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Health insurance may be required for enrollment

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Staff

The Idaho State Senate is looking into the possibility of requiring college and university students to have private health insurance as a condition for enrollment.

A letter has been sent to the presidents of all colleges and universities in Idaho, said Sen. Grant Ipsen, asking for input concerning the idea.

The concern over the state's Medicaid program is the primary reason behind the senate's consideration of the idea. Ipsen said the health insurance requirement, if it becomes law, is mainly concerned with the amount of money being spent through the Medicaid program assisting married students in maternity situations.

"It's necessary to save money in order to save Medicaid," said Ipsen. "We need to do more studying before we make a decision."

Currently, Ricks College, a private school, is the only school in the state to require students to have private health insurance, Ipsen said.

Ipsen is the chair of the Senate Health and Welfare committee, and according to the Mar. 20 edition of the Spokesman-Review, he asked Sen. Robert Lee to write the letter to the universities and colleges.

Lee was quoted in the Review article as saying, "We want people to take more personal responsibility. Some students are just asking for welfare when they could have private insurance."

Ipsen said lawmakers don't yet have the statistics which tell just how many students are using Medicaid or how much money is spent by the state helping these students. A survey is currently being conducted to come up with some statistical data, he said.

"Right now, we're just trying to find out what the laws and policies are," said Ipsen. He stressed that the idea was preliminary and that lawmakers are in a fact-finding stage of investigating possibilities.

Jon Kimberling, an agent for Newsome and Kimberling Insurance in Moscow, believes a lot of students do end up using Medicaid. Because Kimberling is the local agent for the student health insurance policy, his agency receives a lot of claims from local health care providers. Many times, Kimberling said, the agency is not providing coverage for the student named in the claim.

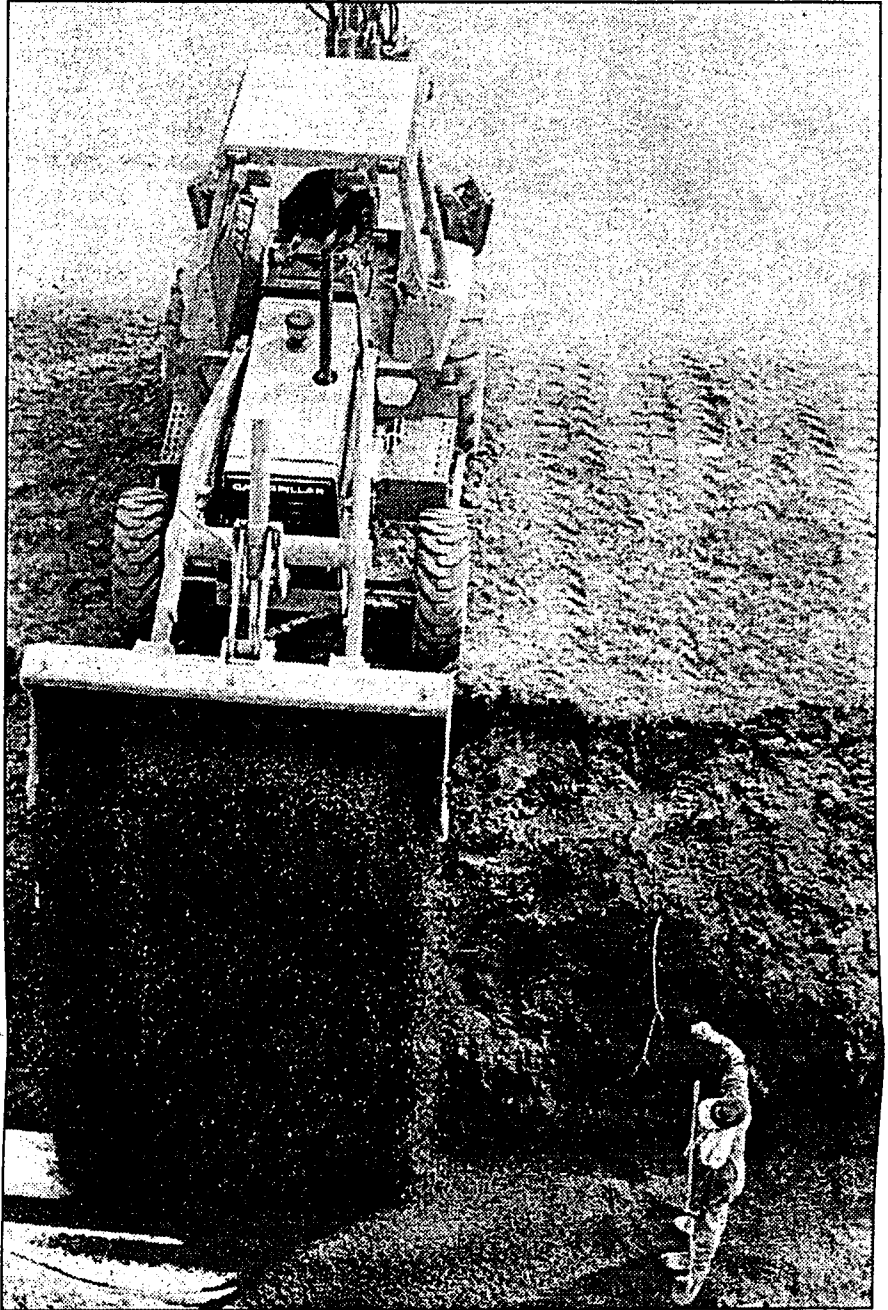
From there, health care providers probably forward the claims to Medicaid if the students are unable to pay.

Kimberling said anyone walking in off the street could purchase private health insurance through various companies under several plans. Kimberling gave an example of one basic plan which offers coverage up to \$1 million and has a \$750 deductible. There is a \$5,000 deductible on childbirth. The most favorable rates are \$30 a month for a male and \$44.50 for a female.

"Idaho law changed significantly Jan. 1," said Kimberling. The new law requires companies to offer insurance in a tiered rating system based on "underwriting considerations," Kimberling said. As a result of this legislation, insurance cannot be denied to anyone who has lived in Idaho for six months.

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Dumping a load



Jeff Curtis

A.J. Emerson signals to the loader operator of Motley and Motley Construction. The construction on 6th Street has traffic rerouted around Gault-Upham. A cooling system is being installed for residence halls.

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Delta Sigma Phi receives two-year probation

Melica Johnson

Staff

The Delta Sigma Phi International Fraternity approved the probation terms drafted by the Student Advisory Services office, the local Delta Sig chapter and the local Delta Sig alumni, which puts the fraternity on a two-year alcohol probation.

Bruce Pitman, dean of students, is pleased with the degree of cooperation from all of the parties involved.

"The final list of sanctions are a

better tool than the first draft, since it gives performance incentives at one year," Pitman said, of how the university can review and re-draft terms of the probation as stated in terms of the second draft.

The chapter requested that there be a one-year review of the chapter's activities, at which point they could get off probation or continue on for the full two years. Pitman feels it was a fair request.

The following are the terms of the chapter's probation:

•No alcohol in the chapter house or at any chapter function through

May 1997.

•The chapter will hire a live-in advisor as soon as possible and for the foreseeable future.

•The chapter will take disciplinary action against members and pledges who individually violate University of Delta Sigma Phi Risk Management Policies.

These disciplinary actions will be reported to the Greek Advisor and General Fraternity Staff within ten days of the violation.

The terms of the probation also include several educational activities. One of the activities the chap-

ter will create and execute is an alcohol education program for students at the University of Idaho.

The chapter is being placed on probation for an incident which occurred in December when a freshman was given alcohol by upperclassmen at a chapter sponsored party. The freshman required medical attention after becoming heavily intoxicated.

The chapter had also been confronted by the Interfraternity Council for violating IFC/PHC alcohol guidelines earlier in the year.

Residence halls kick off spring with 'Fling'

Christine Ermey

Staff

The results are in from the 1995 Resident Hall Association Spring Fling weekend held March 3-5. Throughout the weekend, residence halls participated in various activities designed to get the halls to engage in friendly competition.

Halls received points for each competition they competed in and for each event that they placed in. Points were tabulated throughout the weekend to determine the overall winners.

Halls receiving first place in a competition won a board game of their choice and overall Spring Fling winners received plaques. "We

wanted to give board games as prizes because we wanted to give something that the entire hall could use," said RHA Public Relations Coordinator Cathy Woo.

In the women's competition Carter Hall and Forney Hall tied for first place. Second place went to French Hall and Steel House took third place. Carter Hall placed first in the tug o'war and the pie eating contest while Forney placed first in the keg toss competition. French Hall took first place in the scavenger hunt and Steel House placed first in the obstacle course.

In the men's competition the Scholar's Residence placed first, Gault Hall placed second and Upham hall took third. The Scholar's

residence took first place in the obstacle course. Although Gault and Upham halls did not place in any of the events, they took over all second and third places respectively due to participation in the events.

"To celebrate Spring Fling, we had a dance which all the halls attended," said Woo. "We also had movies and had root beer floats in the Wallace Center TV lounge. It was a big success."

In other residence hall news, Peer Residence Outreach, a group of residence hall students, interested in encouraging responsible drinking held a retreat at Huckleberry Heaven in Elk

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Group spearheads petition to oust Zinser

A group of University of Idaho alumni, faculty and friends of the university, has organized a petition drive to dissuade the Idaho Board of Education from renewing UI President Elisabeth Zinser's contract in June.

According to a Mar. 24 article in the Moscow-Pullman Daily News, supporters of the petition are dissatisfied with Zinser's ability to communicate with groups associated with the university and to include them in discussions of important issues. Specifically, the petition expresses six reasons the state board should not retain Zinser as president.

- The departure of almost all of the deans and key administrative staff show her failure to maintain "academic and administrative continuity."

- Her failure to keep counsel with constituent groups regarding key

issues affecting the viability and integrity of the UI.

- A failure to communicate effectively with the state board and the Legislature.

- She has failed to provide leadership of issues relating to the physical location and continued UI sponsorship of various colleges.

- She has retaliated against dissent and created an atmosphere of stress and timidity among staff, administration and faculty.

- She has been ambiguous on issues of university development, academics and athletics, and has failed to articulate the overall missions of the school and its colleges.

Zinser was unavailable for comment at the time of this article, as was Mack Redford, a UI alumnus who spoke to the Daily News about the petition. Several key UI administrators either were not sufficiently informed of the situation to comment, or were unavailable and did not return calls from the Argonaut.

Sigma Nu members spent spring break behind bars

Spring break offered a limited view to six Sigma Nu fraternity members who spent their break in jail. The fraternity members pleaded guilty to three break-ins to other University of Idaho fraternities. The Theta Chi and Phi Kappa Tau houses were the victims of the break-ins.

Two additional members of the Sigma Nu fraternity were involved, in which one was fined and the other has asked for more time to consult his attorney.

The break-ins occurred Jan. 7 and 11 and the stolen items included compact discs and a Neon Bud

Light sign. The members had been drinking and then they entered the other fraternity houses.

According to a Moscow-Pullman Daily News report, Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said, "We viewed the incidents as being serious violations of the student code of conduct, in addition to certainly being violations of the law. We are responding very firmly in our student disciplinary process as well."

