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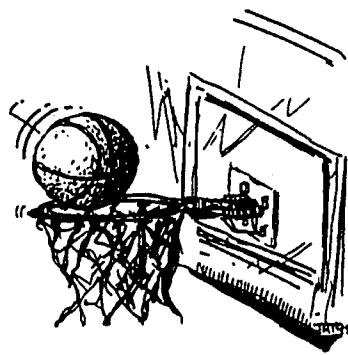
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Idaho men capture third place in Missouri tournament.

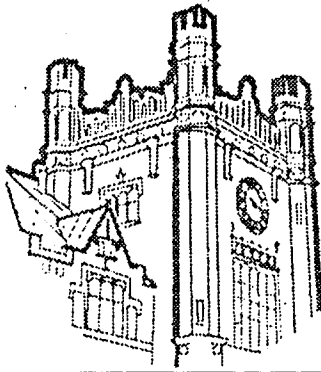
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Members of the Greek organization GAMMA attended a national alcohol awareness conference in Washington D.C. last month.

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Awareness Week shows risks, prevention of AIDS

Lisa Lannigan

Staff

Every minute of everyday, someone somewhere in the United States contracts the AIDS virus. This is why the East Wallace Residence Life staff and the local HIV/AIDS Awareness Task Force worked to educate and inform through several programs last week.

AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. AIDS is an infectious disease, not a contagious one, and is transmitted by sexual contact, sharing of intravenous needles and exposure to infected blood or blood products. There are no known cases of transmitting AIDS through tears or saliva, nor are there any substantiated cases of AIDS being transmitted through casual contact (such as giving a hug or shaking a hand).

Some groups are at a higher risk of contracting the disease because of lifestyle or drug use. However, anyone can get AIDS. Kammi Woodall, a resident assistant in McConnell hall, said many people who find out they are HIV positive had no clue they were even at risk.

"To be as safe as you possibly can, abstinence is the only way," Woodall said.

All week long, the Student Health Service offered free and confidential HIV testing.

Along with selling T-shirts and handing out condoms, members of the East Wallace Residence Life staff collected donations of food and toiletries to help out local AIDS victims. Posters with the cartoon character Calvin were hung throughout Wallace Complex asking for soap, toothpaste and shampoo.

"When I volunteered at an AIDS program in Colorado, they accepted food and toiletries," Resident Director Graci Dungao

said. "Things like that are always needed."

Woodall put together the "Sex in an Envelope" program held Tuesday night. "I saw it for the first time at a conference," Woodall said. "I'm excited to bring it back for AIDS education on the UI campus."

During the program, each person received an envelope and had everyone there sign it. One person had a black piece of paper in their envelope, meaning they were infected with HIV. Everyone who signed the person's envelope was also infected, as well as those they had come in contact with.

"It actually shows people how fast AIDS spread," Woodall said.

