

# Health insurance debate continues in legislature

## Perception of students at Gritman less than favorable

Russ Wright  
Staff

University of Idaho officials and students are wondering what impact a legislator's recent suggestion to require Idaho college students to have private health insurance will have.

Idaho Senator Grant Ipsen has had a letter sent to the State Board of Education asking the presidents of Idaho's colleges and universities to consider the matter. At issue are uninsured students and the impact they are having on the state's Medicaid system.

"I'm more worried about the county's indigency fund," said ASUI President Sean Wilson, "and I don't like the idea of mandating people to have health insurance." Wilson is also worried that requiring students to have health insurance as a condition for enrollment may have the effect of excluding some people from access to higher education.

Carol Grupp, director of Human Resources and Risk Management, said UI has requested figures for the number of students using Medicaid from state officials, but the request

was denied due to concerns about confidentiality.

"We weren't asking for names," Grupp said. "All we wanted to know was numbers."

Vice President of Student Affairs Hal Godwin said, "We will look very carefully at any change and what it means to students."

"We want to keep prices reasonable for students," Godwin said.

Grupp said she has a "philosophical concern" about the possibility of mandatory student health insurance.

"(It's) singling out students as a particular class of people," Grupp said, "whereas for other people in other situations there isn't a requirement (to have health insurance). Our students are adults. They're responsible for those choices."

"We put together a package of insurance and make sure it's available and presented to all students," Grupp said. "We want all students to know it's available."

Grupp noted that students have to initial their fee statements in order to decline health insurance. "It's a conscious, affirmative choice to not purchase the insurance," said Grupp. Information about the insurance—which the university makes no profit from—is mailed to all UI students during the summer. A local insurance agent underwrites the insurance.

Rather than requiring insurance for all students, Wilson suggested the possibility of set-

ting aside a small portion of student fees to bolster the county's indigency fund. "That's where the big impact is," said Wilson.

Grupp did not know if Wilson's idea was feasible or not but thought the idea certainly had merit and deserved further consideration. "It's a totally fresh idea," said Grupp. "We're sensitive to the economic burden (uninsured students) place on the county's indigency fund."

Dr. Donald Chin, director of UI Student Health Services, said he has conducted his own survey of UI students who use the Student Health Center. Although Chin stresses the survey was strictly non-scientific and may not be representative of the overall stu-

dent population at UI, he said about 85 to 87 percent of the students who use the Health Center had some form of health insurance.

"I wish we had universal coverage for everyone," said Chin. "It's the dream of all physicians. The question is, how do we do it?"

Chin encourages students who do not have health insurance to purchase it. "It's unwise to not carry insurance. People should protect and cover themselves," said Chin.

Although the Student Health Center offers prescriptions, tests and outpatient visits at rates far below the market average, it is the

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# BSU engineering students come to scope out UI

Michelle Kalbeitzer  
Staff

Several civil engineering students from Boise State University visited the University of Idaho this week to become oriented with the campus and facilities of the school they will soon attend.

The students are currently attending UI's Engineering program at BSU. The move to Moscow is spurred by the need for an accredited degree, which BSU will not be able to offer for two more years. The students said they were worried that the initial lack of accreditation would adversely affect future job opportunities and graduate school.

"It's harder to get into graduate schools without an accredited degree," said Howard Peavy, chair of UI Civil Engineering. "We're going to get that program down there accredited as soon as possible. It will be two years before we can ask for an accreditation visit."

Ironically, the program needs graduates before an accreditation visit can take place.

Until recently engineering students could attend the program at BSU for two years and then transfer up to Moscow to finish their degree. Now students can finish their degree at UI's extension in Boise.

The engineering program in Idaho has been a volatile topic with the State Board of Education. Micron offered BSU \$6 million to start a BSU-run engineering program. This sparked controversy because UI already offers a nationally-respected engineering program.

"The students would prefer their degree would say 'UI degree' rather than a BSU degree because the technical reputation is better here than at BSU," said Edwin Schmeckpeper, assistant professor of civil engineering at UI.

The State Board of Education denied the

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## 'To the moon, Alice, to the moon'



Joa Harrison

Mechanical Engineering students Dean Richardson and Roy Pascal work on the lunar rover. The NASA-Ames research project is expected to be finished by April 14.

# Residence halls face rate increases

Jennifer Eng  
Staff

Residence hall officials confronted the students living in the residence halls about the rate increases that they are proposing Wednesday night.

Students were made aware of the increases the day before spring break began. Wednesday was one of their first chances to ask questions and share their opinions about the increases in a public meeting.

The overall increase in the halls is 4.7 percent. This raises students' room and board rates anywhere between \$129 to \$213 per year. Returning students would be given a \$125 rebate for coming back to the halls.

Rate increases would be used for several renewal and replacement projects as well as keeping consistent with the rising cost of living.

These projects include safety, building and handicap improvements as well as interior and exterior remodeling, and facility and service improvements.

Improvements are based on the needs for increased safety and security, improving accessibility and moving in-line with the needs of the students.

Programs which would benefit from the increase in rates are academic assistance, and the introduction of more co-ed living establishments. One such establishment that will see itself becoming co-ed is McConnell Hall, which is currently under renovations.

Funds directed towards academic assistance would be used to put test files in the basement of Wallace Complex, establish tutoring services and study groups.

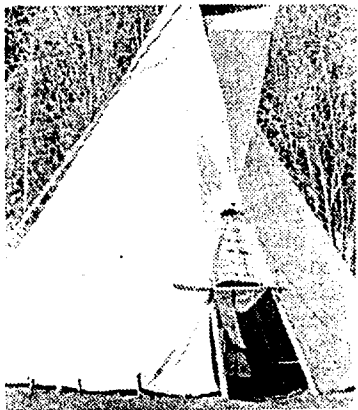
In the past increases have been used for many worthwhile projects

such as replacing the roof on the Wallace complex, upgrading both Gault and Upham hall relating to safety issues, and adding card access to various residence halls as well as Theophilus Towers.

Students are concerned with single room rates going up so drastically. However, they feel that the increases are fair for the most part. Sue Pierce, who attended the meeting to help represent the concerns of students, stated that there should be seniority given for the people that come back to the halls year after year.

Students feel that if they are contributing so much to the upkeep, remodeling and the promotion of the residence halls, they should receive some incentives beyond the \$125 rebate. Students have suggested freezing rates and earlier awarding of single rooms.

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Spring camping doesn't have to be a big affair.

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Women's track team looks toward championships with promising start.

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## FarmHouse brother dies of Cystic Fibrosis complications

Clint B. Gross, once a University of Idaho student, passed away on March 25 from complications of Cystic Fibrosis. Services were held Tuesday at the Chapel of the Chimes near Meridian, Idaho. Gross was 21-years-old when he passed away. He pledged to FarmHouse Fraternity in the fall of 1992. He was a Range Science major.

## Former ISU senator to stand trial

A former Associated Students of Idaho State University was bound over for trial on charges stemming from a Feb. 6 domestic dispute after a preliminary hearing held March 20.

Shiozawa faces an amended charge of aggravated assault and two charges of aggravated battery which together carry possible sentence of 35 years. He was originally charged with attempted murder for the incident, in which his stepdaughter, Lexie Hill, 2, was stabbed in the back.

Shiozawa allegedly stabbed Lexie while attempting to keep his wife, Leslie Shiozawa, from leav-

ing him after she discovered the possibility that he was abusing her daughter.

According to police reports, Shiozawa pursued his wife in a chase that finally ended in him forcing her car off the road along Interstate 15. He then allegedly hit her in the face and after forcing her back in the car, climbed in the back seat where he pulled Lexie and proceeded to stab her with a pocket knife.

During the assault, Leslie Shiozawa was stabbed in the arm while allegedly trying to free her daughter. Assault charges were also filed for injuries she sustained during the dispute.

Before a full courtroom audience, Leslie Shiozawa took the stand as the prosecution's key witness testifying she saw her husband stab her daughter several times. Shiozawa has maintained that Lexie fell on the knife.

After the stabbing, Leslie Shiozawa claimed that she convinced the defendant to drive them to the hospital promising "to do anything" if he would. She further stated that Shiozawa threatened her life if she did not support his story.

At the hospital she faked a fainting spell after Shiozawa continued to threaten her. She was then able to explain the situation to a nurse and have the police notified.

In contradiction to Leslie Shiozawa's testimony that Shiozawa had repeatedly stabbed Lexie, Dr. Denis Minister said that he had observed only one "sucking" wound on the child's back.

Sixth District Magistrate Boyd White said medical evidence does seem to support Shiozawa's story. "There is no question she was stabbed. The question is how it happened," he said.

At press time, no date had been set for a possible jury trial.

Shiozawa remains free on his own recognizance. He resigned from his post as ASISU Business Senator two weeks ago for reasons related to his legal situation.

—ISU Bengal

## WSU dean to attend Fulbright Seminar in Germany

Bernard Oliver, dean of Washington State University's College of Education, was selected to participate in the 1995 Seminar for U.S. Administrators in International Education by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. The month-long seminar, which will be held in Germany, begins on April 17.

A group of 25 American educators is selected annually for the seminar from 50-70 applicants, according to Richard Pettit, program officer for the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

"All the applicants are well-qualified, so it is quite a mark of distinction to be selected," Pettit said in a prepared statement.

The Fulbright grant awarded to Oliver covers all expenses, including round-trip transportation and accommodations.

Oliver said that he applied for the seminar because of the college's focus on international education. The partnership with the Japanese school district of Nishinomiya is one example of the ongoing collaborative relationships the college has established, he said. Oliver hopes to gain a better understanding of international education and cross-cultural research possibilities through the seminar.



## Strides in Affirmative Action prove weak

Affirmative action only shows week signs of improvement for minorities. In 1960 4.4 percent of all doctors and college teachers in the United States were black; the most current figures show that 3.7 percent of doctors are black and 4.8 percent are college teachers. Lawyers have made the greatest strides, from 1.3 percent in 1960 to 2.7 percent today.

"In certain fields, for example the police departments, affirmative action has worked," said political scientist Andrew Hacker, who wrote *Two Nations*, a book about race relations in America. "But generally it has been in public employment, education, health welfare, that sort of thing. In the business world, very few blacks have real executive jobs.... Generally speaking, it's been tokenism."

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## Toxic algae blamed for bird deaths

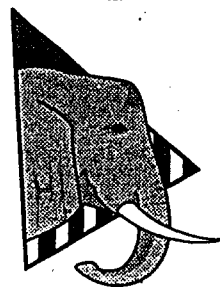
Thousands of water birds that died mysteriously at the Salton Sea national Wildlife Refuge seem to have been poisoned by a toxic form of algae that blooms in the salty lake, according to new findings by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

About 15,000 eared grebes wintering at the Salton Sea died in February and March of 1992 and another 20,000 died the same period in 1994. No mass die-offs occurred in 1993, adding to the mystery.

Tests on the carcasses of grebes detected high concentrations of poison, called microcystin, in their livers. Microcystin, produced by blue-green algae, has no known antidote.

In some birds, the toxin was "high enough to account for acute lethal liver toxicosis," according to a report by Wayne Carmichael, an aquatic biologist at Wright State University in Ohio. The grebes probably ingested the toxin by drinking the water. The Salton Sea is a major wintering ground for migratory birds from throughout the Pacific Flyway, including eared grebes.

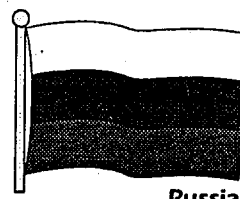
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## Gingrich leaves teaching position

Democrats and the duties of being a congressman cause Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich to stop teaching a weekly college history class at Reinhart College.

Democrats have charged the speaker with accepting free air time worth up to \$200,000 from a cable television firm to air the class. Gingrich has been teaching "Renewing American Civilization" for the past three years. Only one class remained in the quarter before Gingrich quit.



Russia

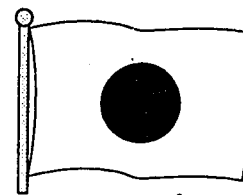
## 'Swords to plow shares' not working in Russian space program

In a setback to Russia's fledgling commercial space program, Israeli and Mexican satellites launched Tuesday aboard a converted Russian military rocket have gone astray and are presumed lost, confirmed a Russian official.

"Our ground stations cannot find it in space. There is no hope and the satellites are lost," lamented Vyacheslav A. Mikhailichenko. The loss was "not a tragedy," he said, because the launch had been billed as a test and the missing Israeli was insured. But Russian military officials had hoped a successful launch would help them attract other paying customers, earning desperately needed cash from converted nuclear missile-launching technology.