The Daily News also reported that all six men were given withheld sentences and probation, which included either three or six days in jail, one year's probation and a \$500 fine. However, if the men meet certain grade point averages for the next two semesters then the fine will be reduced by \$300.

Students honored by Rain for Rent

Two University of Idaho students, Allison Lindholm and Aaron Ball, were honored by Rain for Rent with the C.P. Lake Memorial Scholarship.

Lindholm is a UI senior studying Agricultural Education with a minor in Animal Science. She is involved in Student Government and FFA.

Ball is majoring in Ag Business and with a minor in Crop Science. He has been active in FFA, served as a Peer Advisor for the College of Agriculture and is working to start an Agribusiness Club.

Ball and Lindholm are two of twelve recipients of the 1994 Rain for Rent scholarship awarded through selected universities and farm bureaus throughout California, Arizona and Idaho. The scholarship program was started in 1988 in memory of Rain for Rent's founder, Charles P. Lake.



Sex not a topic open for discussion

A sex lecture caused a Sacramento State University student to file charges against his school for \$2.5 million. The hour long lecture, which covered masturbation tips, sex toys and female genitalia, made Craig Rogers "want to vomit." He filed charges claiming that the lecture, delivered to the Psychology 100 class, violated SSU's policy banning speech that creates a "hostile, offensive or otherwise adverse environment."

A lawyer representing the lecturer said Rogers complaint is an "attempt to take sexuality out of the classroom and put it back in the closet."

UM research associate shoots himself

Shouting "You ruined my life," a former research associate shot and wounded a Northwestern University professor after confronting him in a campus parking lot. A day later the gunman shot himself as he tried to evade campus police.

The gunman, John Arthur Costalupes, 45, was a former research associate of professor Mario Ruggero at the University of Minnesota. When Costalupes tried to enter a building at UM he was confronted by a campus police officer. Costalupes fled the officer and shot himself in the head. Costalupes was fired from UM in 1987 and blamed Ruggero for his dismissal.

Mississippi ordered to enhance black colleges

After 20 years of litigation, the state of Mississippi has been ordered to spend \$30 million to enhance its historically black colleges, a federal judge ruled last week.

A lawsuit was originally filed in 1975 by Jake Ayers on behalf of his son and several other students. With the backing of the U.S. Justice Department, Ayers said he hoped to force Mississippi officials to comply with desegregation legislation by providing adequate financial backing for the state's black colleges. The case finally went to trial in 1987, two years after Ayers died.

That year, a Mississippi District Court ruled that state officials already had done enough to comply with the desegregation laws. But on an appeal in 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court disagreed, overruling the Mississippi court and instructing the state to create a financially balanced system.

In response to the order, state officials decided to close Mississippi Valley State, one of the state's three historically black colleges, and to send the students to Delta State, one of Mississippi's historically white schools.

But U.S. District judge Neal Biggers halted that action last week, ruling that while MVSU may be closed for financial or other reasons, it cannot be shut down in an effort to end segregation.



Students in Bangladesh struggle for freedom

Female students at Dhaka University in Bangladesh boycotted classes last month in protest of a 1992 law that prohibits women from going outside after dark.

More than 10,000 students stayed away from classes Feb. 19 to protest what is known as the "sunset law," which requires every woman on campus to return to her dorm room before dusk and not to go outside until daylight the following day.

"This law was made by male chauvinists during the British rule in the subcontinent which curtails our freedom and makes us unequal with the boys," said protest leader Shahnaj Begum in a released statement.

The boycott culminated a week-long protest, which resulted in many women refusing to sign registers when they went out.

Dhaka University is the only institution in Bangladesh that prohibits women from leaving their rooms after dark.

Elvis sung in Latin

A classical studies professor from a Finland university has put together a collection of Elvis Presley's greatest hits to honor the king's 60th birthday. The songs may not sound exactly as you remember them, though, since Professor Jukka Ammond decided to put a classical spin on the tunes and produced them in Latin.

Working with Finland's Eurovision Choir, Ammond included a number of Elvis standards on his album, including "Ternere Me Ama" ("Love me Tender"), "Non Adamare Non Possum" ("Can't Help Falling in Love with You") and "Nunc Hic Aut Numquam" ("It's Now or Never").

French students take over toll booth

American college students take the back seat to French students when it comes to protesting fee increases on higher education.

French students took over a toll booth and asked motorists to contribute their toll money to an education fund. The flurry of protests spread to Paris, Grenoble and other cities. Following the protests, the French government has canceled many of the fee increases.

Thai students caught with pants down

Bangkok police have arrested 75 students for cheating on an army college entrance exam—high-tech underwear was necessary to the complex operation!

Police foiled the elaborate scheme when they arrested test-takers who wearing receivers in their underwear that relayed exam answers. The \$2,000 receivers were sold by a police officer who transmitted the answers to the 75 students.

The officer and the students face up to two years in prison if convicted.

Announcements

4-H searching for volunteers

The Idaho State 4-H office is looking for volunteer college students to assist in the operation for the Idaho 4-H Teen Conference which will take place on the UI campus from June 11-16. Applications and job descriptions are available at the State 4-H Office in Room 103 of Morrill Hall or call 885-6321.

Get your text books

If students still need to purchase a textbook for this term, now is the time to do it. Books not requested for Summer '95 or Fall '95 will be returned to publishers beginning April 1. April 1 is also the last day to refund text books for the Spring '95 term. Normal policy applies to refunding text books. Books for the Spring Term are non-refundable after April 1.

Attention bike riders

Those who park their bicycles on stairways, in hallways, in building entrances, and on access ramps for persons with disabilities; bicycles parked in a manner in which a bicycle part projects into a stairway, hallway, building entrance, or access ramp; or bicycles which are chained or in some manner connected to a handrail or guardrail, better beware.

Appropriate corrective actions in these situations are determined on

an individual basis by the university safety officer or authorized representative of Environmental Health and Safety. Corrective actions may include immediate removal of the bicycle or bicycles causing the problem, or written warning notices may be affixed to bicycles in lieu of immediate removal. Repeat offenders will have their bicycles removed.

The university will not be responsible for damage to property incidental to the removal process. Items that are removed may be reclaimed during normal working hours from the Commander of the Campus Subdivision of the Moscow Police Department located at Third and Line Streets.

For more information contact Environmental Health and Safety at 885-6524.

Get computer literate

The Palouse Area Internet Literacy (PAIL) User Group will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Business Technology Incubator located at 121 Sweet Avenue. Anyone interested in learning more about the Internet is encouraged to attend. No computer experience is necessary. For more information contact First Step Research at 882-8869 or email info@fsr.com.

Gearing for the future

The UI Career Services Center is offering the following workshops this week: Resumes and Cover

Letters today at 3:30 p.m.; The Interview Trip and Evaluating Job Offers tomorrow 3:30 p.m.; The Job Search at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Free movie and refreshments!

SIA Meeting will be held Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in Room 10 (Basement) of the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences. Movie and refreshment to follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Get your mid-term grades now!

Mid-term grades are now available in the basement of the Administration Annex between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photo ID is required.

The last day to withdraw from a course (or from the university) is this Friday. The fee is \$5; grade of "W" recorded.

Teaching Enhancement committee to meet

There will be a Teaching Enhancement committee meeting today at 5 p.m. in the Pend O' Reille room in the Student Union. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Tom Bitterwolf at 885-9405.

Biology course provides fascinating topics

Dawn Casey
Staff

Biology 400 is not your ordinary course—it has 45 professors, no syllabus and changes topics with the week.

The innovative course draws a broad spectrum of nationwide leaders in various biological fields each week to give presentations of their research to the top ten seniors in the biology department.

The students enrolled in Biology 400 prepare each week for one-on-one questions with the speaker, but anyone can attend the fascinating lectures.

With titles like last week's "How Frogs Do It," the seminars, which are open to the public, attract curious non-biologists as well.

The seminar series began three semesters ago with coordination by two Assistant Professors of Biology, Dr. Clifford Weil and Dr. Frank Rosenzweig with the idea that most undergraduate students are reluctant to attend seminars which are often populated by professors and graduate students.

The 400 level course encourages undergraduates not only to attend seminars but to read scientific journals and think critically about the data presented and what the research means.

"The Capstone series gives students a chance to relate the things they've learned in class by exposing them to what really goes on in science," said Weil.

By Friday of each week, the stu-

dents study the scientific literature chosen by the speaker and prepare questions for after the lecture, which is followed by a lunch.

The question and answer session—intended for student inquiry about more than just the presented topic—includes discussion about career choices, graduate schools and gender roles in the scientific community.

Weekly invitations of the "top flight scientists in their field is no mean feat," he said. Funds for air fare and honorariums are raised from a little here and there—from the Biology department to corporations associated with the program.

Every scientist the UI coordinators asked to come have accepted the invitation. Weir said most are impressed with the capstone seminars as original and wished they had the same opportunity as undergraduates.

Even the faculty pitches in—the UI professor most closely associated with the speaker's field of study offers to host the scientist and often holds an open house in honor of their guest.

This week's seminar features Ann Hedrick of Reed College on "Female choice and attractive male traits: A case study on field crickets." She will be hosted by the UI professor who studies the same aspect of behavioral biology in antelopes.

All seminars are held at Fridays at noon in the Life Sciences building and are free. The lunches, however, are not.

Coeur d'Alene tribe to cash in on national lottery

Justin Oliver Ruen
Staff

On March 6, 1995, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe announced final plans for what is being billed as "America's largest and only current national lottery." The National Indian Lottery will be run by the tribe out of their headquarters in Plummer, Idaho.

According to the March 6 press release, the tribe has entered into a five year contract with Unistar Entertainment Inc. of Denver, Colo., to manage the lottery. Net profits will be split, with 70 percent going to the tribe. Development costs are estimated at \$35 to 50 million.

To access the lottery, which will be offered in 36 states and the District of Columbia, players will telephone a 1-800 number, which will be open all day, year round. The toll-free number developed by Unistar will allow players to pick 6 out of 49 numbers and choose the weeks on which those numbers will be played. The \$5 minimum credit-card orders will be verified over the phone and by telegram. Prizes will be paid in lump sums, rather than traditional 20 year annuities.

During the press conference held at the National Press Club, Tribal Chairman Ernest L. Stensgar explained the reasons behind the lottery. "We are Reservation Indians. Most of us here grew up without money, without employment opportuni-

ties and dependent on welfare or meager farm income."

"We have the tools to restore our self-sufficiency and to create many jobs and educational opportunities. We will continue working now to solve our social problems and housing shortages," Stensgar said. "We will retain our culture, our heritage, our traditions and our language."

Stensgar said, "The money we gain does not belong to me or to any individual. It belongs to the tribe. It is not being raised for leisure or the pleasure of tribal members, but to be used to accomplish tribal goals."

Revenue will be used to stimulate economic development and opportunity within northern Idaho, by funding tribal programs, government operations and educational opportunities. According to a 1992 compact between the tribe and the state of Idaho, five percent of tribal gaming revenue will be set aside for education, including Idaho public schools.

According to General Manager of Gaming David Matheson, the first jackpot is expected to be "at least \$50 million, and later roll over jackpots should set new records for amounts played and won."

