISU - 4.4 Ruben Nembhard, WSU-4.4 Darnell Woods, BSU-4:4 James Jones, UI - 3.8

Intramural hoops and volleyball Basketball-Jan. 17-24 Volleyball - Jan. 17-25 Raquetball (singles) - Jan: 18-25 --Sign up within these dates in ---Room 204 at Memorial Gym.



Senior UI cheerleader Teresa Davies catches some big time air during a volleyball game earlier this year. The cheerleaders are going to Dallas for the NCA I-AA Championships Jan. 4-7.

They raised over \$7,500.

"We received some money from the boosters and alumni but most of the money had to come from us," Jones said. Nelson added that, "We are

ple to the games, but rather when they get here, help them have fun, and get them to do stuff together," Jones said.

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rivals battle tonight in Dome Palouse

ashington State (3-1) and Idaho (2-2) will meet for the 248th time tonight at 8:05 in the Kibbie Dome.

The Vandals have won five out of the last six home games against WSU, however, the Cougars crushed UI last year in Pullman, 70-51. Three starters were lost from last year's 20-11 NCAA Tournament team. But forward Mark Hendrickson, who averaged 10.5 points per game and 7.9 rebounds last year, will be a force for WSU. WSU also features a new

head coach in Kevin Eastman who replaces Kelvin Sampson. Idaho will look to Mark Leslie and Harry Harrison for scoring. Harrison leads UI with

a 12.8 scoring average. Saturday, Idaho will host Southern Oregon at 7:05 in the Kibbie Dome.

Vandal Vibes:

• The first meeting between WSU and UI was in 1906 the Cougs won 28-11.

• The last time UI lost to WSU in the Dome was a 66-64 overtime setback in the 1986-87 season.

Who: Idaho Vandals (2-2) v. Washington State Cougars (3-1)

Where: Kibbie Dome

When: Friday, 8:05 PST

Series: Cougars lead 144-103

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CHEER •FROM PAGE 15

Becky Stoor said that if the fraternities and soroities would pass out schedules the attandence would improve.

⁴One time I put a note up in my house and a bunch of girls came because I told them when the game was," Stoor said.

"Gimmicks or promotions do not really work," Jones added.

According to sophomore Pat Montgomery the university needs to sanction tailgate parties.

"If BSU can do it, and so can

Montana, why can't we here at the U of I? It would be great having a bigger crowd here in the Dome.' During football season, the

cheerleaders rarely got to cheer before a large crowd.

they were excited about the move.

They agreed that it would benefit

everyone on campus.

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"It was tough having both Boise State and Montana away this year for us," Jones added. When asked about the move to the Big West the cheerleaders said

Cougars crush UI women

Dan Eckles Staff

PULLMAN-Can you spell turnover?

The Washington State Cougars can, but the Idaho Vandals need a little more time to study.

However you spell it the Vandals learned you cannot commit 41 of them after falling 88-46 in a nonleague NCAA women's basketball matchup Wednesday night.

The Cougars trapping pressure defense was like drapery, hanging on the Idaho players throughout the drubbing. WSU (6-1) jumped out to a 19-7 edge less than seven minutes into the game. Idaho narrowed the gap with a mini rally to get back within five at 24-19 three minutes later.

Idaho (0-7) never got any closer as the Cougars went on a 20-6 run to end the first half. When the Vandals got a shot up they were fairly successful making half 11 of 22 attempts before intermission, but 22 first half turnovers did not allow UI to stay close. Washington State nearly doubled the Vandals field goal attempts in the first half with 41.

The second half was much of the same as Wazzu forced 19 more Vandal turnovers and allowed Idaho to get off just 24 shots. UI's success rate fell though as the Vandals converted on only seven shots in the second half.

The two clubs traded hoops through the first six minutes of the second half, but the Cougs turned up the pressure once again ending the half with a 31-12 run.

There was one big bright spot for Idaho in the border battle loss. Idaho's All-American volleyball player Mindy Rice donned a bas-



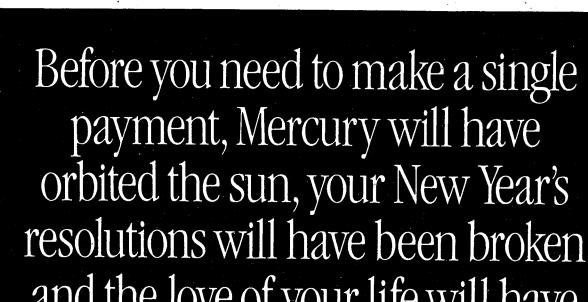
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Center Jeri Hymas lobs a pass to forward Jan Ackerman during practice this week. UI plays Lewis-Clark State tonight at 5:45.

ketball uniform for the first time since high school and showed few signs of rust. The former high school all-stater pumped in 10 points, grabbed five boards, blocked a shot and collected two steals in only 20 minutes of play. Rice had practiced only twice before Wednesday's contest.

Junior center Jeri Hymas led Idaho with 15 points, making 6-of9 shots. Washington State did a job on Idaho's leading scorer Ari Skorpik, who came into the game averaging 13.7 points a game. The sophomore point guard scored just four against the suffocating Cougar defense.

Jenni Ruff, Amy Sancholtz, and Kristin Erickson paced a balanced Cougar offensive attack, finishing with 13 points apiece.