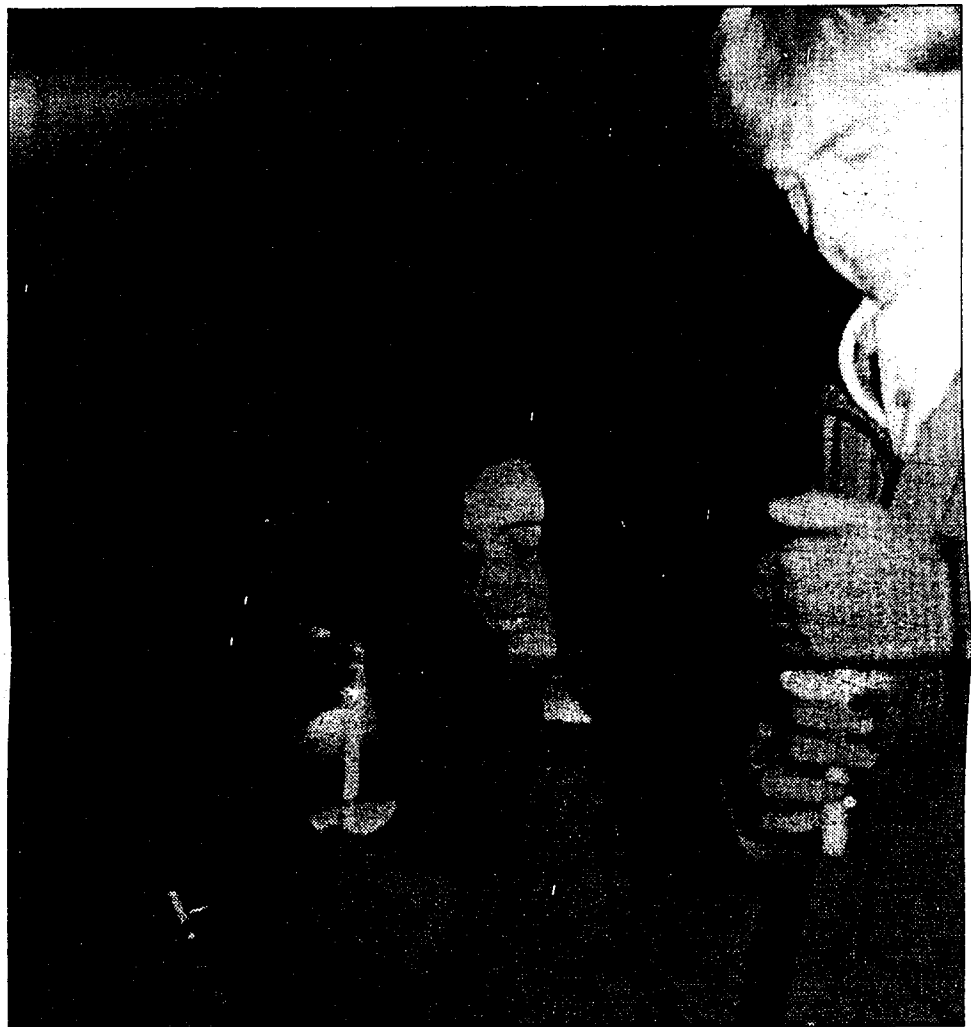
Woodall said 95 percent of those sexually active on the UI campus use condoms, however only one in four works effectively. This is because many don't know how to put them on or use them correctly.

To help educate on the proper way to put on condoms, volunteers put multi-colored condoms on bananas. This hands-on experiment proved a few people aren't sure how to put them on correctly.

Resident Assistant Jen Mudge helped organize many of the programs. "I think it's important we educate everybody about AIDS," Mudge said.

In commemoration of World AIDS Day on Friday the Student Union covered pictures, paintings and sculptures. This "Day Without Art" as it was called made a harsh statement about the effects of the virus on the art community.

Hard wind and cold weather couldn't stop a group of about 12 people from participating in a candlelight vigil on Friday night. Participants walked through campus carrying flashlights and candles as a way of remembering those who are living with and have died as a result of AIDS.



Jared Smith

Ray Horton and Aimee Cravens shelter their candles from the wind during the candlelight vigil for AIDS Awareness Week last Friday night.

Memory leaks, bad connections foul UI Internet access

Sean Tetpon

Staff

Leaks are mischievous; they can flatten tires, break apart dams, topple presidents and keep you off the Internet.

NorthWestNet, an Internet service provider for the University of Idaho, experienced a memory leak in some of their data routers last week. The leak caused sporadic Internet outages at the University of Idaho.

As NWN's router memory reached a critical low, Internet outages occurred every 30 to 120 seconds, each time a router reloaded its memory.

"NWN was experiencing a bug in their software on the routers," said Michael Lasher, UI's assistant director of telecommunications. "As time went on, the routers became less efficient, and had to be re-booted."

Lasher posted a statement made by NWN on the Internet last Wednesday, saying they "have reloaded all of the backbone routers with a version of the (software) that does not, to our knowledge, contain the memory leak."

NWN believes some of their routers were affected by "spurious multi-cast routes recently injected into the national backbone,

which caused a number of routers around the country to crash."

UI first lost its Internet connection Nov. 20, when its voice, video and data line, known as a T-1, was moved from the Janssen Engineering Building to the Library. UI could not access the Internet for nearly five hours as General Telephone was unable to make an immediate T-1 connection to the library.