The satellites were carried by two Russian rockets made from obsolete SS-25 intercontinental ballistic missiles, which were once carried nuclear warheads aimed at the United States.

— Los Angeles Times



Japan

## Police hope to find dead bodies in Japan's most notorious cult

Tokyo police follow up grizzly leads from former members of the Aum Supreme Truth Cult, the organization linked to the nerve gas attack on March 20 that left 10 subway passengers dead and afflicted another 5,500.

"Aum Supreme Truth has nothing to do with religion and it won't be long before we start finding bodies," said one of many police officers who swept the rural area, investigating reports by former followers of the secretive sect who have said they saw corpses being buried there.

Police attention focused largely on a building that the sect called Satian No. 7, described as a maze-like complex housing a chemical laboratory that was hidden behind a wall. "Satian" is the Sanskrit word for "truth."

Police have yet to discover any bodies but have recovered potentially dangerous chemical elements from the sect. Several sophisticated chemical devices, bacterial-production materials and quantities of a germ that produces a deadly toxin were found.

At least some followers have suffered strange medical or chemical exposure. One of the hospitalized sect followers has signs of apparent poisoning by sarin, the deadly nerve gas used in the attack in the Tokyo subways.

— Los Angeles Times

# 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.

## Alpha Zeta to meet

The Alpha Zeta Honorary Society will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Room 62 of the Agricultural Science Building.

## 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.

## Help clean up the earth

ENVI will be cleaning Paradise Creek tomorrow. Anyone who would like to participate should

meet on the corner of Sweet Avenue and S. Main Street at noon. It will take one to two hours. Wear clothes that you do not mind getting muddy. For more information call Marya at 882-7912.

## Motivation is the key

Navy ROTC will be hosting a speech given by Motivational Speaker Greg MacFarlane in JEB 104 on Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. MacFarlane is a blind athlete who has earned 130 medals—of which 103 are gold. He is an undefeated high school and college wrestler, down-hill skier and a golfer. For further information call 885-7119 or 885-6333.

## Discussing HIV

There will be an HIV Task Force meeting this morning at 7:30 a.m. in the Chief's Room of the Student Union.

## Human factors applied to complex systems

The UI student Chapter of Human Factors and Ergonomics Society will present "Applying Human Factors in Design of Complex Systems" today from 1-3 p.m. in Room 201 of the Psychology Building. The presentation, which focuses on how methods are adapted to meet the challenges of applying human fac-

tors to complex system design such as air traffic control, ship navigation systems and telecommunications, will be given by Roy Kaufmann. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information call Scott Confer at 885-6324.

## Be a winner!

The deadline for the 1995 International Week Photo Contest is coming soon and some great photos are needed. Enter by April 14 and win a cash prize. First prize is \$75; Second prize is \$50; and Third prize is \$25.

All entries must be 8" X 10" or larger; mounted and ready to be hung in the Student Union Vandal Lounge Gallery; related to the theme: "Sharing Common Ground;" black and white or in color; and submitted to the Student Union Information Desk or ASUI Productions by 5 p.m. on April 14.

Entry forms and contest rules at Student Union Information Desk or IPO, 216 Morrill Hall.

## Call for artists

"We're Not Your Mother," a performance art group at the UI Theatre Arts Department, is looking for artists and their works to be displayed along with a play. The play will run April 7 and 8 at 10 p.m.

The art will be presented in a gallery in conjunction with the performance. Artists will also have the chance to sell their work. For more information contact Kelsey Hartman at 885-6465.

## Homosexual issues discussed at hall forum

Christine Ermeey  
Staff

Approximately 20 people filled the Upham Hall lounge Wednesday night to hear from panelists from the campus Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Association.

The forum, which was put on in cooperation with Residence Life, was designed to put faces and stories behind gay, lesbian and bisexual issues, in light of the recent controversy concerning a gay man in Upham Hall.

Earlier this semester, flyers posted by a gay student on an Upham Hall bulletin board advertising the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Association were torn down and replaced with flyers reading, "The MEN of Upham Hall do not want or need Faggots in our hall."

One audience member and Upham Hall resident said, "A lot of people find it very offensive that there is religious stuff and sexual stuff posted in our house. Why do you insist on posting GLBA signs in our hall?"

The panelists responded by saying that GLBA flyers are not promoting a sexual message and that the flyers are protected by the First Amendment.

One panelist, Sean, said that he and all the other panelists have contemplated suicide, and that the purpose of the flyers is to prevent death. "We're not trying to offend people, those flyers are only there to save a life."

He also said that according to Bruce Pitman, dean of students, Upham Hall can vote that only Upham Hall business can be posted on Upham Hall bulletin boards—however, the hall cannot vote to exclude posting from certain groups. "This would be considered discrimination, which is against university policy," he said.

One audience member encouraged the men of Upham Hall to attend a meeting: "If the flyers make you uncomfortable because you don't know what GLBA is all about, then you should go to a meeting," she said. "The more you

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## No change in Moscow bong status, despite recent ban

Dawn Casey  
Staff

Enforcement of the U.S. Supreme Court "ban on bongs" may not require any more effort by the Moscow Police Department than is already spent controlling illegal drug use.

As of January 1, 1995, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled sale of drug paraphernalia illegal.

Drug paraphernalia, however, is already illegal—for as long as most can remember anyway.

Objects with dual purposes such as pipes, bongs, and other drug paraphernalia were the subject of a 1990 police bust in Iowa and led to the recent ruling. Since the new year, those dual purpose objects were liquidated in widespread clearance sales across the country.

The focus of the ruling, however, has no target retail market in Moscow—there are no stores that sell products that can be classified as drug paraphernalia.

Of the timeliness of U.S. Supreme Court rulings which are often not swift to appear as tangi-

ble change, Moscow Police Chief Bill Brown said "Generally, it takes ages to filter down to the local community."

Most of the time and effort spent by police goes directly to dealing with drug possession and use. The federal law against the sale of paraphernalia is hoped to take care of itself—most police departments do not have time to visit boutiques and check the inventory.

The fine line that "head shops" across the country have been stepping on apparently is by posting signs that read "For Tobacco Use Only." Critics say those products are clearly not intended for tobacco—who smokes tobacco out of a bong?

Actually, some people do, according to an employee at Zanie's, a novelty shop in Spokane which sells tobacco products. They call it a water pipe and say it purifies the tobacco.

Water pipes can be used to smoke marijuana but the store is quick to point out that they sell only tobacco products. The ruling has not affected the store, the

employee said, although their selection of water pipes and other tobacco products has grown smaller since the new year.

In any case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling is an attempt to curb the sale of products labeled for tobacco use but intended for drugs. The problem stems from the dual usage inherent in everything from plumbing equipment to fish-tank hoses and zip-lock baggies.

Plastic bags, which are sold by grocery stores and intended for use with food, were found in the Troy home of Donald Sitz, who was arrested Wednesday on a drug trafficking charge after detectives found one ounce of powdered methamphetamine in his apartment, according to an article in Thursday's edition of the Moscow-Pullman Daily News. But the empty bags were considered drug paraphernalia due to their proximity to \$1,500 worth of methanphetamines the article said.

The ruling will probably not affect the sale of plastic baggies at local grocery stores.



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# Developer faces curse if construction continues

The Baltimore Sun

An ultra-Orthodox Jewish sect threatens to call the most lethal curse upon a developer who they claim will desecrate Jewish graves by constructing apartments and parking lots in the old city of Jaffa, Israel.

"Punishments come from heaven. The rabbis have the power to call for it," says Yehuda Meshi-Zahav, an organizer of the Haredim, the ultra-Orthodox Jews calling for the curse.

The Haredim have demonstrated against Udi Ilan, the developer, by vandalizing equipment, threatening to boycott his bank and have already imposed on him a lesser curse. Unless he stops his construction, the Haredim say they will be forced to use the strongest, most lethal curse available, the Pulsa de Nura.

Within the Jewish religion itself there is a strong thread of mysticism, called Kabbalah. It uses secret rituals, blessings, curses and supernatural interpretations. "Allot of people believe in it," says Ithamar Gruenwald, a professor of Jewish Thought at Tel Aviv University. "They wouldn't practice it. But deep down in their heart, they may believe that if something bad happens to a person, it may be because he is cursed."

The Pulsa de Nura is rarely imposed because of its gravity, and because of a peculiar effect: it can boomerang. If the ritual is incorrectly performed—a real risk, since the elaborate procedures are passed down only by word of mouth—or if the target of the curse has been previously blessed, the curse can rebound to injure a person who made the curse.

Ilan is not afraid. "I will outlive the rabbi who curses me," says the 44-year-old developer.

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major emergencies that should concern students, said Chin.

Chin said UI participated in a study with Illinois Southern College and found that approximately 70 percent of the institutions similar to UI require students to have health insurance.

Although hesitant to support mandatory student health insurance, Chin said it would help to relieve many of the problems Gritman Medical Center and the Latah County indigency fund face as a result of students with no

health insurance.

The perception of the medical staff at Gritman, Chin said, is that university students are loud, obnoxious, drunk and don't pay their medical bills. Although these students obviously represent a minority, "Somebody has to eat the (unpaid) bill. The hospital is pushing hard to keep out of debt," said Chin.

Hospital officials and county commissioners—who are in charge of the indigency fund—were unavailable for comment.

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Another student, Phil White, stated that the proposal is fair for the services that students receive and the improvements that they are making, but he would like to see residence hall officials taking care of day to day problems more. White felt that safety and maintenance issues need to be taken care of in a more timely fashion. "The new study room is great, but my water is still orange," White said.

The panel of residence hall offi-

cial, which included Roger Oetli, Stuart Davis, Jim Bauer, Chuck Labine and Gail Krauss, have been working consistently with students to communicate their concerns and give students an instrument to voice their concerns.

The panel feels that there are a great number of reasons for people to live on campus. They asserted that strong living groups, such as residence halls, enhance the college experience.

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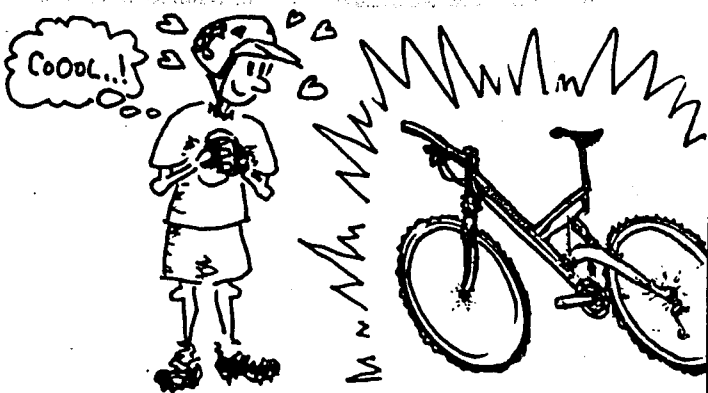
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**ENGINEERING** • FROM PAGE 1

request and instead decided to make large improvements in the current program. Improvements include bringing more faculty to live and work in Boise, purchasing laboratory equipment, as well as actively pursuing accreditation in two more years.

ASUI President Sean Wilson said, "In the end the students will come out as losers if this thing continues." Wilson feels the heart of this controversy over separate engineering programs has failed to recognize the most important element of it all—the students.

Six students from Boise met with Wilson this week to tell him their side of the story—as of now ten are planning on transferring. One BSU engineering student, Steve Murdock, said, "As a student I don't really care if it's BSU or UI, as long as I get a good quality education."

The students would prefer to remain in Boise and graduate with the UI Engineering Program, because the city of Boise has more to offer in regards of jobs and opportunities for their spouses and children than the town of Moscow.

"If the students' wishes for a program would have been looked at from the beginning, BSU Engineering would have never developed into the problem it did politically," Schmeckpeper said.

In previous years UI students in Boise felt unwelcome. Not only were courses limited, but student services like Cooperative Education and Career Services were limited as well. The visiting students commented that "in the last year

we've gotten more cooperation from UI."

One engineering student, Brian Sielaff, said, "I just learned more in the last hour's conversation with Daniel Blanco at Career Services than I have in five years at BSU about getting a job."

Nevertheless the students were excited to be here. Many of them are taking classes through video, and this visit gave them the opportunity to sit in on their labs and test the things they have designed at BSU.