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BIG SKY .FROM PAGE 15

give the top seed of the Big Sky Tournament a run for its money. Prediction - 7-7

MONTANA STATE BOBCATS

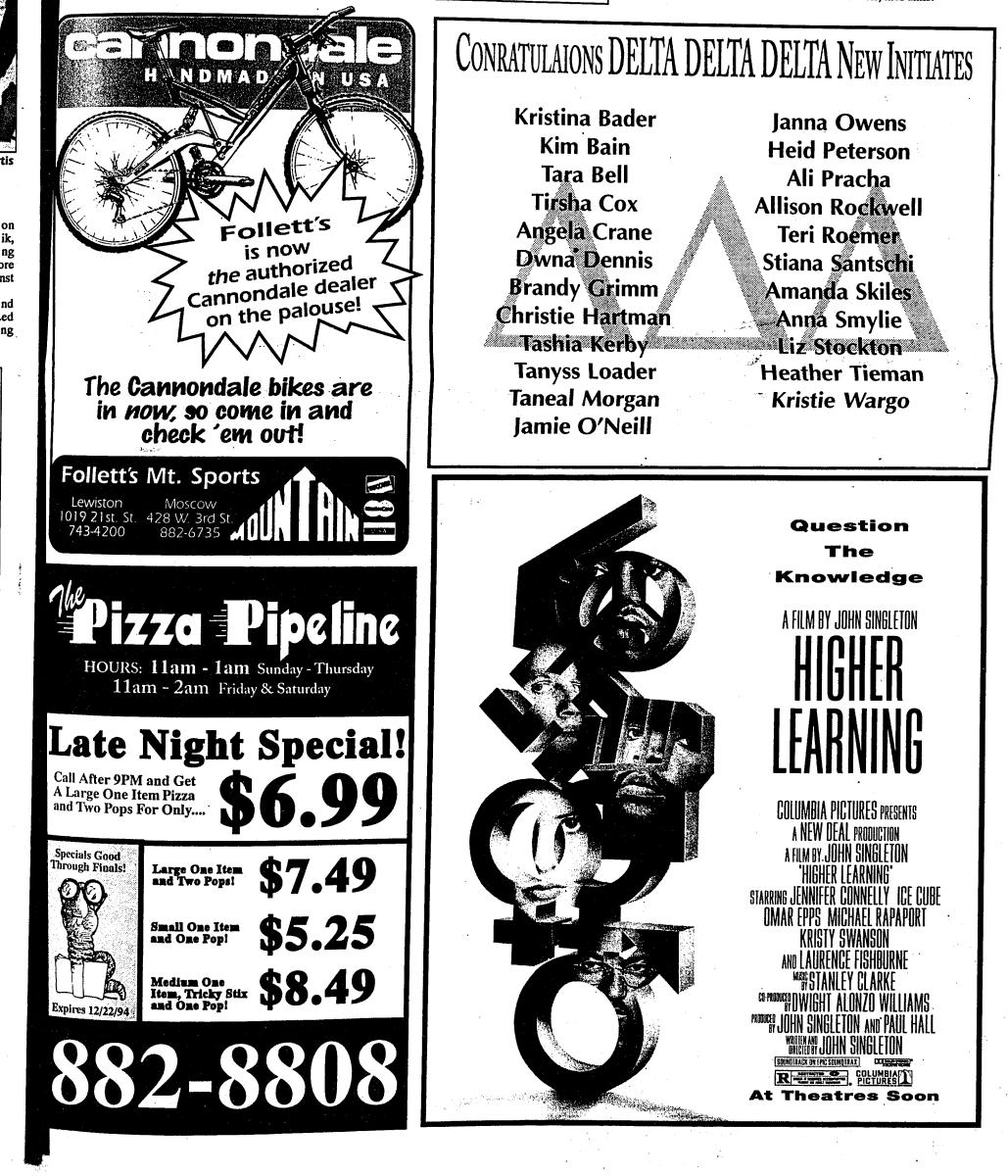
Even though they are 5-1 right now, they have played such schools as MSU-Billings and Western Montana. Saturday, they host Texas A & M, so we'll see what kind of team the Bobcats really are. Last year, MSU sported a solid 16-11 overall record. This year they have much of the same team as they return four starters. One of them is leading scorer Eric Talley, however, he shot only 39 percent from the field last year. They will be battling Idaho and NAU for the final playoff spot. **Prediction — 6-8**

E. WASHINGTON EAGLES

It's going to be another tough year for EWU who failed to win a Big Sky game in the 1993-94 season. Leading scorer Brad Sebree graduated, so seniors Joshua Lewis and Craig Stinnett will have to pick up the slack. It's just not going to happen this year for the Eagles again.

Prediction — 1-13

Well, it should be another neckand-neck race in the Big Sky. ISU should, however, win it this time, even if it is on Boise State's home floor. It really doesn't matter anyway — we'll just send another doormat for an NCAA Tournament team to wipe their Nike's on. Au revoir, mes amis.





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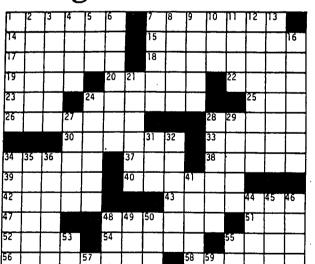
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