Some obstacles to the lottery still remain, however. Rep. Torreseli D-N.J., has proposed a bill placing a two year moratorium on new Indian gambling operations.

"I believe the reason he's mak-

ing that move is if the Coeur d'Alene Tribe gets a national lottery, what's to stop the Nez Perce Indian Tribe from wanting to get a national lottery, and every other Indian tribe out there, from trying to get a national lottery," said Khris Bershers, press secretary for Rep. Helen Chenoweth R-Idaho. "Helen recognizes this as a great potential moneymaker for the tribe, and obviously she is in support of anything the Indians want to do to better their economic situation, but the manner in which this plan has been pushed, she's not real comfortable with."

Even so, Chenoweth remains "cautiously against" the lottery, Bershers said.

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Purchase of drug paraphernalia ruled illegal

Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

You remember seeing that small collection of bongos at your CD store, don't you? Right there in that glass case between the cash register and the rack holding the latest issues of "Spin."

Today, though, that shelf space is probably filled with something else, after a little-publicized ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed the sale of drug paraphernalia as of Jan. 1.

The court ruled last May that the Controlled Substance Act of 1986 included "any equipment, product, or material of any kind which is primarily intended or designed for use in manufacturing, compounding, converting, concealing, producing, processing, preparing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance."

The ruling stemmed from a 1990 case involving a police bust at Posters 'N Things in Iowa. Owner Lane Christine Acty and her husband George Michael Moore were arrested after police confiscated pipes, bongos, roach clips and other drug paraphernalia. Acty was sentenced to 108 months in prison and given a \$150,000 fine by a district court. That decision had been maintained by a U.S. Court of Appeals before it was unanimously upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Before the ruling, stores across the nation, especially those near college campuses, sold roach clips, water pipes, bongos and packets of rolling paper to customers every day. And despite the plainly marked sign stating that the

enclosed materials were "For Tobacco Use Only," few really believed customers were going to take their bongos home and smoke tobacco.

"I thought this was America where people had the right to do whatever they wanted in private," says Ralph, a used-CD store owner in Normal, Ill., who was forced to clear his shelves of his roach clips and water pipes by Jan. 1 of this year, the federally imposed deadline. "I don't give a shit what people do with their stuff when they're sitting alone in their rooms. I wonder if the cops are going to start breaking down people's doors and looking under their bed next."

Ralph, who wished to go by his first name only, says he sold items to students and professors from Illinois State University on a regular basis. "I should have been selling guns this whole time," he says. "The feds don't seem to have any problems with people selling guns."

Ralph says he knows head-shop owners in other college towns who "have a somewhat reasonable police force not like here," and even they have cleared their shelves.

"Why take the chance?" he says.

While many store owners were upset when they learned about the ruling, most could see the writing on the wall. "You knew it was just a matter of time," says Bill McMahon, who owns We-B-Joys, a kind of '60s culture shop carrying tie-dye T-shirts and Grateful Dead merchandise in Oakland Park, Fla. "Once the Supreme Court makes a decision, it's not like they're going to change it."

McMahon cleared out his mer-

chandise with a final clearance sale. "A lot of our regular customers came in," he says. "It was kind of sad."

Like McMahon, a lot of store owners worried about the local police moving in and decided to get rid of their merchandise almost immediately after learning about the ruling. But just as the word of the paraphernalia ban has been slow to get out to the general public, it also is slow in reaching police departments as well.

"We haven't really had time to address that," said Sgt. T.O. Cochran of the Athens police, which presides over the University of Georgia. "When we found out, we already knew we would be spending most of our time going after the dealers. When we do find a store near campus, we'll confiscate the material and deal with it, but it's not at the top of our list of priorities."

Cochran, who heads the department's drug unit, says that police used to visit stores several times a year to check on inventory. "We don't have that luxury anymore," he says, blaming an outbreak of crack cocaine dealers in the area. "Ninety percent of our time has to go directly to dealing with the drugs."

The Athens police officer does add, however, that store owners found in violation of the federal law will be arrested.

Last October, New York City police raided 27 Manhattan head shops, arresting 36 people and seizing more than 70 million items, which ranged from crack pipes to tiny plastic bags.

"The entire law walks a very fine

line," says Allen St. Pierre, director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. "Are police going to arrest you after you sell some plastic baggies because they can be used for storing pot or cocaine? It all becomes this incredible game of semantics."

St. Pierre, though, says he believes the ruling will not stand.

"Pretty soon, though, more local courts are going to realize that the ruling has no true basis in the Constitution, and they are going to start letting people get off," St. Pierre adds. "Then the whole thing will go back to the Supreme Court, and they'll have to do it all over again."

Manhattan federal Judge Robert Sweet recently provided St. Pierre with some legal ammunition after he threw out charges against three men who were arrested for selling drug paraphernalia. Sweet called the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Controlled Substance Act "unconstitutionally vague."

In his ruling, Sweet stated that "many objects that fall within the statute's terms have dual purposes. Differentiating between purposes is at best guesswork and the statute's broad language offers no guidance."

But whatever the Supreme Court ultimately decides, most store patrons who have suddenly found supplies depleted are confident they'll be able to find other sources.

"I'll just have to learn how to make a better bong," says Ted, a sophomore at the University of Virginia. "As long as they don't outlaw plastic tubing, I'll be all right."

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Lawmaker seeks to regulate 'dark side' of Internet

Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

WASHINGTON—Most computer users like the anonymity of the Internet and other online services. They can read things they would never consider flipping through on the bus and can have conversations about topics they would never discuss in public.

At times, however, those messages can convey strong feelings of hatred, or even threats to others. And the person receiving the message may never know if their cyber stalker is sitting at a computer somewhere across the ocean or just down the block.

"There's a dark side to the bright flicker of the computer screen," said Sen. Jim Exon, (D-Neb.). "The explosion of technology also threatens an explosion of misuse."

To help combat that misuse, Exon has proposed the Communications Decency Act of 1995 (Senate Bill 314) to update federal communication laws. If passed, the bill would toughen penalties for anyone who "transmits or otherwise makes available obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy or indecent" material with the intention to "annoy, abuse, threaten

or harass" another person. If found guilty, offenders could face fines up to \$100,000.

In addition, Exon said service providers should be held responsible for inflammatory messages posted on their service and would be fined severely if found in violation of the law.

"I want to keep the information superhighway from resembling a red-light district," said Exon.

Others, however, say the senator from Nebraska is attempting to censor millions of computer users across the nation.

"Holding the service provider liable for the actions of users is like holding the CEO of Pacific Bell responsible for the actions of someone who makes obscene phone calls," said Eric Tachibana, online service coordinator for the Electronic Frontier Foundation. "It's functionally censorship because service providers will not allow any conversations or bulletin boards which are remotely dangerous for them."

The Electronic Frontier Foundation is being joined by the American Civil Liberties Union, the Center for Democracy and

Technology and the Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility in its fight against the proposal.

"A systems operator would have to close off anything that even looked like it was risky," said Tachibana. "You'll end up reading bland, boring conversations."

Mike Kangior, a spokesperson for Exon, said the proposed law would help protect children and other vulnerable computer users. "There are people out there who mask their identity in order to gain communications with children," said Kangior. "They lure them in and could end up putting them in danger. We need legislation to look out for those kids."

Tachibana disagrees, adding that laws against child pornography, harassment and other potential computer crimes are already on the

books. "In the process of updating laws, we have to look at the overall picture," Tachibana said. "We can't make some people responsible for the actions of others."

On several college campuses, students have discovered there are limits to what they can post on the Internet. In fact, two recent cases involving college students could help further define regulations for the global computer network.

Earlier this year, Jake Baker, a sophomore at the University of Michigan, was suspended from school and arrested after he used the name of a UM student in a graphic story involving rape, torture and murder that he wrote and posted on the Internet.

Baker, who, after 30 days in prison, was recently released on bail, is being charged with making an interstate transmission of a

threat to injure another person.

Baker's lawyers contend his arrest violated his right to free speech. But if found guilty, Baker could face up to five years in prison.

Meanwhile, Daniel Bernstein, a graduate student at the University of California-Berkeley is involved in a legal battle with the U.S. State Department over whether he has the right to use an electronic code that could be used to scramble computerized information on the Internet. The State Department has said that since the code could be used to transmit dangerous information, the only provider of such codes should be the federal government.

Bernstein said the ban interferes with his research and is a form of censorship by the federal government.

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River March 10 and 11. The purpose of the retreat was to set goals and get acquainted with the people in the group.

"We want to encourage responsibility—not abuse of alcohol or any other substance," said Woo. "Our goals are to increase awareness of alcohol poisoning, alcohol related

deaths and alcohol abuse."

Woo said that the group wants to promote activities which are alternatives to drinking such as miniature golf or dancing. "We want to have activities where people could have fun during the weekends, instead of staying in their rooms and drinking," Woo said.

Also in residence hall news, March 31 through April 7 marks the week in which residence halls will be hosting high school students. "Residents will show the students around campus, and halls will be putting on programs to show students what resident life is about," Woo said.

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LOTTERY •FROM PAGE 3

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the state's lottery itself?" Bershers said.

"Do the states have the power to say 'No, we don't want this telephone lottery within our state?'"

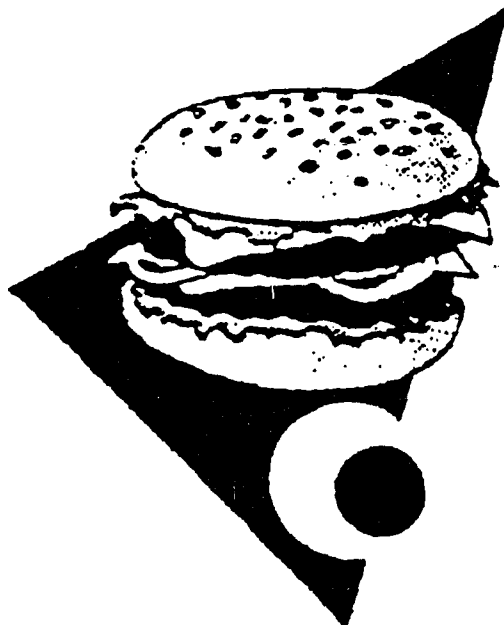
"They (the Coeur d'Alene Tribe) had to have anticipated a little bit of backlash from the states. Their only potential ally there was the

person who represents their district, Helen Chenoweth. They didn't coordinate at all with her, or discuss with her how they could get around the backlash from the other states," Bershers said. "She's wondering why they didn't come to her for support, or even advice on the situation."