"As a group we don't have anything but praise for our faculty at BSU," said Brian Liquin, an engineering student at BSU. "We're just looking as far as our own careers right now."

Despite the fact the students are transferring to Moscow, they said they were happy to see the changes implemented, but were worried they might not happen soon enough to positively affect their career opportunities. "They're (BSU engineering) in the start up point and we're at the finishing point," said Ben Weymouth, president of the Boise American Society of Civil Engineers club.

Peavy said BSU is excited to make significant changes in their program. "It's not like 'oh gee whiz, we have to do this.'"

Four new faculty members are hired to teach in Boise, and funding is currently being allocated to purchase laboratory equipment for the program. Ultimately the Boise program will be integrated with the Moscow program through compressed video.

**Sigma Phi Epsilon joins UI Greek community**

Melica Johnson  
Staff

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity has been teaching men how to become balanced since 1901 and will soon continue on with the tradition at the University of Idaho.

Mike Carlone, Director of Alumni and Chapter Development for Sig Ep, is currently at the UI helping to recruit new members.

"We have the opportunity to find students whom for whatever reason didn't find that the Greek system appealed to them then, can appeal to them now," Carlone said, of the advantage their fraternity has in recruiting those men who chose not to rush.

"Regardless of people's age, year in school, living situation—on or off campus—Sigma Phi Epsilon has a world-class program and high membership standards," Carlone said, explaining how members will benefit from a fraternity experience where they are associated with a group of people that have

proven themselves successful in academics, community and campus involvement. "It offers something for everyone that's motivated. All of this is done in an environment which is made to be fun and social too," Carlone said.

Once established, the chapter can decide themselves whether or not they want to build or purchase a chapter house, live independently, or get a section in part of a hall.

Carlone feels that one of the positive things about Sig Ep is that the fraternity no longer has a pledge program. The men become members from the first day and learn about the fraternity through a program called the "Balanced Man Project." In the Fall of '92, the fraternity began the project.

"We like to consider Sigma Phi Epsilon as the fraternity of first's. We had the first headquarters, the first national office, the first (and largest) traveling staff and we were the first to remove exclusionary bylaws," Carlone said.

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# Safety alarms to be available on campus

**Shelby Beck**  
Staff

Ten personal safety alarms will be in place at the University of Idaho Library for students to use as early as April 10. With a student ID card, students will be able to check out the alarms for a 24 hour period.

The alarms, or "beepers," were donated to the ASUI Safety Task Force by the ASUI activities board as part of an ongoing effort to improve campus safety. The beepers are compact devices that emit a 107 decibel sound when activated.

Newly appointed Safety Task Force chairperson Kat Tivol hopes to eventually have beepers accessible at the Student Union, the basement of Wallace Complex, and in the residence halls. The Women's Center already has beepers available.

She said, however, that the beepers only work if individuals use good judgment.

"All we're saying is: here's something else to help you feel safe, but use your common sense," she said.

Students should note that to falsely activate one of the alarms is in violation of the Student Code of Conduct and to do so will result in disciplinary action by the Judicial Council.

In addition, the task force is working to increase the number of night watchmen who patrol the

campus. At this time, two full-time and four part-time watchmen are employed.

Tivol said the task force is applying for funding through work study in order to hire more watchmen. However, the number of new watchmen that may be hired next fall is unknown until the task force is notified of the amount of money that it is awarded.

"The problem with work study is we don't know how much we are going to get," Tivol said. "With work study, there's either enough and we're fine, or we're going to have to go and petition for other money from other sources to pay for these people," she said.

Extensive background checks are done on applicants before they are hired.

"Another thing that we're doing is all of us are walking around campus and seeing what bushes are blocking lights, what bushes need to be cut in general, what lights are out," Tivol said.

She said the task force plans to submit a "wish list" to the Environmental Health and Safety Department. Among the requests the group hopes to have realized are emergency

telephones, called "blue light" telephones for the light that marks the location, and better lighting on campus walkways.

"The current lights near the administration are antiques lamps. They order the parts from Europe. It's a struggle to even keep them working at this point, so when we talked about upgrading they basically laughed," said ASUI Public Relations Coordinator Laura West.

"But at some point they are going to have to replace those lights. They're not going to last forever," she said.

Currently, the task force is working in conjunction with the Women's Center, Greeks Against Rape and the Residence Hall Association to plan activities for Sexual Assault Awareness week, April 16-22. Among the plans are a mock rape trial, self defense classes, Purple Ribbon Day, and a panel of survivors.

The ASUI Safety Task Force meets Wednesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. in the Student Union. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the ASUI office at 885-6944.

## GREEK •FROM PAGE 5

Carlone says that the national fraternity chose the UI campus location to start a new chapter because of its established Greek system, the high number of members currently in other fraternities on campus and the UI campus size.

"We feel pretty confident that in most environments we can be very successful. We have programs that work and we have the resources and staff," Carlone said.

The chapter began its recruitment efforts in August with 10 recruits. By the end of next week the chapter should have between 20-25 new recruits.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is the largest fraternity in the country, with chapters on 275 campuses.

The fraternity has 15,500 undergraduate members and a living alumni population of about 140,000.

Interested men can attend one of three 20-minute informational meetings. For more information about the meetings or the fraternity, call 883-8540 and ask for Mike or Jim.

## FORUM •FROM PAGE 3

know about us the more comfortable you will feel. We're people. We're well rounded individuals."

A panelist named Kathy said that homosexuals do not have equal rights under the law. "Try getting married," she said.

"I've been with the same woman for five years, and we can't get married. If one of us is killed or

injured in a car accident, the families could interfere. Her family could step in and take all my belongings.

"I've had friends commit suicide, been beaten up, raped, and run out of a city council race. And it gets pretty old. I don't like people teaching gay children that homosexuality is wrong," Kathy said.

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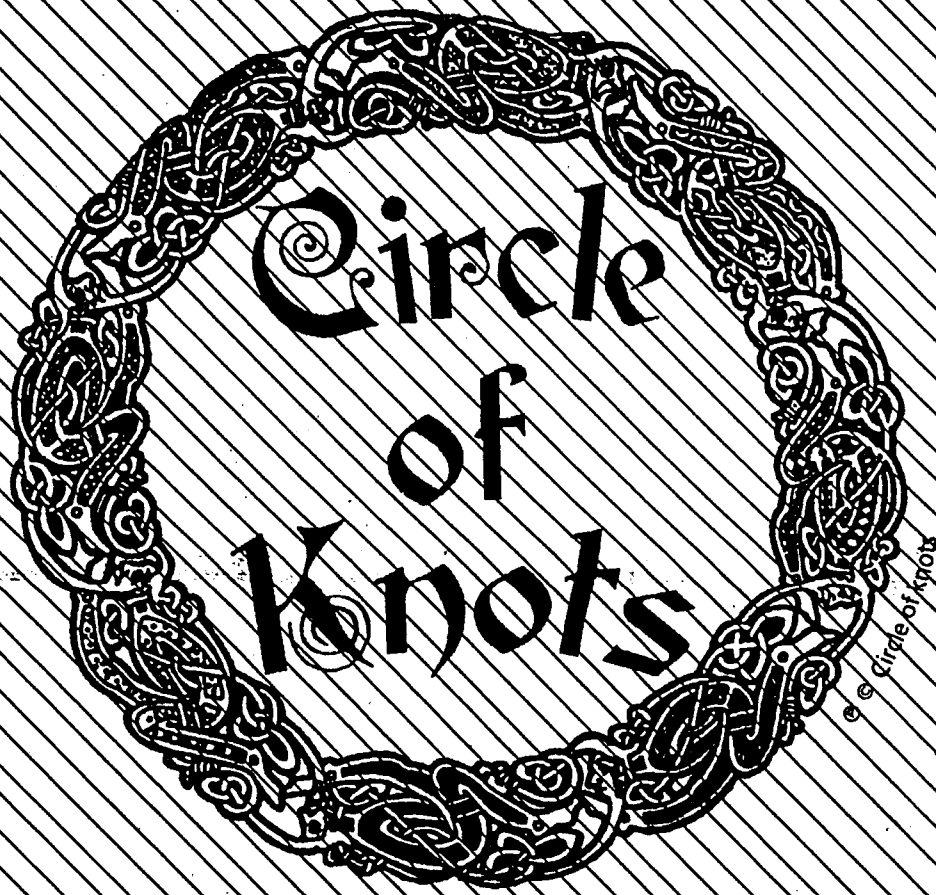
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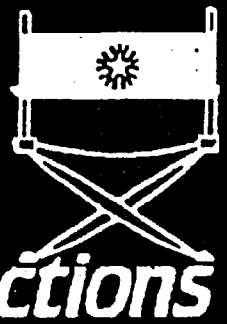
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## Modern feminist movement cast from Victorian mold

**Helen Hill**  
Staff

I had two reactions to Rene Denfeld's *The New Victorians: A Young Woman's Challenge to the Old Feminist Order*.

The first was relief that I was not alone in my belief that men and women should have equal rights, opportunities and responsibilities while disgusted by the petty ridiculousness of the current feminist movement.

The second was that Denfeld took the details and analysis too far, to the point of seemingly endless repetition.

I could relate to being turned off by the anti-men, male bashing crusade. When Louise Chernin, co-president of Seattle NOW, says things like "Men are the enemy," as she did a few years ago, I cringe.

I like men, thank you. That is not to say that I don't like women. Quite the contrary, but I like people for their specific traits, not for their maleness or femaleness. Idiots are idiots whatever their gender.

The fact that the organized women's movement is preoccupied with things I feel are secondary was only confirmed by Denfeld's research. Her research also indicated I am far from alone.

In the introduction, Denfeld describes the people who turned out for a reading Gloria Steinem gave in 1993 to promote her book *Revolution from Within: A Book of Self-Esteem*. "The crowd was overwhelmingly white, in their late thirties and older, and decidedly middle-class and affluent. Women who are in the midst of

the struggle to balance work, families, and relationships while barely avoiding poverty find Steinem's happy pursuit of her inner child disconcerting. Many women are more worried about caring for their actual children first."

Recent works by the current powers in the feminist movement concern men as the all-powerful oppressor, cultural attitudes surrounding such things as menopause and inner health and spirituality. Denfeld said "...issues that women my age tend to see as secondary to economic and political inequality." I agree.

Then there is the anti-pornography, anti-sexual campaign. Andrea Dworkin used to be considered on the fringe, a radical of the feminist movement. Now she is a mainstay.

In *Pornography: Men Possessing Women* (1979) She said, "In the male system, sex is the penis, the penis is sexual power, its use in f—g is manhood." Her position has not changed in the intervening years, not if her statements on the TV show *Politically Incorrect* last week and Denfeld's many other quotes are representative.

Sorry, Andrea, I like sex. I even (dare I say it) like sex with men. I even buy *Penthouse Variations* from time to time.

Every time someone like her goes on national television decrying heterosexual encounters as a male drive forcing women to debase themselves, it makes the feminist movement that much harder for liberated women to follow.

And Dworkin is far from alone in such radical ideas which are a

betrayal of that for which their predecessors fought so hard.

There is Marilyn Frye, who urges women to separate themselves from all social interaction with men. Kay Leigh Hagen agrees with Frye recommending separatism as a way "of limiting access of the oppressor to the oppressed." What about our sons and brothers? Husbands and lovers? It seems current feminists believe any male to be an oppressor.

Rose Weitz has written that lesbianism is a political act and therefore "the fates of feminists and lesbians are inextricably intertwined." I thought most lesbians just preferred sex with women.

What about bisexual women? Are they being political part of the time and oppressed by men the rest?

Do feminists then believe women have no sexual desires? It sometimes seems so.


As Denfeld said, "Women of my generation, thanks to earlier feminists, have choices. We can decide to marry or not, to bear children or not, and, thanks in large part to the sexual revolution, to take female lovers if we so chose."

Amen. But the debt we owe is not to the movement, which like all political groups swings eventually to the extreme (just look at the two major political parties for proof of that), or the women who went before us, it is to our sons and daughters and their children after them.

Thanks to smaller organizations, the concerns of women will continue to be addressed, even if the feminist movement has deserted and betrayed us.

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## Petrick follows acting aspirations to Ashland Festival

**Jeffrey Albertson**  
Staff

Senior Jesse Petrick was recently picked as 1995's recipient of the Rex Rabold Fellowship allowing the Bachelor of Fine Arts student to intern this summer with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon.

Petrick, who graduates from the University of Idaho this May, went through auditions with a dozen other applicants in which each was evaluated on their performance of two Shakespearean monologues as well as a modern piece.

The Ashland festival is an extremely prestigious honor for Petrick who said that he looks forward to the experience.

"It's probably the largest repertory company in the world," Petrick said, "in one summer they put on 11 shows, it's like the Broadway of the west coast."

The festival runs from June 6 to October 29 and as well as an excellent resume filler the internship is a paid position.

The Rex Rabold Fellowship Endowment was started in 1992 in memory of UI graduate Rex Rabold who, after graduation, became a professional Shakespearean actor. Rabold died of AIDS at the age of 39.

The Fellowship is funded by donations and through the annual Rex Rabold benefit art auction.

Petrick has acted in the Idaho Repertory Theater's productions of *Lost in Yonkers* and *A Servant of Two Masters*, UI Theater's *As You Like It*, *Lovers: Winners*, *The Red Coat*, *You Can't Take It With You* and *Beggar's Opera*. He has also acted in the Moscow Community Theater's production of *Lil' Abner*.

Along with that, Petrick has recently been cast in an episode of the television series *Amazing Grace* on NBC. The episode, in which Petrick was cast in the role of the messenger, is set to air April 22 at 8 p.m.

In 1991 Petrick won first place in a Dr. Pepper contest in which he wrote and acted in a commercial for the company. He's also been an Irene Ryan regional finalist in 1994 and taught theater arts in the United States Peace Corps 1993 summer education program in Augustov, Poland.

Petrick's plans following the Ashland festival are to get a Screen Actors Guild card and an agent which will allow him a chance at further work in television.

"I plan to go to L.A. with that," Petrick said, "but if they want me back for a season (at Ashland) I would go."





Friday, March 31, 1995

Music **Review**



**ANNIE LENNOX  
MEDUSA**

Until recently, recording albums of cover songs was considered artistic water treading, something to do while the contract is rearranged or a writer's block is cleared. With the exception of Gloria Estefan's disco venture, though, the idea of shaping others' songs to one's own style has gained merit, and it's leading to somewhat of a glut.

Annie Lennox's *Medusa* is a good effort, though. It takes a wide range of songs and sends them through her production and vocal style with varying results. At

best, she endows a song with a fresh idea, at worst it ends up stripped of all energy in her occasionally too-clean adult contemporary production.

The first track (and first single), "No More 'I Love You's'," is one of the successes. While comparing the loss of a lover with the loss of language, Lennox endows the song with a hip-hop beat and soaring vocal range, as if perhaps the two losses add up to a freer woman. This juxtaposition of lyrical idea and Lennox's treatment of the song gives it an extra drive.

Two of the most successful songs are by famous songwriters, Bob Marley and Paul Simon. Marley's "Waiting in Vain" is beautifully done, the relaxed arrangement allowing Lennox to showcase the song's strikingly simple melody. Simon's "Something So Right" is pulled off (quite well) with the power of Lennox's voice alone.

While she is quite resourceful when it comes to the synthesizer, sometimes Lennox's reworking can suck the life out of what would otherwise be an energetic song. An example of this is "Take

Me to the River," a soul classic that sounds weighed down with its synth accompaniment and dance beat. Another classic, "A Whiter Shade of Pale," is basically the same as the original except that Lennox adds harpsichord-like embellishments to the famous introduction melody.

Another soul-sucker is the production on much of the album. It's very clean, very crisp—sometimes too much so. "Train in Vain" is a promising idea, with a funky standup-bass line and beat. As the rest of the instrumentation (strings and clavinet) comes in, though, the song ends up sounding schizophrenic. Lennox's gospel vocals save it slightly towards the end: they give a better idea of what she intended.

*Medusa* is probably best enjoyed through headphones, as Lennox's strong voice is made even stronger by her use of panning to create the illusion of a huge chorus of Annies blazing away. Her voice isn't there just to sing the melody; listen closely and it can be heard emulating various instruments and textures, adding to an already rich, satisfying wall of sound.

Lifestyles Briefs

**IFA news release**

The International Women's Association will be hosted by Mary Jo Hamilton on April 8 at her home at 1102 Orchard Avenue in Moscow.

The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Mary Jo will present a program on American quilting. IWA meetings are open to any women in the community who would like to get acquainted with women

from different countries.

Rides will be provided from the Student Union parking lot at 1:50 p.m.

For more information, contact the IFA office at 885-7841.

**Inflatable Soule to visit Pullman**

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# Program focuses on sexual assault awareness

**Valaree Johnson**  
Staff

Sexual assault is increasingly recognized as a pervasive problem on university campuses.

The Women's Center, in collaboration with the ASUI Safety Task Force and Greeks Against Rape, are sponsoring events and programs throughout the month to promote awareness of sexual assault.

Betsy Thomas, Director of the Women's Center, informs that 1 in 4 female college students are victims of rape or attempted rape. Thomas believes the way to reduce such shocking statistics is through education and awareness.

A survey from the Women's Center in 1988 showed that 41% of females and 7% of males polled had been forced or pressured into sex and 65% of females, 17% of males had unwanted physical contact.

Communication is the key to decreasing the risk of sexual

assault.

"Women need to be direct, in control, and assertive," says Thomas. Likewise she believes that men should clarify the messages that women send. "A consent to foreplay isn't a consent to intercourse," says Thomas.

Thomas believes that because many students come from trusting rural backgrounds, some are not prepared for situations of sexual assault.

The following programs will be presented at the Women's Center to aid in sexual assault awareness.

**April 4** *Once Can Hurt A Lifetime*, by Marilyn Van Derbur, a video illustrating how sexual assault affects people and their relationships.

**April 5** *Warning: The Media May Be Hazardous to Your Health*, narrated by former model Ann J. Simonton illustrating how violence is created and accepted in media images.

**April 11** "Kerala: The Emerald Coast of India": Munna, a graduate student from India explores how the women from Kerala enjoy a higher status than the average Indian woman.

**April 12** "Women's Role in the Holistic Population Perspective": Julie Silber-Urquilla will comment on the leadership roles women can take in public policy making

**April 18** "Recovering From Sexual Abuse and Assault": Martha Kiyzrow, licensed psychologist at UI, will address the strategies of recovery for victims and tell how friends and family can help in the healing process.

**April 19** "Learning to Receive Appropriate Touch": Margo Kay, Certified Massage Therapist, will discuss how victims of violence and sexual assault can reconnect and accept appropriate touch.

**April 21** "Breaking Cycles of Violence, Ending Cycles of Silence": features a panel of survivors of sexual assault who will discuss their personal processes of recovery.

These programs begin at 12:30 in the Women's Center Lounge. Keep posted for events sponsored by GAR and ASUI Safety Task Force during National Sexual Assault Awareness Week April 17-23.

## This week's ASUI events

If you're looking for something to do now that you're back from spring break, ASUI Productions has films, coffeehouses, and a concert this week to add a study break or two into your schedule.

On March 29, the ASUI films series will conclude its Shakespearean film festival with *Hamlet*. This particular film is the 1990 version of the famous play, with Mel Gibson starring in the lead role.

*Hamlet* will be shown at the Borah Theater at 7 p.m. Admission for UI undergraduates is \$1 with their Vandal Card, and \$2 for general admission.

If you can't fit *Hamlet* into your schedule, the ASUI coffeehouse series continues this week with open mike night April 1. For those who wish to perform music, sing, or read poetry, sign up this weekend for the event.

Open mike nights are free of charge to UI students, and are held in the Vandal Cafe. The April 1 open mike begins at 8 p.m. Sign up for open mike night can be anytime before or during the event. Also on April 1, ASUI concerts will be hosting a three band show with Royball, Circle of Knots, and Cross-Eyed Catfish.

Starting at 9 p.m., the show has a \$4 cover charge, and will be held in the Student Union Ballroom. Royball and Cross-Eyed Catfish are both from Moscow, and Circle of Knots is from Pullman.

Schedules for future events hosted by ASUI Productions can be found in their office, which is located in the basement of the Student Union. Any questions concerning any programs can be directed to 885-6584, or 885-6951.

### Lifestyles Briefs

#### Free rides to concert April 1

SIA will provide free transportation to the Washington Idaho Symphony in Pullman on April 1.

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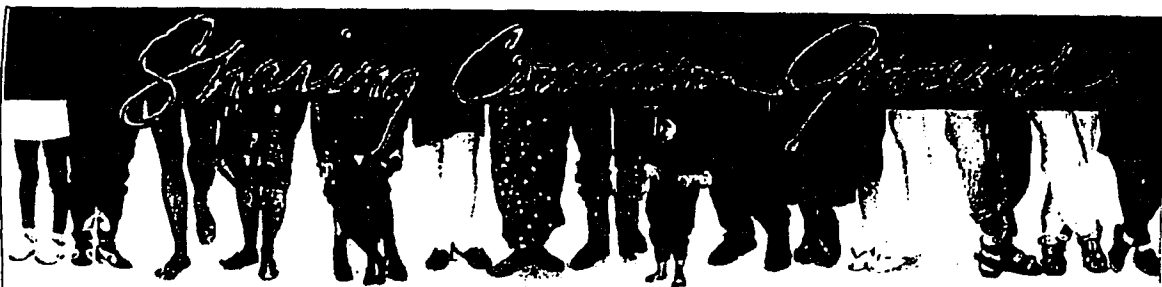
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## Camping doesn't always mean wilderness

**Helen Hill**

Staff

If you think your chances for a night or weekend communing with nature are gone until summer now that spring break is over, you are mistaken. Ditto if you think it requires hours of travel from Moscow.

There are numerous developed and undeveloped camping areas in the immediate vicinity.

The nearest is a scant three miles from town at Robinson Lake Park. The site is sopping wet now, but should dry out by mid-April. Areas for tents and campers or RV's are separated by a creek with a wooden foot-bridge.

The RV/camper area has newly paved spaces, but no hook-ups.

Outdoor restrooms are available up the hill and across the road and across the two softball/baseball fields by one of the parking areas. Though of dubious quality, being rather metallic, water is available near the trailer up the hill from the campsites. Garbage bins are accessible.

The park offers a playground, ball fields, nature trail and picnic area. It is built on what was a man-made lake at the turn of the century. The concrete core dam which held the lake is still in place, dividing the park.

The gates shut at sundown over the winter, but are scheduled to stay

open beginning April 1. Before making firm plans for an overnight stay any time close to that date, check with Latah Parks and Recreation at 882-7302.

For something a little farther out, Spring Valley at 17 miles east on state Highway 8 is an option. It offers a few camper and several tent sites.

The tent sites vary from next to the road to the far side of the reservoir. This is a popular spot later in the year.

The sites away from the road are not, for the most part, developed; those by the road are only minimally developed. Outdoor restrooms

but the ones partially up the hill are all right a day or two after the latest rain. One spring, a very windy, wet storm blew in while my husband and I were out.

Since we were in a draw and did not have the best of tents, we packed it in. Being close to town gave us that option, and with the region's changeable weather, it's always something to keep in mind.

The reservoir is stocked with bass and trout. A series of trails circle the water and loop through the trees. Fishing and relatively easy hiking are common activities.

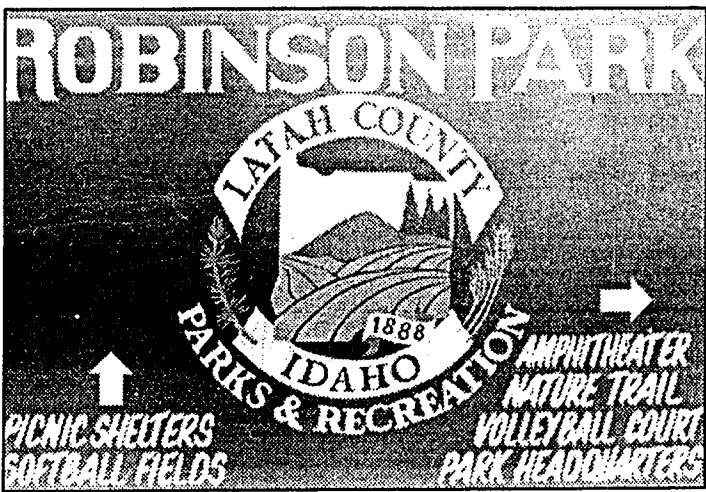
Not much further out are a handful of camps.

oped camp sites, picnic tables, and stocked trout. It does not have water or bathrooms.