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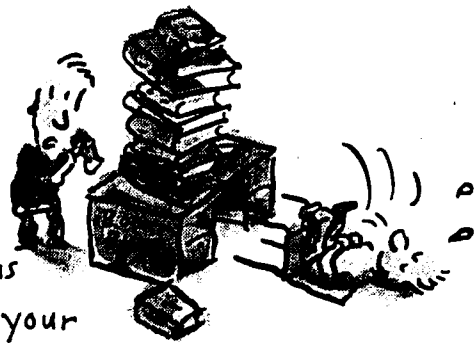
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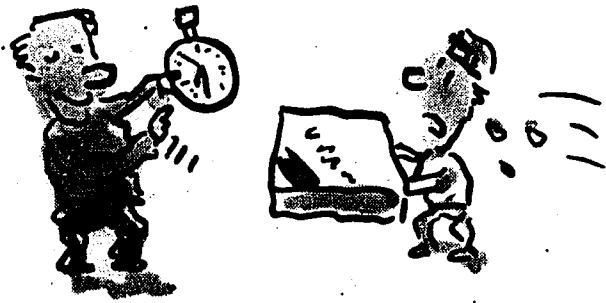
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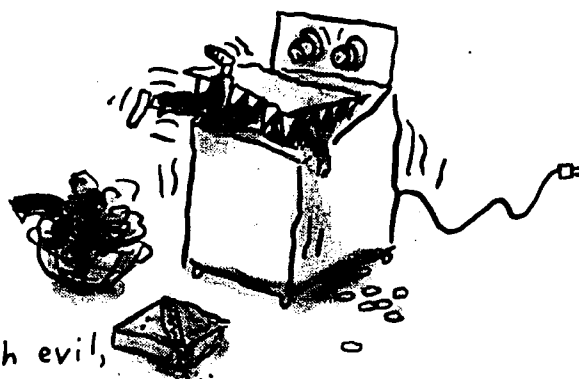
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Speaking with Giants

Matt Baldwin

Staff

Quiet non-abrasive music with a twist of mellow flavoring and a modesty of pure musicians is what They Might Be Giants can be called. Their unique style and combination of instruments provides They Might Be Giants with fans who love their music.

They Might Be Giants began with the two Johns, John Flansburgh and John Linnell, in Brooklyn, NY.

"In the beginning of '83 we did our first show as a duo with tapes in the background. We played together in other bands. Sort of in one other configuration then; did some other projects together then. But that was the first time we were ever called They Might Be Giants," Flansburgh said.

"We were working as a duo and it was a recording project primarily. We didn't really think of it as a performance oriented thing. We weren't really thinking about

how all the music should be tailored for a live performance. The performance of the music was after the fact. In fact because we were a recording project it seemed very appropriate that we had tapes on stage with us for our performance. That was a good way to present the material. It was very media driven," Flansburgh said describing his and Linnell's first show. Their first material that was recorded was on a home 4-track tape recorder which Flansburgh had in his apartment.

During 1992 Linnell and Flansburgh began to hire other musicians to bring them on the road. Flansburgh says, "We thought it might be nice to have other people on stage with us. So once we started touring around a bit we decided to go whole hog and get rid of the tape and have drums and bass and everything."

They Might Be Giants was an evolutionary thing. Flansburgh says, "We added one extra member since then. We were originally a five piece with a saxophone and a rhythm section. Now we have a brass section, trumpet and trombone and a rhythm section as well as me and John."

Pinning a meaning on their name may prove to be a problem to some. As a band forms they will usually create a single word name or combine a few words for their name. Flansburgh says, "It seemed like an interesting name. There was a time when there were a lot of bands with similar sounding names. It seemed like it would be a good idea to think up a name which didn't sound like everyone else's. There weren't really any other bands with full sentence names that we knew about."

The core of They Might Be Giants, John Flansburgh and John Linnell, had known each other



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They Might Be Giants, made up of John Flansburgh, Brian Doherty, John Linnell, and Tony Maimone, are moving further into the limelight.

from school becoming friends in the eighth grade. As for the other members who came and went from the band Flansburgh says, "the original people we hired were friends. Our first sax player was Kurt Hoffman who was an old friend from the New York scene and we would play together with his band at clubs in New York.

Tony Maimone is somebody else we have known for a long time. He also lives in our neighborhood and was someone we would see at local places in Brooklyn. The other people in the band we partly hired by word of mouth from friends of ours. That is how we ended up."

They Might Be Giants have

released another album by the name of *John Henry*. This album is available in the stores. They Might Be Giants are on a nation wide tour and hinted at maybe a stop in the Idaho area. At any rate, They Might Be Giants is moving further into the limelight with their unique music and style.

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10. *Mistress*, by Amanda Quick



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Al Wildey and Andrea Henkels on "Running Fence," the third installation of milk jugs.

Logan bids farewell to Moscow forever

Jeffrey Albertson

Staff

When Hal Logan began putting together a recording studio in his home the intention was to work on his own personal projects. Now five years in the running Hal Logan Music has recorded countless area bands as well as produced a string of highly successful jingles for area merchants.

The original idea to record his own work was put on hold as word of mouth led the way for a steady stream of work over the years.

"I did a project for a friend's band from Seattle," Logan said of his first recording project. Logan said that project is what got the word around town leading to more

work. At the time Logan was beginning to operate a steady business virtually without a hint of advertising.

Logan, who obtained a masters degree from the University of Idaho in musical composition, has also lent himself to writing many a successful jingle. His list of clients include Owl Drug, Burger Ranch, and Downtown Clarkston.

In his first year at writing jingles Logan was noticed by an ad agency and in the following three years went on to produce 25 more jingles.

Along with that Logan has also recorded 30-40 bands in five years, including Royball, Sleepy Handful, Shack Nasty, 3rd From the Sun and Big Time Adam.

Included in all of this is also Logan's seven year stint with The

Senders. As a drummer for that band Logan has found the time to perform steadily, sometimes booked full six months in advance.

Despite his success in Moscow, Logan has decided to set out and do what he originally intended. This spring he's decided to move to Willington, North Carolina to pursue a career as a songwriter and performer.

"There's not a large enough population here to get noticed," Logan said of his decision to move. "I'm going to try and get back to the original idea and focus on using the studio for my own music."

The five year delay has allowed Logan a chance to learn more about the recording process as well as the song-writing process.

"I wasn't ready before; Moscow has allowed me a stress free life," Logan said. "I'm so much more capable to do what I want now than five years ago."

Logan also said that it's sad to go and leave so many friends but that he is excited and looks forward to where he'll be.

"I've done everything I wanted to do in Moscow, there's nothing new here for me," Logan said.

Already the Senders have played their final show bidding farewell last Friday at the Capricorn.

With that good bye Logan can now look forward to pursuing his primary goals, but even as he prepares to leave Moscow he promises to return.

"This town has a great energy to it, a lot of people stay because of that," Logan said.

Tuesday, March 28, 1995

Poets to visit Moscow

Helen W. Hill

Staff

Poet Karen Swenson will give a public reading at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Law School courtroom. Refreshments and a book signing will follow at Book People on Main Street.

Swenson has written four books of poetry—*A Sense of Direction*, *East-West*, *An Attic of Ideals* and *The Landlady in Bangkok*—and published over 100 poems in other media. She has worked as a journalist and taught at several colleges and universities.

Swenson's reading will be the fourth sponsored by the UI creative

writing program this semester. The fifth will be by poet Li-Young Lee April 26.

The sixth will be by UI's own Joy Passanante; Passanante will read her fiction May 3.

Li-Young Lee is the second of UI's Distinguished Visiting Writers for the semester and will conduct a workshop April 24, 25, 27 and 28 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Lee has a reputation for being a charismatic teacher, said Lance Olsen, UI creative writing program director. Lee is "mesmerizingly interesting," Olsen said.

Of Chinese ancestry, Lee was born in Jakarta, Indonesia, and has lived in Hong Kong and Japan as

well as in the United States. His poetry combines culture, history and memory.

Lee won this year's Academy of American Poets' Lavan Younger Poet Award. His book *Rose* won the Delmore-Schwartz Memorial Award in 1986.

His most recent book is *The City in Which I Love You* and another, *The Winged Seed*, should be available soon.

The submission deadline for those wishing to be considered for Lee's workshop is 5 p.m. April 3 in the English department.

Manuscripts should be 10 or fewer pages of poetry, labeled with name, address and phone number.

'International' will include the U.S.

Valaree Johnson

Staff

"International doesn't mean foreign," says Tomomi Watanabe, Vice President of the Students' International Association.

Students from the United States are often misled by the word international, believing it to mean only foreign students are a part.

International Student's Week is coming up and everyone is encouraged to take part.

The Students' International Program was created in 1991 with concern for the understanding of the international community here at the University of Idaho. Mary Furnari, International Student Advisor, says the spirit of the program is to establish relationships between students of all cultures, including American culture.

"We are here to promote friendship among students from all over the globe," Furnari says. "We address the needs and interests of the complications of international relationships."

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within the community. As diverse as this community is, communications between differing cultures can be difficult.

"The world is getting smaller and smaller," says Watanabe. "To learn international communication skills in politics and business is no longer a choice."

SIA gives the opportunity to learn the skills that are necessary for the global interaction that takes place in our society. In order to close the gap between members of many cultures, SIA plans many activities that are open for anyone to attend.

Free April Fool's concert for kids

Joey Wellman

Staff

The Washington Idaho Symphony will present its annual and free Children's Concert on Saturday, April 1. The theme of the concert is "Musical Jokes."

Jenifer Kooiman, general manager, said that the concert has been in production since the late 1970s. "It has been very popular in the past," Kooiman said. "Apparently 500 to 600 kids show up."

The concert will feature

Hadyn's "Surprise" Symphony, "Lt. Kije Suite" by Prokofiev and "A Grand, Grand Festival Overture" by Malcolm Arnold. Kooiman said that in Arnold's piece, there are surprise guest soloists and clowns on hand.

"I think that there are three vacuum cleaners and a floor polisher (performing). I saw the score and where they actually come in," Kooiman said.

Children will have the opportunity to walk through the orchestra during the last piece. Kooiman

said that the program will have about 45 minutes of actual music and afterwards, they will have a chance to talk with the musicians. A clown will also be present among the festivities.

There will be two performances: 10 a.m. at the LCSC gymnasium and 2 p.m. at the Gladish Auditorium in Pullman. The concert is sponsored by GTE and the Whittenberger Foundation.

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Music Reviews

CHILL OUT JOHN LEE HOOKER

If there are any living legends in the realm of music, 77 year old John Lee Hooker fills the shoes better than anyone. You'd be hard pressed to find a contemporary blues artist that can not attribute part of their style to Hooker's influence. Now the man who helped write the book on the blues is working on the latest revision.

John Lee Hooker's latest release, *Chill Out*, finds new ways to blend traditional blues with modern style. Guest artists on the album include Carlos Santana, Booker T. Jones, Van Morrison and Roy Rogers, each of which leads their own flavor to a blues sound that has been a standard since the 1940s.

The title track, co-written and performed with latino rock guitarist Carlos Santana is an adventure in latin rhythm. Hooker's timeless voice and Santana's unmistakable guitar style fuse beautifully. The medley of "Serves Me Right to Suffer" and "Syndicator" features Booker T. Jones of Booker T and the MGs fame on organ and Van Morrison

sharing the vocals and guitar playing with Hooker. He remakes his own 1966 original "One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer," with the help of slide guitar master Roy Rogers, and makes George Thorogood's 1980s party-down version seem like a cheap barroom rip-off.

By far the most striking and soulful tracks are John Lee's solo ventures, just the man and his guitar. When a man's had the blues as long as he has, it comes across the clearest without the young "uns covering the deep soul and conviction of this blues man who has earned every right to retire. Luckily for the music world, he keeps on doing what he does best, singing the blues.