Some of the best camping is to be found elsewhere. Drive into one of the nearby National Forest areas. Find a spot where an old access road has been blocked. Park at the end of the abandoned road and hike in. This increases the likelihood of

solitude (or only your group) and chances of observing the flora and fauna undisturbed. Unfortunately, when everything has to be hauled to the site, it always seems up hill both ways.

Many other campgrounds are in the area. Check out the front of the phone book for listings and descriptions.



A sign greets visitors at the entrance of Robinson Park.

are available by the two main parking areas, but no water. Along with bringing your water (or whatever you like to drink and wash with), you need to pack out whatever trash you generate since no trash cans are provided.

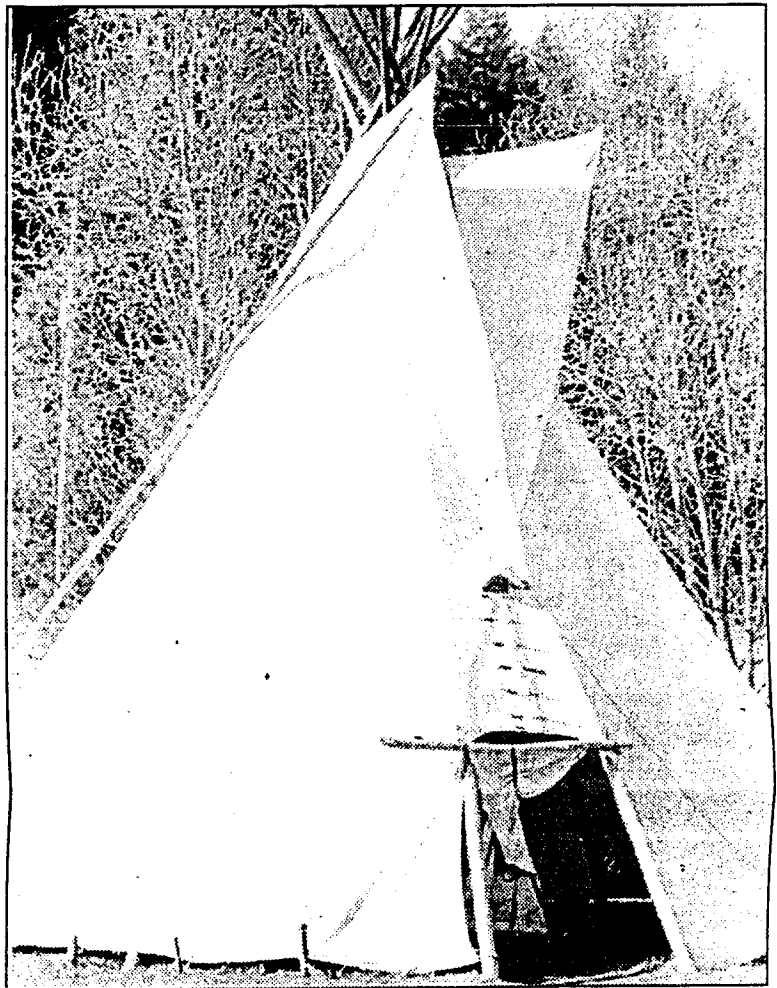
The lower spots are still damp,

Moscow on state Highway 6, has 25 campsites for campers and tents. It has water, but no power or dump-site. A river flows through its woods.

Moose Creek Reservoir, about 45 miles east of Moscow on state Highway 8, has a some undevel-

Giant White Pine, about 35 miles northeast of Moscow on state Highway 6, has less than ten camp sites, dense, tall trees and friendly chipmunks who flirt close if offered chips. It is cool year round, so might be better later in the spring or summer. It has outdoor restrooms but no water.

Laird Park, about 30 miles northeast of



A teepee adds a rustic touch to Robinson Park.

## A trip to Hawaii: spring break dreams come true

**Dave Lewis**

Staff

The beach at Waikiki offers more to do than watch tourists fry their bodies in the sun. Adventurous beach bums can surf, snorkel or take a ride in a pseudo-traditional outrigger canoe.

Ancestors of native Hawaiians came to Hawaii in double hulled canoes using sails. Several hundred mile fishing expeditions were accomplished using single hulled outrigger canoes made of wood. An outrigger, a wooden pontoon attached to the canoe, makes the canoe much more stable. Considering the inexperienced "crew" of tourists riding most Waikiki beach canoes, stability is a lifesaving attribute.

Owners of these boats charge a small fee for a trip out through the breakers. People of all shapes sizes and abilities are happy riding the surf. Sun worshippers lucky enough to soak up sun near these boats enjoy subtle entertainment watching inept tourists attempt to paddle. I saw one woman facing backward.

The experienced paddlers who man these canoes easily overcome this minor hinderance and give their paying customers the ride of their life. When out in the surf, the outrigger canoe becomes a surf board for six.

It is a great way for people unsuited for surfing to ride a breaking wave in relative safety. Curiously, nobody wears a personal flotation device, but then neither do real surfers, dude!

The crystal water lapping at

Hawaiian Island beaches is luxuriously warm. It is also teeming with colorful fish. These two facts make snorkeling a popular activity, both on Waikiki Beach and beyond Diamond Head at Hanauma Bay.

According to a sign enroute to the bay, until a few years ago, the waters of Hanauma Bay were fished so heavily that the bay was nearly fished out. Hanauma Bay is now a wildlife preserve where locals and tourists alike go to view the denizens of the not-so-deep with snorkel tube, mask and fins.

The water is shallow near the beach and many snorkelers are surprised to see so many fish. There is a sensation of flying as you glide over the bottom and a feeling of oneness with the fish swimming around you. It is hopeless to try to catch them—the fish are tame, but not that tame.

Without a guide book, identifying the many species of fish is better left to marine biologists, but Damsel and Parrot fish are two of the more easily recognizable species.

Another fish in the bay is memorable because of its interesting name.

Its unpronounceable name is an Hawaiian language, and has approximately 45 letters, 17 of which are h's, 21 u's, and the rest m's. Remember the accent is on the next to last syllable.

The water is only a little deeper farther out towards the exposed reef. Swimming on the surface peering down into the depths allows the snorkeler to find fish



Waikiki beach in Hawaii offers rest to all weary travelers.

in the channels and passageways between coral reefs and outcrops. This is where the larger species of fish are found. Beware the breakers which can overtop the snorkel tube producing a "breath" of salty water. When this happens snorkelers rescue themselves by simply standing up.

Hanauma Bay is an almost circular body of water fed by a narrow opening to the ocean. Watching the waves roll in and crash against cliffs guarding the opening is great entertainment. From the overlook near the parking lot, a path down the northern ridge provides access to a decidedly more dangerous activity near those cliffs.

Blow Hole is a small pool located at the end of a narrow channel. It is separated from the channel by a rock bridge which allows water to flow freely in and out of Blow Hole with each wave.

Adventurous, some would say foolhardy, people jump into Blow Hole when the wave action is taking water out. The next wave then blows them out of the pool and sometimes into the air over the rocks. The height of their trajectory is governed by the strength of that particular wave. Playing this game is a lot like Russian Roulette.

The Bus ride out to Hanauma Bay is only \$.85, but it takes over an hour. The buses are crowded, making for a long ride standing up. Shuttle buses are \$3.00 and get you to the turn-off to the beach in 25 minutes. The bus goes down to the lower parking lot, but a Honolulu city ordinance prohibits shuttles from dropping passengers closer than five hundred feet from the beach road.

Outriggers, snorkels and hydraulic trampolines are not the only fun available in Waikiki. There are also Hawaiian beach bands, sailboards, para-sailing and if all else fails, just walking on the beach watching other tourists watch you. There are all kinds of people on the beach wearing all manner of swimsuits.

After being on the beach a week, I know thong bikinis aren't what they're cracked up to be!



Outdoors Briefs



Film festival on Banff April 6

The Banff Festival of Mountain Films will bring the "Best of the Festival" tour to the Washington State University Compton Union Building Auditorium on April 6 at 7 p.m. The world renowned "Best of the Festival" tour shows highlights of the three day event in Banff, Alberta.

The tour brings world class outdoor footage to those who can't make it to the Canada show. There is something for everyone, from rock climbers to armchair spectators. The show is free and open to the public.

Carnival at Schweitzer

Saturday Schweitzer goes tropical for the first annual "Caribbean Carnival and Northwest Iguana Fest" Activities include fireworks,

Caribbean costume contests, limbo contest and live music. Student lift tickets have been reduced to \$15. For more information call Schweitzer at 800-831-8810.

Slide show and book signing

Lou Whittaker, the leader of the first successful American assault on Mt. Everest will be at the University of Idaho on April 10 and 11.

At 7:30 p.m. on April 10 Whittaker will present a slide show in the Borah theater. On April 11 he will be available for a "chat with Lou" at the UI bookstore from 12:30 to 2:30. Whittaker is holding a book signing for his book, *Lou Whittaker: Memoirs of a Mountain Guide*. The book signing will be followed by a drawing for door prizes from Jansport. The sponsors of Whittaker's visit are the UI bookstore, the ASUI Outdoor Program and Jansport.

Cruising the road relaxes the soul



Erik Marone

Ah, spring! The time of rebirth and renewal. Birds return, grass turns a healthy green, love is in the air and winter white legs start to peek out from shorts and summer dresses to grab the first precious rays that will soon bronze them for the summer.

It is also time for that escapist bonding and healing ritual to occur, the road trip. Road tripping, idealized and immortalized by Jack Kerouac and modernized by Thelma and Louise, has been a popular way to loose the blues, get out of town or strengthen friendships ever since the advent of the automobile.

There is a variety of road trips one can make today. The most basic is the weekend getaway. From the Palouse, Spokane, Seattle and Portland are popular destinations for this type of trip. Usually a late Friday or early Saturday departure and Sunday afternoon or evening return are characteristics of this trip, but a single day trip in any direction also works.

The most important aspect of this road trip is spontaneity. As a general rule, the amount of pleasure that can be derived from the weekend road trip is inversely proportional to the amount of preparation and forethought put

into it.

After the weekend trip, the next logical step would be to extend the amount of time spent traveling, covering at least three days and lasting anywhere up to a week or so, long enough for spring break or three day weekend. Again, Seattle and Portland are fairly common places to head for, but now there can be enough drive time allowed for locations like northern California, Reno, Tahoe, Moab, and other southwest sites. These usually require a bit of financial and route planning.

The final type is a full-blown, get-the-hell-outa-Dodge, cross-country, devil-may-care odyssey. For extra added excitement, try taking off with no idea of where you are headed or how you will afford to get back, if you come back at all.

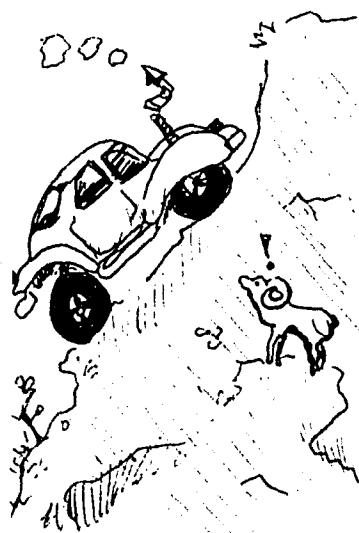
Although having a traveling companion makes things a little more interesting, doing it solo will add to the experience, especially if your car is less than reliable and you aren't quite sure just how much money you have to work with. I have to admit, this level of road tripping is a bit beyond my desire to attempt, but I have heard of many interesting and amusing experiences about such trips.

A few weeks ago, facing a communal bout of depression, a friend and I decided to drive to San Francisco at about one o'clock on a Friday morning.

As we hit Lewiston we realized we only had about \$12 between us, which was enough for a six pack and gas to get home. Although our grandiose plans of

seeing the lights of the bay area were thwarted, we had a good time drinking a few cold ones and sitting on the levy talking about life, the universe and everything. By the time we got back to Moscow, it was pushing five o'clock, our depression had been eased and we made plans to actually make it to 'Frisco later this summer, under better circumstances.

Road trips seem to have a peculiar healing quality. Even if you have to settle for a lesser venture, a road trip of any kind is a wonderful way to relieve stress, take in the country, visit new places or do the bonding thing with some good friends. Jack Kerouac said it best, "The road is life." Maybe if everyone were able to road trip whenever they needed to, the world wouldn't be such a screwed up place.



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## Not the average day at the office



**Dan Eckles**

**A**hhh, the life of a sportswriter. I love it for anybody whose life revolves around ESPN, you can't beat it.

While most people get up on Monday morning and try to come up with any excuse to skip class, fake a mystery disease, or just bail out on the work thing, we in the sports journalism genre get to watch Mark Leslie drain a game-winning bucket over Weber State, Sherman May run wild over little orange and blue ponies, or Mindy Rice splatter a spike en-route to All-American honors. The best part is we get paid for it.

However, there are those days when the proverbial fits the shan in the sports media world. Just ask former Idaho sports information director Rance Pugmire, who probably didn't make a friend of Indiana hoop coach Bobby Knight at first round action of the NCAA Basketball tournament in Boise two weeks ago. These bad days cannot be illustrated any better than the one which took me on quite an eventual trip through Walla Walla County, Wash.

If that's the county they liked so much they named it twice, then I want to award Dos Wallas with my own name, something more to the effect of GERMAN CARS BEWARE.

We have all seen those movies where the character gets in a predicament and everything in the world goes wrong. When we say, "Yeah, right, like there's any way all that stuff (insert another appropriate euphemism here) can happen to the same guy at the same time." Well, sports fans and friends, it's here to all you can.

Out of the kindness of my heart I told my sister I'd come home to Pendleton, Ore., and speak to her career class about the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat when it comes to sports journalism. This was a mistake of gargantuan proportions.

My friend Greg and I are cruising down U.S. Highway 12 just outside of Dixie, Wash. in my primed 1981 Volkswagen Jetta when I thought I heard the less than harmonious sound of radial tires on a rough road. But when the thump thump thump sound continued after the road smoothed out I knew something was wrong. About this time I looked in my rear view mirror only to see my back driver's side tire explode along with the accompanying sound of combusting rubber.

What's the first thought that goes through my mind? Most people might think great, now all I have to waste time changing a tire. Mine was, "Oh, Sh#X, now I'm going to miss the NCAA tourney selection show." As it turns out this was the least of my worries.

Greg and I snagged a spare out of my trunk only to find out that the guy who sold me this fine piece of German machinery last July didn't leave a lug wrench with all the other necessities associated with changing a tire.

I remember it was at this point Greg and I just looked at each other and laughed in hysterics on the side of the highway thinking why not what else could go wrong. That was the wrong question to ask.

About five minutes later one of the state of Washington's finest drivers by and we flag him down. Officer Johnson wasn't in the most jovial of

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## Track team planning for championships



Jeff Curtis

UI women's track coach Scott Lorek demonstrates proper technique to hurdlers Heidi Bodwell and Tara Gerhrke at track practice Thursday. Idaho is aiming to fare well at the Big Sky Championships May 17-20.

## Outlook is optimistic for Vandal women as outdoor season kicks off

**Ben Carr**  
Staff

**A**lthough there were some stellar individual performances this year, most of the women's track team looks at its indoor season as an extended practice for the outdoor season. With the outdoor season as new to Moscow this year as the budding weather, the team is hoping to use its strengths to better their conference standings.

"Indoor is a building process," women's coach Scott Lorek emphasized. "Right now we're close enough during the indoor season to be ready for the outdoor season. We'll be a better team outdoors; we did better indoors than we expected."

Coach Lorek is confident that the addition of the discus and javelin events as well as the

10,000 meter run for the outdoor season will help his team do better in the final standings and eventually in the Big Sky Championships in May.

"In the javelin we have five throwers capable of scoring in the championships," Lorek said. "In the shot put we have three of the eight indoor finalists and the addition of the discus is only going to help us."

Lorek himself is no stranger to track competitions. The 12-year Idaho coach ran in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters at Butler University. After coaching several years at a high school in Illinois, Lorek served a brief stint as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Illinois, finally making his way to Idaho.

"I like to help people meet their own goals," Lorek said. "When I see someone run a personal record, it's as satisfying as when I broke my own records. It's more satisfying to be on the other side. That's what I like the most about coaching."

Hopefully Lorek will be more than satisfied in the coming weeks. The women will take the short trip to Pullman this weekend to compete in the Cougar Invitational with the Idaho men

and are then on their way to Stanford the weekend of April 8 to compete against Stanford, Oregon, and Fresno State. The women will also be going to Oregon, for the Oregon Invitational, Missoula, Cheney, and Eugene this season before the Big Sky Championships May 17-20.

Lorek is fully expecting his team to finish in the top half of the outdoor field despite its last place finish for the indoor season.

"We're fully capable of making the top half of the field," Lorek said. "We did well and actually exceeded our expectations for the indoor season. If we start on an individual level and we start seeing people improve—the team points and standings will take care of themselves."

Obviously, Lorek is counting on the few senior women to lead by example.

It seems that in the 200 meters and the long jump Heidi Bodwell can do nothing but improve on her already excellent indoor season.

Last season, Amy Johnson was only a half a second off the school record for the 400 meters and according to Lorek, Johnson will have a great year and has been "training tremendously."

Eva Obernolte came out of high

school running the 400 but has since made the transition to the 800 meters. Lorek's confidence in Obernolte is obvious when he says she is about to unleash a great year in the 800.

Lorek is also expecting some big throws from Jessica Puckett. Puckett was a champion in the javelin her sophomore year and finished last year at fourth place. Puckett hoping to finish this year on top of the heap.

The women's team always has a better outing during the outdoor season because they are able to exhibit more of their strengths during competition.

"It's great," Lorek said. "People who weren't a factor indoors will be a huge factor during the outdoor season."

Besides the extra throwing events, the 10,000 meters is added to the schedule. According to Lorek, sophomore Angie Mathison from Winchester, Idaho is planning big things for this year as well.

With all the experienced help coming from the indoor season, as well as all the experience behind the coaching staff there is no doubt Idaho is going to have trouble choosing its 25 athletes to make the Championships in May.

## Ups and downs fill '94-'95 hoop seasons

**Damon Barkdull**  
Staff

**F**irst year University of Idaho women's basketball coach Julie Holt probably wasn't expecting her Vandal debut season to go quite the way it did.

Like dominos the Vandals (3-11 BSC) (5-21) were knocked down, and although the season is finally over, the wounds are still open.

Early on in the season Idaho was outgunned, and this was demonstrated in the Vandals first game of the season, an 86-52 loss to Portland on the road. From there the Vandals were engaged in some very lopsided games, including an 81-35 loss to Rice and a 93-49 loss in Missoula to the eventual Big Sky champion

and nationally recognized Montana Grizzlies.

The Vandals were led early on in the season by sophomore point guard Ari Skorpik who averaged 13.3 points per game this season. Kelli Johnson and Kerri Wykes also provided some support, although the Vandals had no other scorers to look to.

Midway through the season volleyball All-American Mindy Rice walked on and provided a spark for the Vandals as they won two games in a row against the Rice Owls and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Rice ended the season averaging 17.3 points per game and was voted to be on the Big Sky's first team.

Even with the help of Rice, the

Vandals were unable to establish themselves as a consistently winning team, but they did however manage to pick up hard fought home wins over Weber State, Northern Arizona, and Idaho State.

Idaho tried to end the season with an upset over UM in Memorial Gym, but the Grizzlies had too much firepower and the Montana rival ran away with an 83-49 win.

Next year the Vandals return their entire lineup, including Rice, who still has a year of eligibility left to play basketball.

Watch out for those struggling Vandals of this year, because next year the experienced squad should be a force to be reckoned with in the Big Sky.

### Men

No where to go but up.

That's what the Idaho Vandals men's basketball team must consider after the inconsistent 94-95 hoops season.

Throughout the season the Vandals (6-8 BSC) (12-15) had trouble keeping leads into the latter parts of the second half and lost some close games to Big Sky teams such as Montana, Idaho State, and Boise State, and all of these close contests were home games.

The Vandals did have some big wins however.

In a border battle with NIT quarterfinalist Washington State the Vandals scraped out an 87-77 win

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# One-on-one with the Big-O, Oscar Duncan

**Duncan, a New Jersey native, excels at Idaho**

**Kevin Neuendorf**  
Staff

The Cincinnati Royals had their version of the Big-O in Oscar Robertson, now the University of Idaho track team has theirs in Oscar Duncan.

The Big-O, or Ozie Oscar Duncan II, whichever you prefer, throws the javelin for the UI track team and has taken the Big Sky

Conference by storm since his arrival.

Duncan, a sophomore from South Orange, New Jersey, began competing in track and field as a seventh-grader after watching his sister compete in track in high school.

Duncan began his track career by throwing the shot put and in his freshman year of high school began throwing the javelin. The rest was history. What made Duncan's success in high school so different was that he threw the college javelin during his senior year in high school. Even that could not stop him.

Duncan was named the 1992 All-Area Athlete of Year and had throws consistently over 190 feet his senior year.

"Throwing the college javelin in high school was really weird for me, especially when neither my coach or I recognized it until after the season," says Duncan. "However, now that I think about it, it made the transition to the college level all that more easier."

Duncan, a sports science major, was recruited by more than 10 schools including the likes of Connecticut, Duke, Georgia, Georgia Tech and Stanford.

"The University of Idaho was real attractive to me because of what they had to offer academically and athletically, along with the money they offered me out of high

school," Duncan said.

Duncan stated that he originally intended to sign a letter of intent to attend Blinn Junior College in Texas until Coach Keller called just before he was to sign and gave him an offer he couldn't refuse.

In only his second year at Idaho, Duncan's accomplishments speak for themselves. Last year, on the first throw of his first collegiate meet at the Willie Williams Invitational in Tucson, Ariz. Duncan provisionally qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships with a throw of 222-1. He also wound up finishing second in the his first Big Sky Outdoor Championships.

Duncan is once again off to a fast start this year. Last week, at this year's Willie Williams Invitational, Duncan put forth a third-place finish with a throw of 220-1, which currently ranks him first in the Big Sky standings by more than nine feet over his nearest competitor.

However, the recent performance may prove costly towards Duncan's chances of winning his first ever Big Sky title this May after he partially tore his meniscus on the second throw of the meet. Duncan will compete this weekend at the Cougar Invitational before determining whether the tear will require season ending surgery.

Duncan acknowledges that he has no regrets about coming to Idaho.

"I'm very happy with the situation here at Idaho," Duncan said. "I have the best coaches I've ever had in Mike Keller and Qingyi Zheng. They have both taught me the benefits of work ethic and dedication and have pushed me not only physically but mentally to achieve my potential."

Along with his spectacular performance for the Vandals last year, Duncan also placed first in the javelin at the U.S. Junior National Championships in Tallahassee, Fla., this past summer.

"It's a title," says Duncan nonchalantly. "It only lasts a year. Sure, I am proud of my accomplishments, but I have much more to accomplish than just winning the Junior Nationals. My first throw last year when I qualified for nationals as a freshman was my most proud moment to date. I knew at that moment that I have a lot to accomplish. I finally



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—Oscar Duncan  
UI javelin thrower



saw the benefits of the hours of training, repetition, and sacrifice and it finally made sense."

Duncan admits that the nickname "Big-O" is a bit ironic, because he has anything but big. But what Duncan lacks in size, he certainly makes up for with hard work, dedication, and heart.

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in front of a packed Kibbie Dome crowd.

Memorial Gym proved to be a sanctuary for the Vandals, as senior point guard Mark Leslie hit two game winning shots to lead his upstart Vandals over an emotional Northern Arizona and eventual Big Sky champion Weber State.

Traditionally home court advantage has been a key to the UI's success, and that was the case this year as the Vandal fans saw their hoop team go 10-4 at home.