—Erik Marone

LISA BROKOP

For country music fans out there, there is an up-and-coming artist brimming with talent who just released a new album.

Nominated for the Academy of Country Music Top New Vocalist, Brokop has also received recognition as Country America Magazine's Ten Most Likely To Succeed in 1995. She was also

nominated as the 1995 Juno Award Country Female Vocalist of the year. Brokop is also a two time British Company Country Music Association (BCCMA) International Achievement Award recipient and a three time BCCMA Female Vocalist of the Year winner.

Her latest achievement is found on the Patriot Records label. The first track off the album is "Take That," a song about a cheating heart. "Take that letter from your girlfriend/take that gold ring off your hand/as long as you're going don't look back/the door says exit, baby, take that."

The next two tracks on the album are somewhat repetitive ballads, but good to listen to nevertheless.

"Give Me A Ring Sometime," the fourth song on the album is another good song. It is about a man who kind of got cold feet about making a commitment, while the woman is ready. She tells him to give her a ring sometime, either by phone or an engagement ring.

The best song on the whole album is "Every Little Girl's Dream." I really love this song because it features an excellent

mix of slide guitar, percussion and keyboards. It has an easy beat with uplifting background vocals. This is one that you must listen to, describing it any further would not do it justice.

"Never Did Say Goodbye" is the next ballad on the album. It is a sweet tune with great piano, percussion, and harmony arrangements.

Track seven, "Who Needs You," makes me want to go out and swing. It has a fast beat and I found myself tapping my pencil, my feet and anything else within reach to the infectious tune.

The last song on the album is moderately paced and is called, "Never Gonna Be Your Fool Again." The lyrics are quite refreshing: "Well I might be a kicker for the Green Bay Packers/Might run for president/I might win the Indi on a John Deer Tractor/But I'm never gonna be, never gonna be your fool again."

Lisa Brokop's latest album features ten tracks, each with a new and refreshing sound. I highly recommend this album for all country music fans out there. It is available at most record stores.

—Amy Ridenour

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Transportation will leave from the north end of the Student Union parking lot at 1 p.m. transportation will also be provided to the Pow Wow at Washington State University on April 1. A van will leave from the same area at 6 p.m. Both events are free.

Dramatization at Ad. Aud.

"With Our Very Own Names," a one-woman dramatization of Mexican-American voices and visions, problems and promise, will be at 7 p.m. March 30 at the Administration Auditorium. For more information, contact Tanya Hoover at 885-5756.

Art exhibit to be held Mar. 30

An exhibit of Artwork by Native American Artisans is planned for March 30, on the Washington State University campus. The 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. show is set for the Fine Arts center and is open to the public without charge.

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Bart Stageberg

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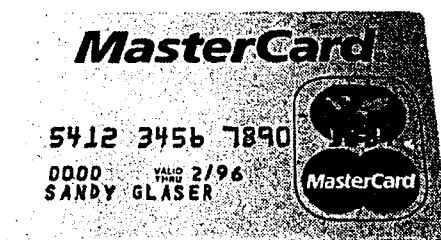
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Idaho track leaves competition in the dust

Ben Carr
Staff

There was no rest for the wicked last week. While most of the University of Idaho population was preparing for Spring Break, the Idaho men's track team took an early leave to head down to the Willie Williams Classic on the campus of the University of Arizona and then kept themselves busy last weekend in California with a competition at Stanford.

The Arizona and California atmospheres must have done something special for the Idaho athletes. It might have been the weather, it might have been the higher levels of competition, or it might just have been getting away from the Kibbie Dome, but whatever it was, it worked for the UI track team.

"We were pretty pleased with how things went," Idaho coach Mike Keller said. "It was a good placing meet and a qualifying meet for us. A lot of our guys broke the top ten for Idaho."

No fewer than nine Idaho athletes broke into the all-time Idaho top ten scores.

In the track events at Stanford Felix Kamangirira broke into the record books with a time of 47.52 in the 400 meter dash as well as a time of 21.81 in the 200 meters.

Kamangirira was edged out slightly by Niels Kruller who ran a 21.73 in the 200. In his final race at Tucson, Kruller finished fourth in the 100 meters with a time of 10.80.

At Stanford, both Frank Bruder and Bernd Schroeder raced each other close in the 5,000 meters. Bruder edged out Schroeder slightly with a time of 14:25.6 to Schroeder's 14:39.9.

Bruder also broke into the UI top ten with his time of 52.13 in the 400 meter hurdles.

In the field events the tracksters threw their competition to the side and took no prisoners. Idaho qualified several athletes for the Big Sky Championships and scored especially well for such a large competition.

Idaho qualified three men for the BSC championships in the hammer throw. Scott McCarty, Rich Gere, and Kyle Daley all qualified and both McCarty and Daley broke into the Idaho top ten. At Tucson, Daley threw 160-foot 3-inches to place eighth in the competition.

As well as breaking into the top ten in the hammer, McCarty placed fifth in the discus, and qualified for the championships in both throwing sports.

In the javelin, both Oscar Duncan and Danny Fredricksen threw over 200 feet to qualify for the championships. Duncan broke Idaho records with his throw of 220 feet 1 inch and Fredricksen was not far behind with a throw of 202 feet 7 inches.

Chris Kwaramba, Bart Ons, Thad Hathaway, and Niels Kruller all qualified in their events as well.

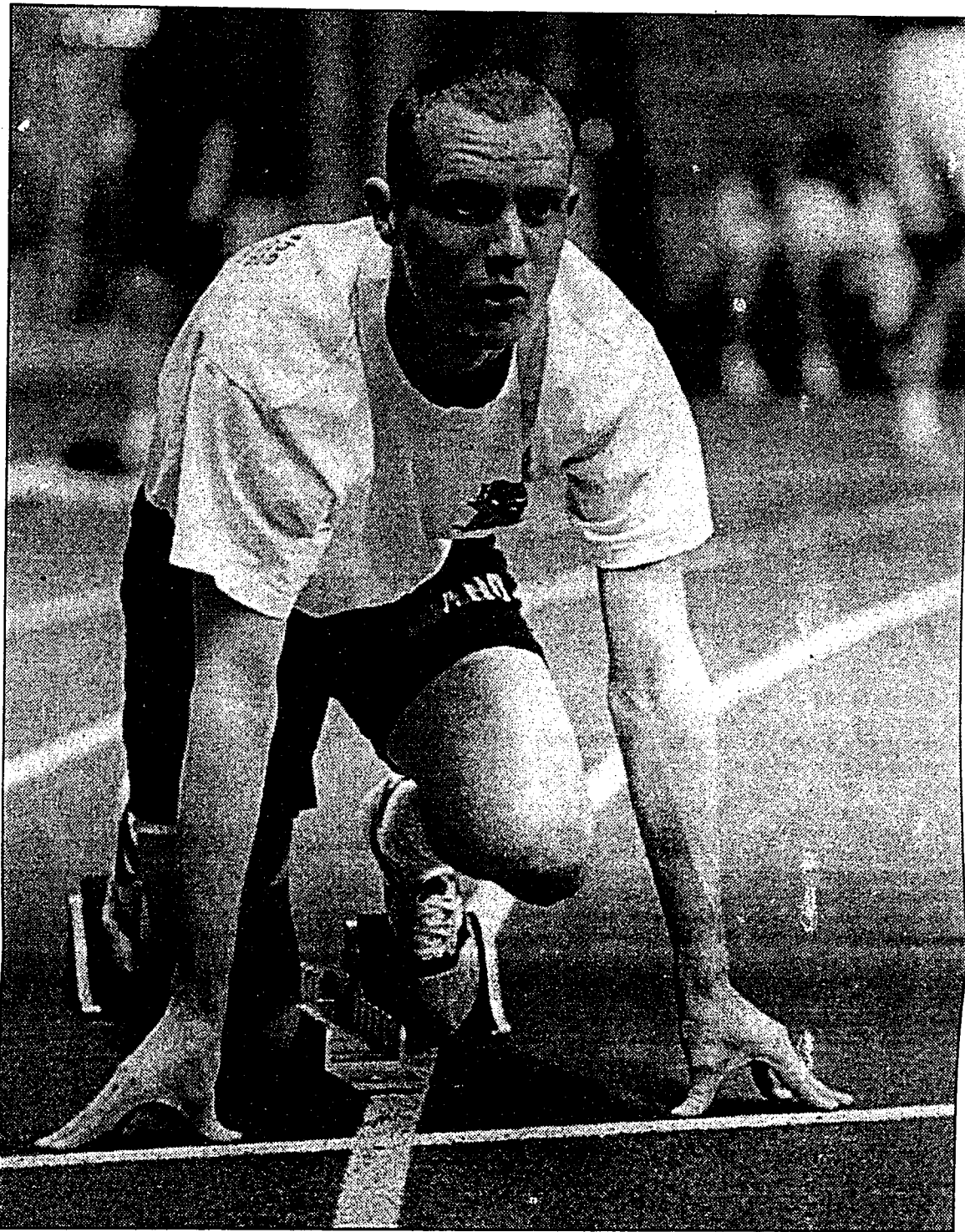
In the pole vault, Bart Ons tripled his pleasure. Not only did his jump of 15 feet 7 inches bring him a fifth place spot during the competition in Arizona, but it qualified him for the championships and also broke him into the Idaho record books.

Kruller was uncontaminable in Arizona. Besides his excellent work in the shorter dashes, Kruller placed first in Tucson in the long jump. Kruller won with a jump of 24 feet 8.25 inches to beat his nearest competitor by four inches.

Kruller has been the mark of consistency for the Vandals this season, placing well every time he competes.

Of special note is the excellent performance in the Decathlon by Rick Wassenaar. Wassenaar scored 6,984 points and finished fourth in the competition. After the first event—the 100 meter dash—Wassenaar was in twelfth place, but after his fourth place long jump Wassenaar skyrocketed to fifth place. Wassenaar depended on his consistency in the long jump, shot put, 110 meter high hurdles, and discus to elevate him over most of the field and come away with his high finish.

The Vandals are now looking towards their next competition, the



Idaho track star Niels Kruller once again showed he is among the nation's elite after outdoing the competition in Arizona and California Track & Field action last week.

Cougar Invitational, at Washington State University.

"We're going to be moving some everybody ready for the of our runners around, trying to get Championships," Keller said.

A new plan for the fed up fan



Someone has finally figured out a way to get the Big-Leaguers back on the field before opening day, but I think they will have to step up the numbers if the process is going to be a success.

Dave Shotkoski, a 30 year-old Atlanta Braves replacement player, was shot and killed in front of the team's hotel in West Palm Beach, Florida. Officials suspect robbery as the motive, but I think the assailant was as fed up with labor talks as the rest of the world, and decided to take matters into his own hands.

If the talks don't get anywhere soon I believe the owner's should pay snipers to perch themselves adjacent to the team hotels and proceed to wound, not kill anyone they suspect as being a replacement player thus forcing the Major Leaguers to end the hold-out.