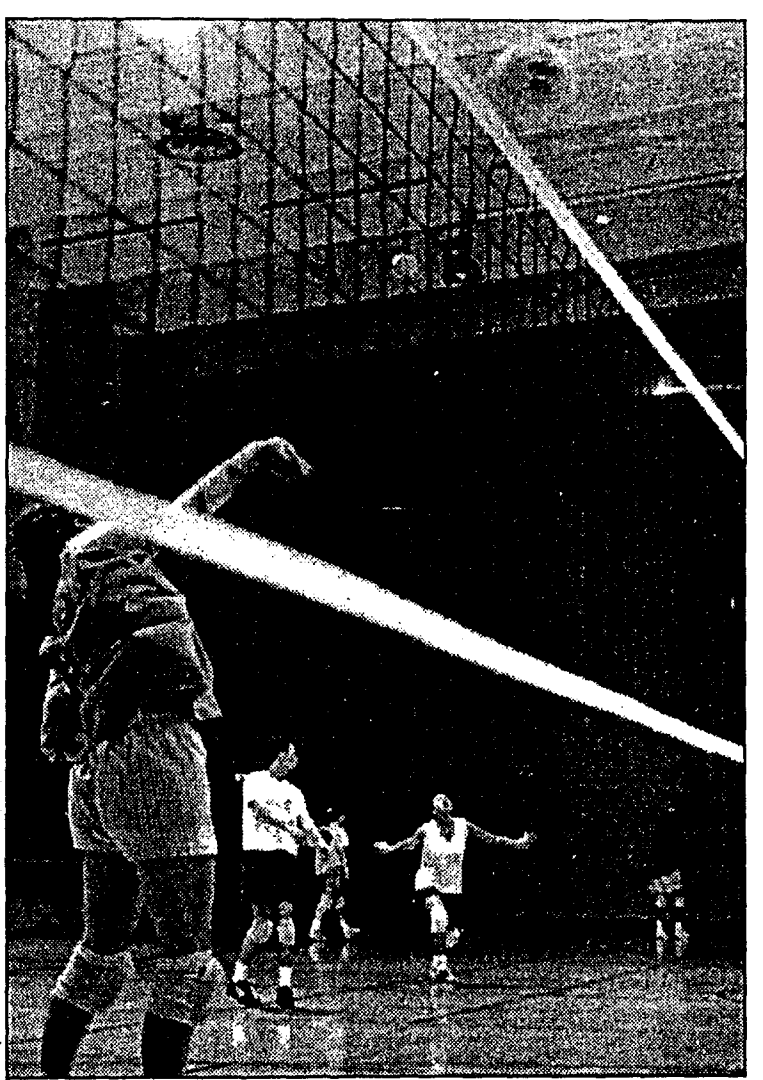
After the two key wins against NAU and Weber St. in Memorial Gym, the Vandals were able to clinch a berth in the Big Sky Tournament.

Once in Ogden, Utah, the Vandals were ready to surprise their rivals, but their hopefulness was not enough as they were knocked out 77-66 by MSU.

Next year the Vandals return three starters in BSC rebounding champion Harry Harrison (11.9 ppg; 10.9 rpg) at forward, emotional center Nate Gardner (9.0 ppg, 6.1 rpg), and clutch shooting guard Shawn Dirden (11.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg).

Idaho coach Joe Cravens will also look to some of his newly signed recruits.

The Vandals have signed David Sturing, a 7-foot center from Lake Washington High School in Kirkland and Marvin Thomas, a junior college transfer from Otero JC, who had an assist to turnover ratio of 103-50.



Antonio Gonzales  
Jennifer Jerome spikes the ball in co-ed intramural 2-on-2 volleyball action Tuesday night.

**BAD DAY** • FROM PAGE 13

moods on this Sunday afternoon in the first place so I don't think he was too thrilled to help a couple of smartass college guys. We had to find out the hard way that Washington State Patrolmen don't carry metric lugwrenches which would enable my tire to be taken off the rim.

So Officer Johnson radios into Walla Walla to have Greg's dad come pick us up. Fifteen minutes later Greg's dad comes flying around the corner, but he also wasn't carrying a metric lugwrench.

To shorten this epic story I will even leave out a couple minor details which kept me from missing the Sunday hour long edition of the greatest show on earth (I'm not speaking of any circus either more like ESPN's SportsCenter).

After a quick trip into Dos Wallas to get the correct lugwrench we get the tire changed, but it turns out the spare has only about 70 percent of the pressure it should. In addition to this flat spare problem, my Jetta's ignition switch picked a very poor time to die. My car would not stay running without holding the key in the whole way into town.

Then a revelation hit me and I decided Farphegnügen means "German engineers like to screw over American sports-writers."

Not even my heroes like Craig Kilborn, Dan Patrick, Keith

Olberman or Chris Berman could have cheered me up at this point unless they had a bazooka to blow a hole through my Volkswagen and put it out of its misery.

Monday morning my car wouldn't run even if the ignition switch was held in so we had to tow it to the shop only to find out I would have to leave my prize possession in Walla Walla all week because nobody in southeast Washington had a German ignition switch. Go figure.

Greg's mom provided us with an American made car to finish the trek to Pendleton where I was late to my sister's class, but was still able to tell the high school freshman all about the wonders of sports journalism and college.

I honestly didn't think it was possible to have so much go wrong in one 24-hour period. Next time I will asked to be proved wrong. I would have rather missed SportsCenter for a whole week than spend that much quality time in Walla Walla County. The only day in my young but illustrious life which even rivals this would have to be the time last month when I was able to live up the Moscow Fire Department's day with a run to Wallace Complex thanks to an exploding pop tart in my microwave, but that's a different story.

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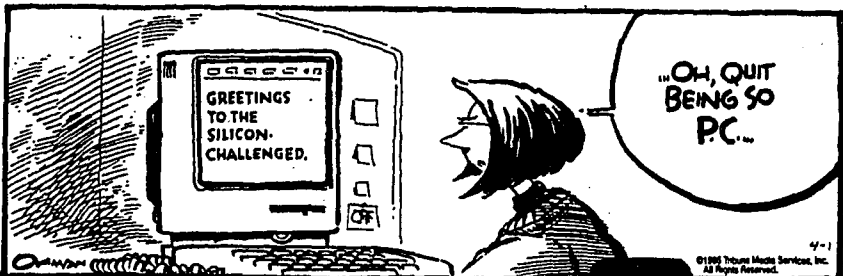
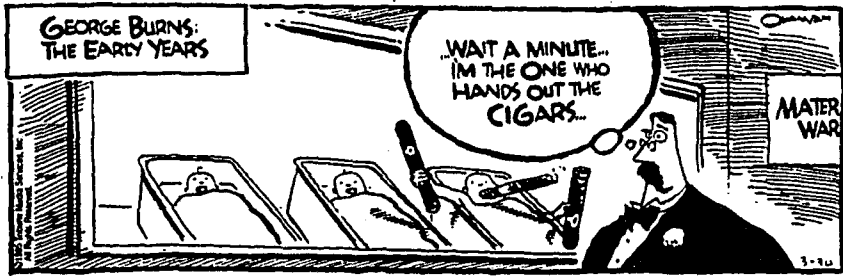
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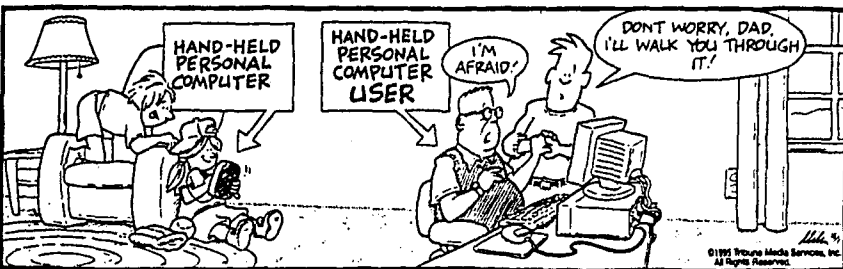
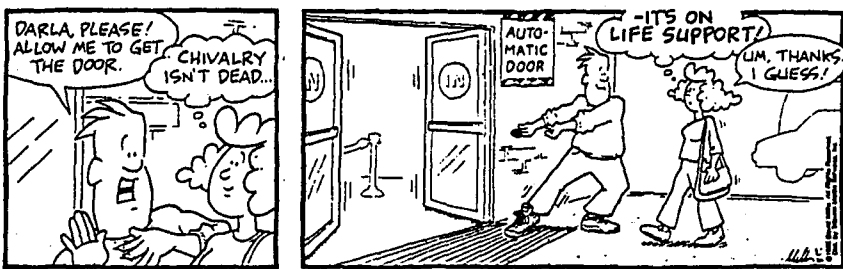
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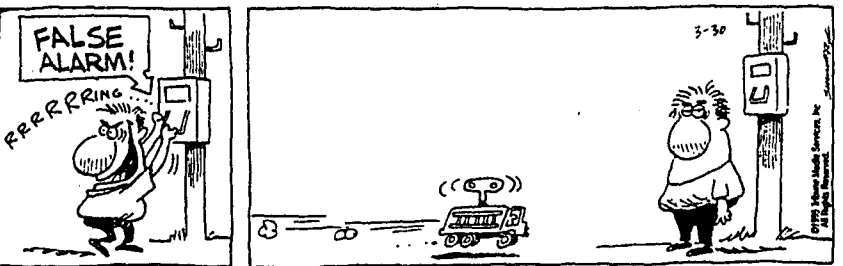
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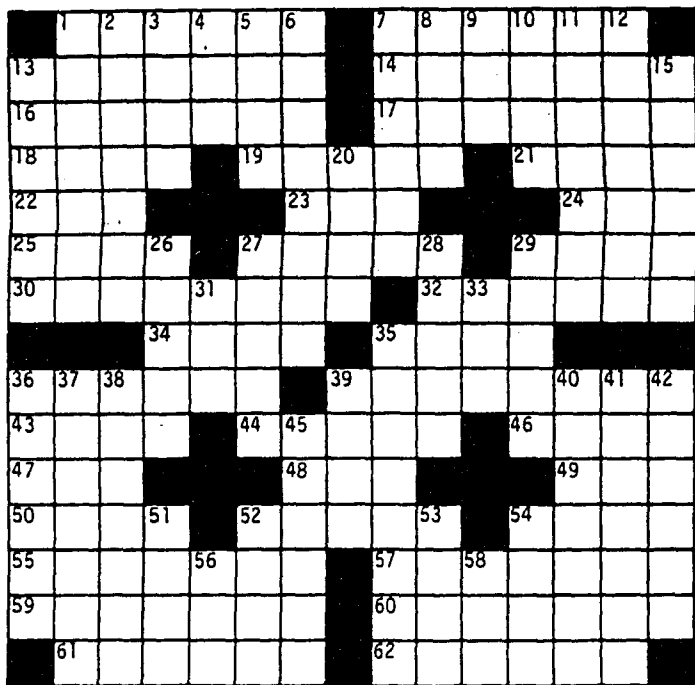
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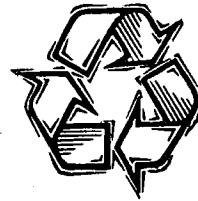
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# Letters to the Editor

## Jesus paid the price

What is meant when we say that "Jesus died for our sins?" This is probably the most pivotal and important question ever posed. I see it as much more pertinent and important than many of the popular concerns, and so do a lot of my acquaintances. Perceiving large quantities of misunderstanding about the answer to this question, and cartfuls of flat out aversion to this question (I believe that at least half of the people reading this paper right now felt an eerie kind of a revolting feeling at the exact moment that they read the words: "Jesus died for our sins"), I will attempt to dispel some of the gloomy thickness of the veil of stupidity that currently hangs like a dirty and stinky sock over the majority of humanity.

Again, what is meant when we say that "Jesus died for our sins?" Let me try to explain. On a gut level, everyone but nobody realizes that there are injustices committed in society at large. One need only turn on the evening news to see depravity in men (women, you shouldn't be offended by me stepping over the bounds of political correctness and saying "men" in this way to mean everyone). We've seen murders, robberies, sexually deviant behaviors all from the comfort of our couch, and in our living room on the TV set. It is easy for us to point out the

misconduct of others on the TV set in front of us, but it is difficult to recognize our own misconduct. We won't admit it to ourselves if we don't have to, and for very understandable reasons: repentance isn't easy and the pop psychologists are telling us that it's bad for us. Every one of us has participated in a misdeed. Let's now group all misdeeds under one heading: sin. Where are you going? I just lost half of my readers. Bear with me and you might learn something.

Now let's talk about God. Is God bad? Does he misbehave? Is he up there sitting on a cloud doing shameful things? No he isn't. God is always good. On a gut level we all know that God, a being responsible for creating us, creating our parents, our friends, our siblings and those who care about us, must be good. He must love us, or love something about us to create us. If you follow that thinking through it isn't very difficult to see God as pure, clean, and just. There's the word I was after: just.

You see, God himself is a law-abiding citizen. He lives and dwells happily within a backdrop of justice. He expects himself to abide by the same laws that he expects us to. There we have it then, a backdrop, like a big navy blue blanket, of laws, eternal laws, that God himself abides by. Now where there is a law there is also a punishment. Isn't it so? If I wouldn't get punished for thievery then why not steal a million dollars? Why not simply

choose to be a styling stud millionaire instead of spending a lot of time in college? I could read and do anything I had the impulse to do, and never have to worry about grades or ramifications. No, no, obviously this is nonsense. Where there is a law there is a penalty affixed in order to promote obedience to that law. So where are we? We are recognizing that God must have a set of laws that he abides by, that he expects us to abide by; the obedience of which brings blessings and the disobedience of which brings penalties. Do we want to be penalized? No.