A 30-06 equipped with a 150 grain nosler partician placed somewhere in the vicinity of the kneecap should keep the replacement play-

Mark Vanderwall

ers down long enough to get the real players back on the diamond. I am not saying an off target shot to the thigh wouldn't do the trick, but knee injuries take longer to rehabilitate.

The other solution is pretty simple as well, you could evacuate the rest of the occupants of the motel in the middle of the night and release tear gas into the hotel. After confirmation that the players were out you could gather them all up, and keep them in hiding until the Frank Thomas's of the world get back into action.

O.K. I may be seeing a little more daylight from the Shotkoski incident than the rest of the world, but to see this as an opportunity to see real baseball again, has got the adrenaline for a real opening day running through my veins again.

With talks moving in the right direction, such hostile actions can be put on the back burner for

awhile, but not completely forgotten. Talks of salary arbitration and the reinstatement of free agent bidding has got owners excited about an agreement before opening day.

If an agreement isn't reached before the season, you may find beefed up security at the stadiums to avoid my plan going into effect while the players are on the field.

With the justice system being slower than a Volkswagen Bug climbing Mt. Everest, you may be asking yourself, as I am, if there will ever be real baseball again. With the level of play being better at the major college level, you may also find yourself watching Arizona State and Miami, rather than the Giants and the Dodgers.

Just remember that if you are really hard pressed to see competitive baseball in the near future, the enactment of my plan is almost unavoidable, so if you are staying at a hotel in a spring training city and you see the image of a man with a rifle on the skyline of a nearby building, just continue walking down the street with a smile on your face, knowing that justice is being served.

Vandals get hit with a backhand then improve

Damon Barkdull
Staff

Even tennis pro Andre Agassi would've shaken his head in disbelief if he had faced the same competition that the University of Idaho women's tennis team went up against on a recent road trip to the sunny state of California.

Idaho's women's tennis team showed a gallant Vandal effort on a recent California road trip as they competed against some of the best tennis schools in the nation.

In the first match the Vandals faced a strong Yale team and eventually fell 0-9 in singles matches, but as the women played on their improvement was evident.

"The level of play just wasn't very high against Yale, but the women bounced back and could've easily upset Princeton in a few close matches," Idaho coach Greg South said.

After competing against the always successful Ivy League schools, the Vandals then took on Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo, Fresno State, and Sacramento State. Although Idaho was defeated by Cal. Poly and Fresno State, they found the stamina to handily win a match against Sacramento State.

"They really showed a lot of improvement down the stretch. We played hard against Sacramento State and came out of California with a win," South said. "These are some of the best tennis schools in the nation and we were able to compete with them at their level."

Gwen Nikora, the team's star had several successful outings and showed that she alone could compete against some of the best women's tennis players in the country.

"Before the Fresno State game got rained out Gwen was really doing great against one of their

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Idaho finishes second at invitational



Hogaboam leads Vandals to surprise finish in Lewiston

Montana State captured the team title and Boise State's Nichole Morrison won the medalist honors in sudden death, but it was the performance of the Idaho's women's team that was the big story at the University of Idaho Women's Golf Invitational played at Bryden Canyon Golf Course in Lewiston March 16-18.

Idaho finished second behind the Bobcats with a 45 hole total of 824. After shooting a school record 18 hole total of 329 in the first round on Monday, Idaho came right back to nearly equal that mark with an 18-hole team

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best tennis players," South said. South also mentioned that everyone on the team showed improvement and that credit should be given to everyone. "We play a tough schedule and when it comes down to it the whole team played at a higher level. Bonnie Spears, our sixth woman in rotation showed probably the greatest improvement in doubles matches," South said. "We had to toughen up." The team has an overall record of 9-9, and is expected to make a good showing at the upcoming Big Sky Tournament in Bozeman, Montana in three weeks. "We've come so far. Their hitting is getting better and their overall skill level is getting better. I just hope they keep doing it," South said. The Vandals face the Gonzaga Bulldogs at home in the Kibbie Dome on Wednesday.

total of 330 on Tuesday. The Vandals finished ahead of Big Sky rivals Montana (866) and Boise State (880) with Gonzaga placing fifth (937).

Just five months ago the Vandals finished dead last at the Big Sky Conference championships, but this time the Vandals had their new weapon in sophomore Dawna Hogaboam. The Canadian newcomer finished fourth with a 45 hole total of 204.

"Dawna's addition has really raised the expectations of all the other girls," said Vandal coach Don Rasmussen. "It's really had a snowball effect."

During the fall season Idaho's 18-hole team average was 360 with this year's previous low team round being 335. Other Idaho finishers included Kellee Vosberg at 207 (7th), Marci Bernhardt at 208 (8th), Lewiston's Darcy Ritz at 211 (tied for 10th), Kathryn Cassens at 213 (13th), Cori Omundson at 224 (19th) and Jennifer Cahan at 244 (25th).

"I'm obviously very happy with the way we played these last two days," said Rasmussen. "We shot two great rounds of 18. That shows steady play."

Several Idaho players shot season low rounds during the tournament



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—Idaho Coach Don Rasmussen



including Kathryn Cassens with an 83, Kellee Vosberg with an 82 and Marci Bernhardt tied her low round with a 79.

The medalist honors were decided after two playoff holes between Nichole Morrison of Boise State and Jen McGregor of Montana State. The two entered the final day tied for the lead and each shot a final round 78. Each shot par on the first playoff hole, the 410-yard, par five sixth hole. Morrison then sunk a six foot par put on the 335-yard par four seventh hole after McGregor had settled for a bogey.

"Those two girls just played great," said Rasmussen. "The schools in this conference have made great strides over the last two years. That's the reason you saw the scores that we had at this tournament. Teams have really improved."

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Intramural Softball takes off



Jeff Curtis

BV-batters' Jill Ortnier takes a cut at the ball during opening day action of women's intramural softball Monday. The BV-batters went on to take the victory over the ROTC Women.

Winter intramurals wrap up, spring sports begin

Ben Carr
Staff

The week before Spring Break was replete with championship action for intramurals. Basketball and volleyball finished up while softball, co-rec basketball, and 2-on-2 volleyball begin this week.

In the men's competitive league championship Delta Sig crushed Tadov 51-37 and in men's recreation action Steam Donkey defeated the Wildcats 41-36 in a game that kept the crowd on the edge of their seat for most of the game.

In women's action the Bombers defeated Mix-Up 31-26 in competi-

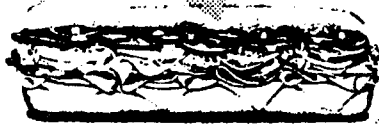
tive action and for the recreation league 8 is Enuf beat V-ball 28-27.

In the volleyball competitive league SBV beat Forrest Bump in two games and for the recreation championship Johnny's Nascaradus beat Lamdi Chi Alpha in three games.

In coming intramural action: entry deadlines for co-rec soccer and co-rec ultimate frisbee are approaching.

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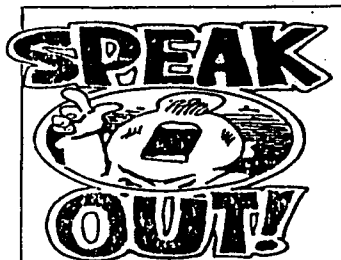
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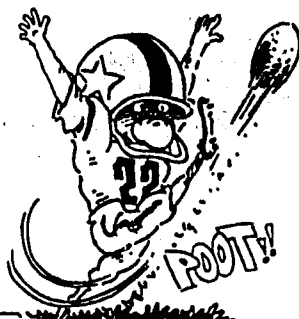
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Marshall lures Idaho A.D.

Idaho athletics will lose a valuable part of its management team when its Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs heads east next week.

Lance West, who was promoted just last month to the aforementioned position has accepted a similar job at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

Friday will be West's last day as a Vandal and then he will move on to handle the chores of Associate Vice-President for Institutional Management and Director for Athletic Development for the Thundering Herd.

"This is an opportunity to

bridge the next step to being an athletic director at a bigger school and also an opportunity to work on a masters degree," West said Monday.

The 1986 UI graduate has been an integral part of Vandal fundraising over the past nine years after playing football on scholarship for the Black and Gold.

"The University of Idaho has been great to myself and my family," West said. "We have an excellent program not only in athletics but also in academics.

I appreciate everything the University of Idaho has done for me."

Rice, May named state's top athletes

After a 31-3 season, a third straight Big Sky conference crown and a third consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament, it was only fitting that the Idaho Vandal volleyball team was named the state of Idaho's top team in 1994 at Saturday night's Idaho Sports Banquet in Coeur d'Alene.

Little surprise was stirred up when the state's top female athlete strode to the podium. Idaho volleyball's outside hitter Mindy Rice, a Grandview native, took home the award.

The 6-foot 1-inch senior became the first Big Sky athlete to ever be named to an All-American team

when she received the award last December.

Not to be outdone, UI running back Sherridan May took home the state's top male athlete award. May was named to the Division-1 AA first team after breaking the D-1 AA career record for touchdowns.

Hilbert has his Vandal spikers in the thick of spring drills

Although spring may bring showers and flowers for Idaho volleyball players it means the second season is full swing.

Vandal volleyball coach Tom Hilbert and his spikers are four weeks into their seven week spring program. Idaho will host a six-team tournament this weekend in Moscow, matching up against the likes of Washington State, Eastern Washington, Montana, Spokane Community College, and an Idaho alumni team. "This is how we develop our younger kids and try new things," Hilbert said. "A lot of these kids haven't played that much and this is a chance to get better."

The UI squad has been practicing since early March and will contin-



ue through mid-April. Hilbert has a short squad this spring with 10 players participating in workouts, but only seven available for spring matches due to NCAA rules.

"I think we are putting a bigger focus on our younger players, trying to develop people like Jemena-

Yocom and Robin Dalton.