Okay, let's look at the dilemma that we are all in then. We have all sinned (see paragraph two above), and therefore we are all in a position to receive a punishment. What kind of punishment? The punishment is to be eternally separated from God, to live forever in the absence of that which is good. "Are we all so bad that this penalty should hang over us like that?" I don't know, are we? All I know for sure is that such a condition exists. I could probably go on for an hour on that point alone. But to be brief, it is literally Jesus Christ, the son of the living God, the only being pure and holy enough to do so, who was willing to obey God by paying the penalty, that each of us accrued, in order to allow us to return to God. This payment, think of it as bail, is only put into effect on conditions that we believe. "I don't believe it!" I hear some saying. Let me continue.

Our belief, although it may sound like a little thing, sets salvation in motion. Just look at a car for a minute. How far can someone drive a car without a key? Not very far. It is the same with belief. It appears that belief is a provision built into the law of mercy and without a belief in Christ we can't go very far. Jesus Christ made the sacrifice. Do your remember when the secret service men jumped in the way of the would be assassin's bullet that shot at President Reagan, well it's the same thing. Christ is willing to take upon himself the demands of justice that were meant for us.

"How can someone take someone else's penalty? That's not legal!" Well, apparently in the eternal scheme of things it is legal. If we remain filthy, if we remain in our sins there is a chance that we will never again see God's face. "You are just trying to recruit people to your church! You're just trying to get brownie points with God! Your just trying to save all of our souls." Yes, Yes, and Yes again.

Friends, please, yes, I want to see you all up there laughing your faces off, happy. "To believe in God is sad and boring, and will prevent me from looking cool to my friends." Maybe you'll lose a little of your cool edge, but who cares? I can honestly say that I'm a happier churchgoer than I ever was a scoffer. Be happy my friends, be happy.

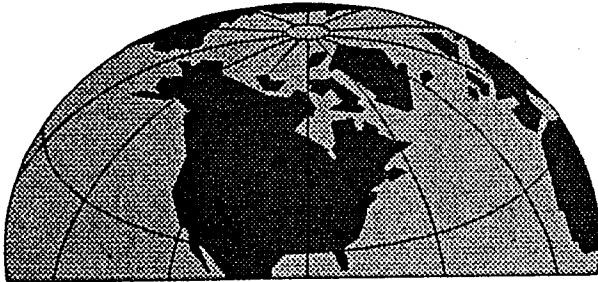
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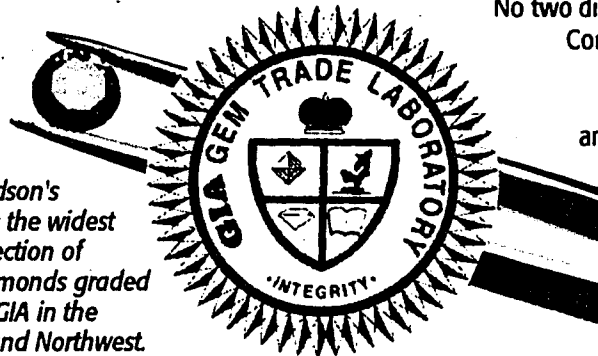
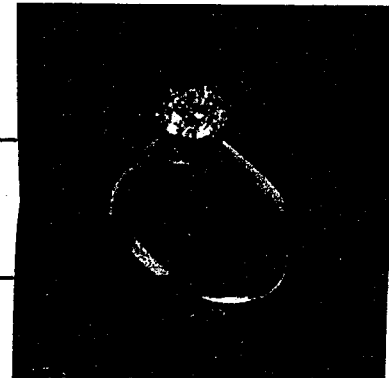
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## Term limits first to fall from Contract

Open letter to Congress: be careful that you don't let knee-jerk politics control your decisions.

Despite polls showing support from 76 percent of the American public and being a central feature of the GOP Contract with America, the House of Representatives struck down a proposed Constitutional amendment limiting the number of terms a member of Congress may serve. After all was said and done, the tally was a grand total of 63 votes short of the 290-vote majority needed to pass the House.

As in any Congressional debate, the rhetoric flew thick and fast. Rep. Henry Hyde, one of the 39 Republicans to break party lines, said, "I can't be an accessory to the dumbing down of democracy," and referred to past Congressional legends who would not have achieved their status under term limitations, such as Sam Ervin and Barry Goldwater. Speaker Newt Gingrich was just as passionate when he stated, "Everywhere in America, people say they are sick of professional politicians, and they want to find a device to take power back from the professional political class," and pledged to revive the issue in the next Congressional session.

In all the rhetoric and assorted warm air masses floating around, it's easy to miss the point. The American people feel powerless to change the political juggernaut that is our government, while ignoring the fact that just such a change was affected last November. Those who were swept into power seem to have lost faith in the wave that brought them to power, preferring instead to legislate perception into law.

The simple fact is the American political system was engineered to hinge on one force and one force only: the voter. One of the underlying assumptions of the Constitution is that the public can be trusted to decide for themselves who they want to wield power in their names. Another is that people will be willing to use their rights regularly. In trying to pass an amendment limiting terms in office, Congress is abrogating those rights and denying the responsibility to the people who elected them.

James Madison, one of the founders of our political system, wrote in the *Federalist Papers* that "a few members will possess superior talents and there is then perfect justice in the public's election to repose trust in these same talents again and again." In other words, when someone capable gets elected, they shouldn't be discarded simply because an arbitrary number of terms has been served.

Politics carries its own brand of irony. This time around, the irony stems from the fact that in trying to give the people what they want, Congress is trying to abridge the document that is our highest law. Leave the term limits at home.

Let the voters decide who stays and who goes.

—Brandon Nolte



## Big Boy is dead, who's next?

These are dark days when gangs of mischievous youths heartlessly steal and dismember Big Boy restaurant statues.

Many people in this country were as shocked and dismayed as I was to learn of the theft of a Big Boy statue in Toledo, Ohio, on March 17. Eight men, most of them college students, confessed to police that they and two other younger friends had stolen the hamburger-toting, checkered-overall wearing, pompadour-haired fiberglass icon from his concrete perch outside of one of the Toledo Big Boy restaurants. After stealing the 300-pound statue, the culprits dismembered him with a hacksaw and dumped the remains at various other Big Boy restaurants in the area along with notes that said: "Big Boy is dead." "They just wanted to take the Big Boy," Detective Ron Scanlon said. "But then one thing led to another and the kids started dismembering him. They took the head and cut it off. Somebody else took an arm, a leg."

The ultimate sadness of this horrible tragedy is the cause of the prank, which according to 18-year-old Tom Martinez, was boredom. And you know who causes boredom, don't you? Yes, the Republicans!

The simple fact is, Republicans can be traced to most incidents of crime today. Had these bored col-



Aaron Schab

lege students had the benefit of Democratic social programs like Midnight Basketball, Big Boy might not be in pieces. Had these students not lived with the despair of knowing that federal school lunch programs might be turned over to the states with an increase of budget, they probably would have stayed at home and watched PBS or listened to NPR instead of committing random acts of senseless violence. Without the burden of knowing that most of the Contract with America platforms might actually help the well-being of Americans, they might have been peacefully content to hug a tree rather than hack up a Big Boy.

But alas, with Republicans in control of Congress, this nation is falling apart at the seams. With greedy, evil Republicans taking food right out of the mouths of poor, starving children, the moral character of this land is going down the tubes.

There is only one solution: get the Democrats back in power. Huge, bloated social programs are the only way to cure our ills.

People are too stupid to handle their own money (they might spend their cash on immoral things like Rush Limbaugh books and cigars) so everybody should just send their money to Uncle Sam and let him be the judge of how much you deserve to be given.

Then, the bureaucracy should be expanded, so that no one can even turn on a light switch without filling out fifty forms, which of course have to be notarized. Oh, and lines! Lots of long lines everywhere! Lovely lines!

With the masses rendered useless by wealth re-distribution and mountains of forms (in triplicate, of course!), no one will have the ambition or the time to commit senseless acts of violence like the Big Boy murder.

How many Big Boys have to die before the people of this nation wake up and understand that the Republicans are the cause of all evil? Their greed (my goodness, let people spend their own money!), insensitivity to artists (make donations to PBS and the NEA optional? The devils!), and hate mongering (deny people who are not citizens and are not paying taxes the same social benefits we enjoy? The racists!) only encourages young people to commit crimes against society. This has to end.

How many more Big Boys have to die?

## NEA funding shouldn't come from taxpayers' pockets

It has always been a subject I've found hard to comprehend, and attending the University of Idaho hasn't made it any easier.

I'm just trying to understand this art project that's been taking shape the last few months in that patch of mud by the library. The layman would look at this art and think, "Hey! It's a big pile of milk cartons." Luckily for us, the artists chose to place little signs, explaining what they were doing. Thanks to their thoughtfulness, after reading the card, the average student can look at the milk jugs in a new light and exclaim, "Hey! It's still a big pile of milk cartons!"

I'm from the school of thought that thinks that if art has to be explained, it really isn't worth looking at. Note that this is my opinion; I did not say, nor do I wish to imply, that this type of art is misunderstood and underappreciated by all. There must be somebody out there, besides the two artists who are working on the project themselves, who thinks that having a big pile of used milk jugs right next to



Brian Davidson

the library is a neat expression of artistic ability. I'm just grateful they washed them out, as sour milk tends to not smell so good.

Seeing art like this helps me to understand why Republicans want to cut funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. I remember a few years ago the big stink they made about Robert Mapplethorpe, who, in one particular photo had various ranch-oriented implements sticking out of a certain bodily orifice. Then Andres Serrano spent a penny in a mason jar and put a small crucifix in as well and gave us the pic (no offense to you Dutch speakers out there) "Piss Christ," thinking that he had just made a swell statement in the world of pee-pee art.

More recently, some Californian

(!) artists suspended bells and weights through slits in their flesh and cavorted around on the stage until their various pieces of hardware ripped through their flesh and fell, with artistic tinkles and klunks and smatterings, to the earth. I don't know their names or what artistic statement they were trying to make, and frankly, I don't give a fig. All I know is that the National Endowment for the Arts (i.e. your average U.S. taxpayer) footed the bill.

Many will argue that support of the arts is what helps a culture to flourish, but this type of art is far too close to the fringe of other-worldly silliness to point our culture in a positive direction. If this is culture, I'll stick to being the well-adjusted, uncultured boob that I am, thank you.

Now, if these people want to put bullwhips up their butts and parade their urine around like it was some sort of religious artifact, that's fine with me. It just boggles the mind that we, as taxpayers, paid for it all. We must admit that not many go to

galleries or exhibitions to see such art, seeing as we're more concerned with other things, such as going to work, recycling milk jugs, watching television and playing golf on Saturdays. Art just isn't our thing, so why make us pay for it? Some people get a kick out of looking at a wall of milk jugs. I get a kick out of collecting musical soundtracks and paperback books. Everyone has his or her own interests, and that is where they typically concentrate their time and money.

I've just recently begun (rather grudgingly) to pay taxes, and being self-employed, I'll be paying to the tune of \$738 for 1994. Some of this money goes to Social Security, but that's OK because I know I'll be old someday myself. I'm also helping to support my father, who receives that necessary monthly Social Security check. Other dollars of mine go to pay for schools, Pell grants, highways and such, and that I don't mind either, since I use highways and Pell grants. I do not, however, want to fund some NEA fool who can't get anyone but dis-

interested taxpayers to pay for their art.

We always do want to get something for our money, don't we? If we see something in a store that we see no need to purchase, we don't buy them. If a certain book is boring, we leave it on the bookstore shelf. If a certain vegetable recalls childhood nightmares, we don't buy it anymore. Why should any of us pay for art that we'll most likely never see, even if we wanted to? Mapplethorpe has never paid a visit to Idaho that I remember. He hasn't even sent us a post card. (Thankfully.) And even if those flesh-tearing bellwearing nudies showed up here, I'd only go to throw tomatoes. I helped pay for the thing, so I ought to be allowed to express my opinions.

Absence of the NEA will not cripple the art world as we know it, just as absence of the NRA would not mean the end to the Second Amendment. Those who enjoy art should be obliged to pay for it, just as those who have other interests are obliged to pay for theirs.