Among the new faces is a junior transfer from Valparaiso University, Caitlin Larson. Idaho will bring in two freshman next fall, 6-foot 1-inch middle-blocker Beth Craig from Milpitas, Calif. and 5-11 setter Millanee Kim from

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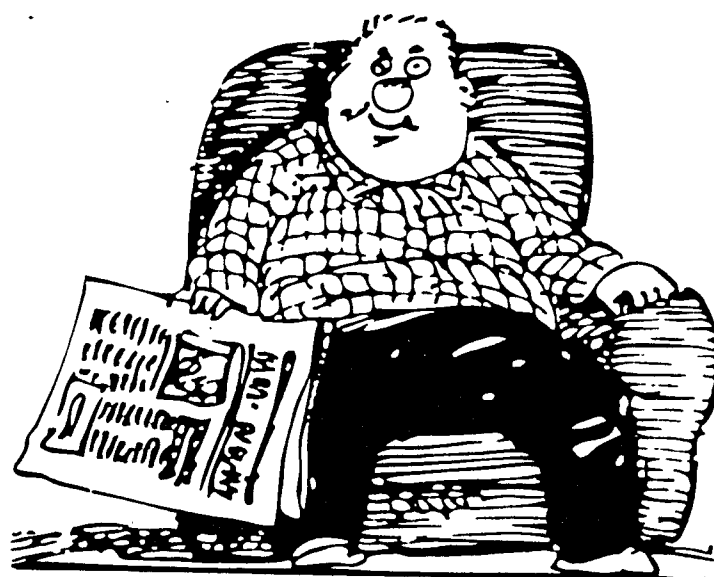
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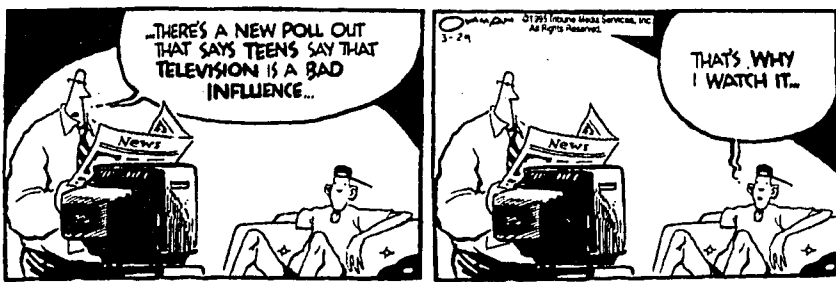
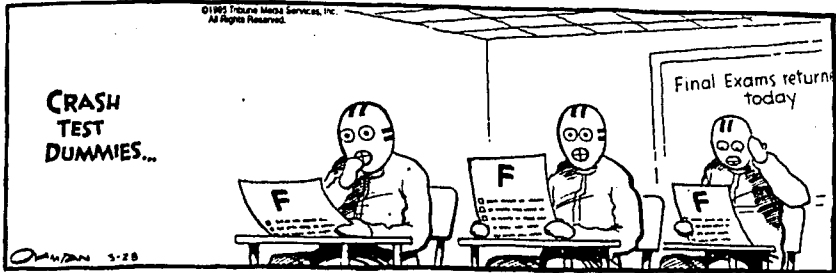
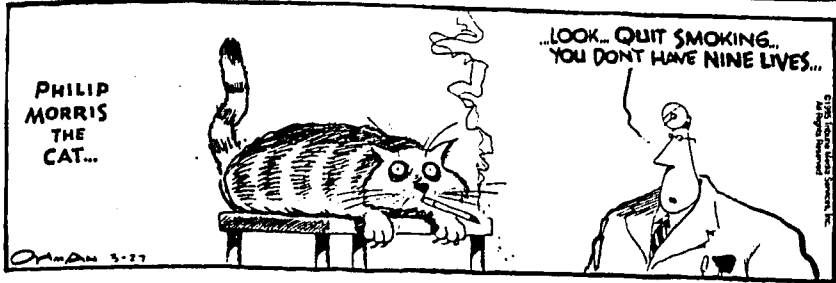
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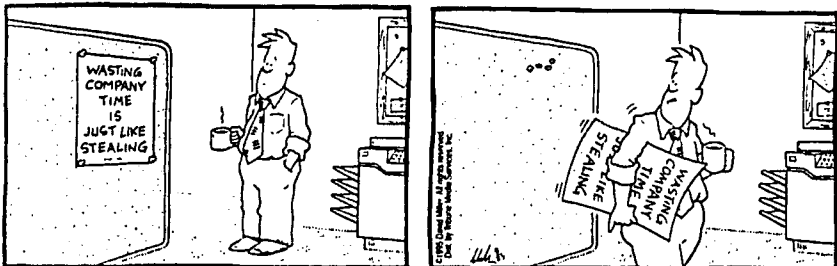
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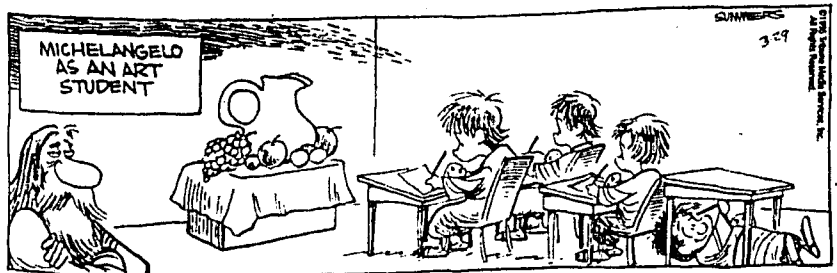
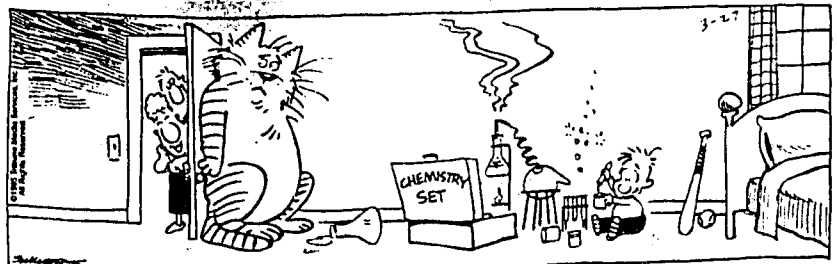
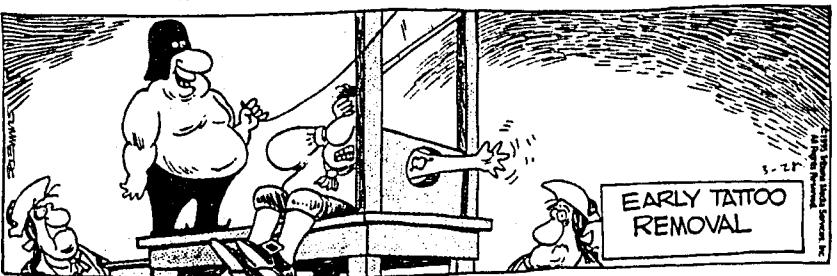
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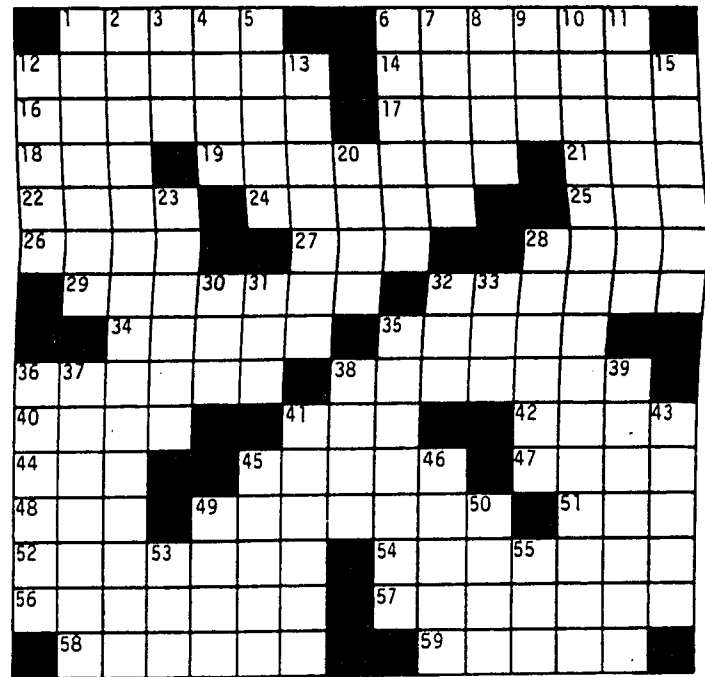
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| 14 Raise one's spirits | 48 Siamese (var.) | 20 "Darn it!" |
| 16 — seek | 49 Defend | 23 Doctrines |
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| 18 Coach Parseghian | 52 English prep school student | 30 John — |
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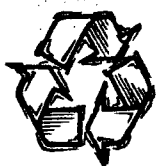
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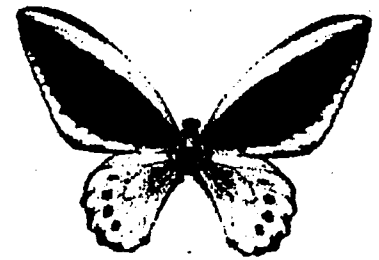
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Having just finished Tom Clancy's latest techno-thriller *Debt of Honor* over the break, I got to thinking about the differences between Japanese and American culture. Despite what some may argue, I think America does have a culture. I'm just not sure we're defining it in the same fashion as other nations.

Let's consider, as an example, subways. In Tokyo last week, as most of us within earshot of any communications media know, there was a gas attack on the subway. Using a type of gas first utilized by the Nazis during the Second World War, the terrorist attack killed ten people and sickened well over 5,000. Police have since busted the suspected culprits, which was a gang of goofballs known as the Ultimate Truth Cult or something equally silly, and carted enough chemical stew away to snuff upwards of 4 million people.

Over here in America, however, we get to contend with recently convicted murderer Colin Ferguson, who in December 1993, killed six and wounded 19 more on the Long Island Railway. Mr. Ferguson is just the most recent in a long line of eventful subway occurrences in New York, which also saw Bernie Goetz passing out bullets instead of bucks over a decade ago and, oddly enough, a CIA nerve gas test in the 1960s. Never having been to New York, I can only speculate as to why the subways are such fun. Must be the lighting.



Brandon Nolta

What's unusual about the gas attack in Tokyo is not the attack or the method of same, but the fact that it happened in Tokyo, or anywhere in Japan for that matter. While generalizations about a culture are rarely accurate on a smaller scale, anyone who has done any reading or study about the Japanese culture will realize that terrorism is not in the game plan. It's almost a cliché to talk about honor, but to anyone steeped in the *bushido* (which most of Japan seems to be, judging from the way they conduct business), honor is a real concern. Misdirection and conflict are acceptable. Scaring your enemy from darkness is not.

By those lights, terrorism is not honorable, and thus not acceptable. The gas attack was a cultural aberration, and the way the Japanese police have swiftly and ruthlessly dealt with it indicates that it's not one that will be tolerated. If viewed in tandem with Japan's crime statistics, it also reveals a lot on how the Japanese view violence in any way: as a tool for wartime only.

To contrast, look at how our own history of subways has gone. The CIA never faced the music for testing what could have been a lethal chemical agent on innocent civilians. Bernie Goetz

didn't get off scot-free, but he came close; he ended up being convicted on one charge of carrying an illegal weapon, I believe. While watching news coverage on the Ferguson trial, I was a little taken aback upon hearing that Ferguson "may get life in prison." For killing six people, he may get life? What the hell is this?

In past columns, I have said that we are a violent people, that violence (and terrorism, if we're going to be honest) is an integral part of our history and culture. So saith the American Revolution, the Civil War and most of the other grand events of our history, as well. However, it's now becoming obvious that our own cultural aberration is not the violence itself, but the disregard for the causes. We accept violence as natural, no matter what the cause or the effect.

Will we be as quick as Japan to take action against our own aberration? Granted, Japan's is an isolated case, while ours is symptomatic of a larger malaise. Still, you have to start somewhere, I suppose.

Perhaps we could learn a lesson from our friends in the Land of the Rising Sun and start dealing with our problems in a straightforward fashion, instead of encouraging our culture (there's that word again) of victimization. Otherwise, this disregard of the implications of violent behavior (and, implicitly, the lack of culpability inherent in such a system) will only worsen. Where will we be then?

Letters to the Editor

Nielsen knows novelty

Regarding Ralph Nielsen's letters, Ralph should seriously consider publishing a Biblical commentary entitled *Nielsen's Zany World of Biblical Interpretation*.

Without a doubt, Ralph has a gift for Scripture twisting, a true "master of disaster." Where common sense becomes non-sense and his out-of-context explanations are outlandishly and outrageously hilarious! They never fail to elicit a response from me and my friends, ranging anywhere from a mere chuckle to a flat-out roll. Sly devil, I don't know how he does it.

True, there are plenty of excellent commentaries on the market that do a great job of interpreting Scripture, those that take the critical, scholarly approach. However,

they can be tedious and boring. It would be refreshing to come up with a commentary that doesn't follow the usual, humdrum, pedantic course. Ralph's annotations of various Scriptures are so dissimilar from the rest, so original. The book would be a novelty!

Think of it, Ralph, you could embark on a new-life adventure, "Star-Trekking" so to speak. Boldly going where no theologian has dared to go before. Future generations will be able to say of Mr. Nielsen: "Truly, this man was a legend in his own mind."

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—Larry Kazda

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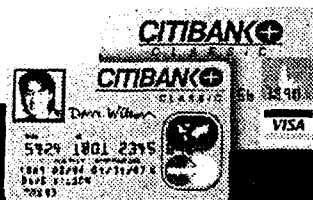
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The University of Idaho has a lot of fat.

Thousands of pounds of excess, perhaps even tons. The Idaho State Legislature noticed it first and responded by not funding UI's fiscal year 1996 proposed budget by \$32 per student as figured through student fees. The university later included additional fee increases to provide approximately \$200,000 in elbow room as the year progresses, making the student fee increase reach \$67.

The State Board of Education, under the leadership of board President Roy Mosman, feels the fee increases (for all Idaho schools) are excessive and they should not exceed the consumer price index plus 2 percent, a formula the board set in 1991 to help hold fees down.

The board voted to stick by their formula, which will force Idaho universities to lower their fee increases and at the same time balance their budgets. For UI, the proposed 8.66 percent increase must be lowered to 4.7 percent to meet the formula. Unfortunately, it will take about a 5.4 percent increase to balance the budget as written, and there's only one way to do that now.

Trim fat.

Trimming is a problem most students are used to, and some have even taken classes about it. For students, it means eating low fat Top Ramen and subscribing to basic cable that doesn't have the Discovery Channel. It also means selecting which textbooks *not* to buy and dropping classes that require too many.

Since university officials are paid so well, and don't even need the piddling increases they get in their salaries every now and again, they'll probably need some advice from students who experience fat-trimming sacrifices every year.

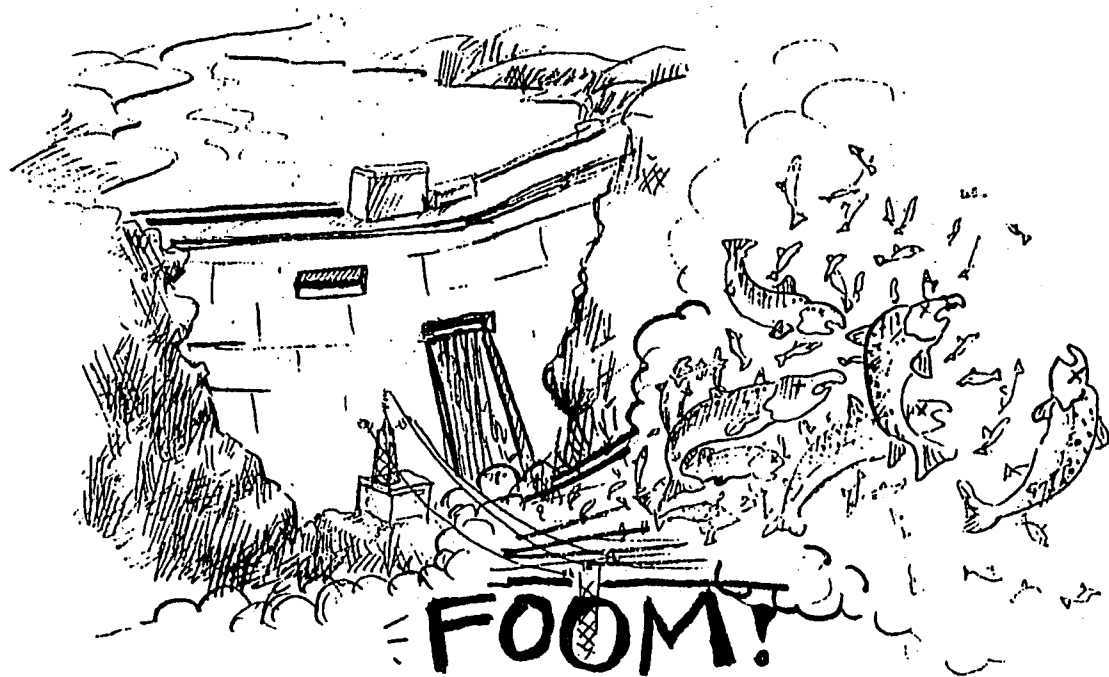
For starters, UI will have to cut programs. Sending the engineering program packing to Boise will cut a lot of overhead, which is what you want when you're preparing budgets—sometimes you have to sacrifice higher learning because that's not what the budgeting process is all about. Just ask the Idaho Legislature; they're fabulous fat trimmers.

For the hard to reach places, entire classes will have to be cut. Small classes should be combined, lowering the need for expensive professors. English 103 and 104 courses should be united and graded by multiple choice tests fed through computers.

University housing rates are going up. All complexes should be sold to private businesses so they can charge competitive rates that allow them to ignore maintenance issues that can bog down universities.

In all, statewide administrators would do well to remember that this issue isn't about education—it's about trimming fat. Our anorexic legislators know that already. No pain, no gain. It's a simple principle.

—Chris Miller



THE HIGH PRICE OF CHEAP ELECTRIC POWER

Cruelty goes unpunished

What is the definition of "cruelty to animals"? According to Idaho State Law 25-3504, section 3a, it is "the intentional and malicious infliction of pain, physical suffering, injury or death upon an animal." The law also states that a person who is cruel to any animal is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a jail sentence of not more than six months or by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or more than five thousand dollars or both the fine and the jail sentence.

If this is the case, what is my neighbor doing walking the streets of Moscow and why does he still have his dog?

Saturday afternoon, my roommate was on our side deck and watched this neighbor yank his dog across the yard and hold him up by his leash, dangling, like the poor animal was on a hangman's noose. After our initial shock that anyone could be that vicious, we called the police. They arrived, took our side of the story, talked to the neighbors, then left. And this isn't the first time this neighbor has been visited by the police. They have been reported for neglecting the animal previously, so the fact that nothing was really done is even more shocking.

The Moscow City Code provides one sentence to protect the ani-



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mals here within the city limits. Section B of City Code 10-5-16 states "No person shall willfully provoke, mistreat, or abuse any dog or other animal while confined to its keeper's premises." Here was opportunity number two for law enforcement to stop the abuse. There should not even be a question that what this man did to his dog is mistreatment and abuse.

According to an employee of the City Prosecutor, these codes are in the process of being reformed. Let's hope they do a little more to protect the rights of animals who have no one to stick up for them. With laws this vague, it seems too easy to let incidents slide by without any repercussions.

There needs to be a clearer set of guidelines for law enforcement officials to follow in cases of animal abuse. It is clear that the current laws are not enough to protect a small dog from being hung by its collar. There are more detailed instructions on what to do with a vicious dog than what to do with an abused animal. No animal

deserves that treatment, no matter what it has done.

When an animal never sees the inside of a house or barn, despite brutal cold, and has no real shelter except under a broken down pickup truck, there is a problem. When no one ever comes outside except to yell at or hit the animal, there is a problem. What is worse is that no one seems to want to do anything about it except those of us who have to watch that poor dog every day. The dog is covered in feces because his yard is never cleaned. The other neighbors have a puppy that comes over to play and that is his only source of entertainment. Why would someone like this even own a dog?

There are supposed to be laws to protect animals from abuse but obviously the laws on the books are not enough.

Since the City of Moscow is in the mood to re-write its ordinances, now is the time to let our city officials know that we need tougher laws. If everyone could walk by this house and see this poor dog shivering outside in the cold, begging for attention, there would be no need to write this column.

Not everyone sees animals as having basic rights but I think everyone agrees that blatant abuse and neglect are unacceptable.

Insurance mandate has long way to go to prove beneficial

Many of you, if you've heard the new idea our state senators have about requiring students to have private health insurance, probably saw red.

So did I. Some initial thoughts: just how many students can possibly afford to be purchasing private health insurance? And what happens to those who cannot afford to purchase insurance? Are they then to be denied access to higher education based solely upon their financial status? Not all students have parents willing to foot the bill for a college education.

But, if you've read my story in the news section, you've hopefully come away with a point of view different from your first reaction. It seems the possibility does exist that there are some students out there who could afford private health insurance but are instead electing to use taxpayer-supported Medicaid. What the hell. It's "free," right? No, it's not free. If you're one of



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those students using Medicaid when you can afford to do otherwise, shame on you—you're a thief.

But enough of my preaching from the high horse. Here are some problems I have with the proposal to require students to have private health insurance.

First of all, legislators have admitted they have no idea how many students are even using Medicaid to begin with or what kind of costs students are incurring as compared with other portions of Idaho's population. A survey is currently being conducted to find these statistics, but such *ex post facto* research suggests legislators are

purposefully targeting a voting bloc which is unlikely to have the time or the resources to be able to formulate a response or even a defense against such a policy.

Additionally, how does one calculate exactly how many of those students who are using Medicaid are legitimate users? It seems there is no easy way to do this without some sort of an extensive background check, so instead legislators are considering the easy way out: stick all of the students with the bill when only a portion of them are responsible.

Although legislators insist they are only investigating the matter, it seems to me it's a ridiculous precept to even consider such an idea without the statistical material to back it all up with.

If they had, instead, come out and said, "Student use of the Medicaid program is disproportionate when compared with the use of the program by the general population of Idaho and a vast majority of these

students can afford their own health insurance," I would be more inclined to support the suggestion of mandatory student health insurance. I would also want a study into the viability of expecting students to be able to afford private health insurance.

Sadly, this is not the type of data legislators seem currently disposed to ask for without first suggesting it is students who are creating the problem.

Second of all, legislators are targeting a group of students who are the most vulnerable to such a policy—if it ever becomes law: married students who have children while enrolled in school. There are several problems which crop up immediately when a closer examination is given to this particular area.

Number one: married students are probably that group of students who can least afford to follow such a policy.

Number two: married students often perform above the academic

average. Are these the students we want to exclude from our universities and colleges?

Number three: the legislature can require students to have private health insurance, but what about their spouses? Will the legislature require the entire family of a married student to be insured? If the only member of a family who is insured is the student, won't the other members be likely to use Medicaid?

These are all things the legislators should examine closely before enacting such a policy.

How can we expect all students to afford private health insurance? I don't believe such a mandate is a realistic option in the attempt to reduce Medicaid expenditures. While legislators have good reason to expect students who can afford private health insurance to not use Medicaid, holding the entire student population responsible for the larcenous actions of a few is irresponsible in itself.