UI Internet access was virtually unaffected over Thanksgiving break. However, "On the following Monday, we started having problems with slowness on the Internet," Lasher

said. "We thought it was because we had moved the T-1."


Lasher said GTE came back to campus to do a rewire last Monday.

"AT&T was monitoring the circuit after GTE did their final fix," he said. "They did not see any problem. So, part of the problem we were having Monday and Tuesday was not related to the T-1 at all. It was related to the Internet service from NWN."

UI has two T-1 lines; one routed to Boise and another to Coeur d'Alene. A third T-1 linking UI with Idaho Falls is scheduled for installation by mid-December.

•Weather•

Will it stick? More sporadic snow showers this week with highs in the 20s and 30s. Partly sunny to cloudy skies and more wind.



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Safety and accessibility determine campus snow removal priorities

Janet Birdsall

Staff

As December brings chilling winds with hail and ice, Facilities Management crews are out sanding the streets and sidewalks.

"We want to be able to get our students, faculty and staff to class. That's our first priority," said Michael Sylvester, director of Facilities Management.

The sidewalk crew will be dispatched to remove snow from sidewalks, steps, entry ways, ramps and disabled parking spaces when at least one inch of snow accumulates on the sidewalks.

When two or more inches of snow accumulates, the street and parking lot crew will be dispatched to begin snow removal. A committee determined the plowing priorities.

"Working with the safety office,

we've determined the priorities. That's the first determination of priority—the safety issue," said Sylvester. "We work our way from the most critical lots outward to the perimeter of campus."

Main arterial campus streets are cleared first, followed by gold parking lots, lateral campus streets and green lots. Red, blue and silver lots are cleared last.

Facilities Management has imple-

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Suspect in one killing gave ride to suspect in another

BOISE—One of three men accused of throwing Travis J. McIntier off a 100-foot cliff at Lucky Peak Reservoir on Nov. 20 also played chauffeur to a group accused in an execution-style killing on Memorial Day.

Suspects in both cases also told police they belong to the same gang—Crips Before Christ. But Glenn Ford, chief of the Idaho Criminal Investigation Bureau, said the killings themselves are not linked.

The six suspects in McIntier's slaying are not believed to be involved in last May's murder of Jeffrey David Towers, Ford said Friday.

Ada County investigators believe three men beat McIntier and threw him off a cliff while three others watched. The 20-year-old reportedly begged for his life before falling to his death.

Valley County and state investigators believe four men were involved in the shooting death of Towers. The California man's remains were burned and buried in a shallow grave in the Paddy Flats area northeast of Cascade.

Police would not identify which suspect in the McIntier case was the driver.

Authorities searching for motives for the killings have reached separate conclusions. Ford said there is no reason to believe Towers was killed in a gang initiation. Ada

County Sheriff Vaughn Killeen believes McIntier's killing was a gang initiation.

Richard Allen Dunn, 25; Shawn Thomas Norris, 21; and John Joseph Maynard, 18, are charged with first-degree murder in McIntier's slaying. Audie Keith Helms, Melissa Friedly and Aleatha Mae Kirkpatrick, all 18, face felony grand theft charges for allegedly stealing McIntier's car after his death.

Michael Olivera, 18; Ryan David Robertson, 19; Ean Vinton Barnett, 20; and Chad Christopher Toney, 17, are charged with first-degree murder in Towers' slaying. Samantha Tan Feather Anglin, 21, is charged with harboring a wanted felon.

—Associated Press

Western governors discuss changes in higher education

BOISE—Students would be able to "attend" classes at any university in the western United States without even having to switch chairs under a plan being developed to create a "virtual university" in cyberspace.

Public universities risk losing students and the state cedes the right to oversee the quality of degrees delivered at a distance.

But university officials in Idaho are not thrilled about the idea. They fear that a state-sponsored "virtual university" will compete for precious few tax dollars and they worry about the governors' plan to allow private industry to help write curriculum and teach classes.

That is not to say the universities are not already experimenting with cyberspace.

Linda Himmelright, Huntsville, Ala., started and finished her Boise State University master's degree in instructional and performance tech-

nology on her home and office computer.

Educators and students say computer classes are not for everyone.

Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt put the "virtual university" on the Western Governors' agenda.

Western university presidents had their own meeting Friday and Saturday in San Francisco to talk about the governors' proposal and the future of technology.

Boise State President Charles Ruch said he's "very positive about the role that all kinds of technology is going to play in reshaping post-secondary education in the next decade or so."

—Associated Press

Wolves winter at WSU

PULLMAN—Wolves are wintering at Washington State University.

A pack of 10 wolves will live at the university until a new home is completed for them next year near Yellowstone National Park.

The gray wolves are staying at WSU's bear research facility. The school's bears are currently hibernating for the winter in another building.

Because the research center is visible to pedestrians, people are getting a rare close-up look at the wolves.

"When people come, they can see very much what wolves act like in the wild," said Einav Shochat, a graduate student in zoology and caretaker of the animals.

The wolves will stay at WSU until April, when they will move to a new home at the Grizzly Discovery Center in West Yellowstone, Mont.

The 10 wolves were born in captivity in Montana, and will never be released into the wild. One wolf is 18 months old and is the leader of the pack. The others were born last May.

—Associated Press



Record 12-month growth in U.S. prison population

WASHINGTON—The number of state and federal prison inmates grew by a record 89,707 in the 12 months ended last June 30. That's the largest annual increase in history and equivalent to adding 1,725 new prison beds each week.

The incarceration rate also set another record. The United States locks up a greater share of its residents than any other nation.

As of June 30, there were 1,004,608 state prison inmates, up 9.1 percent, and 99,466 federal inmates, up 6.1 percent.

The record increase "was a little higher than most years. But the annual average since 1980 has been 8.7 percent so there's been steady growth," said Allen Beck, the bureau's chief of corrections statistics.

Stiff mandatory sentences for drug and violent crimes and an increased likelihood of being imprisoned once arrested have caused the increase, Beck said.

Between 1980 and 1993, drug offenders grew from 25 percent to 60 percent of all federal inmates.

The chance of going to jail for drug offenses rose 5 fold between 1980 and 1992. It went from 19 imprisoned out of every 1,000 people arrested in 1980 to 104 out of every 1,000 in 1992. Similar rises were seen in incarceration rates for aggravated assault, robbery and sex offenses, Beck said.

—Associated Press



Mother Teresa prays for AIDS cure

ROME—Mother Teresa says she prays that AIDS researchers will discover a cure for the disease.

The Roman Catholic nun who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize

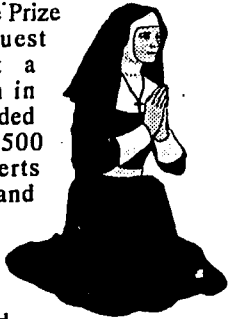
was a guest Sunday at a convention in Rome attended by some 500 AIDS experts from Italy and abroad.

"I'm sure that God will help you find these therapies," the Italian news agency ANSA quoted her as saying.

Mother Teresa urged scientists not to neglect other aspects of the disease while searching for a cure.

"In absence of a better medicine, love is for now the best medicine," said the nun, whose missionaries around the world care for the sick and the dying.

—Associated Press



New lava flow opens in Nicaraguan volcano

LEON, Nicaragua—The sugar cane was ready for harvest, the corn growing tall. Then Cerro Negro, the volcano whose name means "Black Hill," roared to life and blanketed the countryside with gray ash.

Skies darkened. Crops collapsed. People covered their heads with rags and fled by the hundreds on horseback and in ox carts.

The eruption showed no signs of letting up Friday as lava poured from a new vent. Refugees ate gritty meals, hoping the mountain would return to calm.

Cerro Negro, 75 miles northwest of the capital of Managua, began acting up on Nov. 19 after a three-year lull. Eruptions are tossing ash and lava as high as 1,000 yards and are at times visible as far away as Managua, but the volcano has claimed no victims.

Experts are trying to determine whether the 2,200-foot mountain could blow—and if so, when. Meanwhile, the government has declared a state of emergency, saying it already has an ecological disaster on its hands.

About 6,000 people live in the immediate vicinity of the volcano, which is dumping what looks like dirty snow over a 30-mile radius that includes the cities of Leon and Corinto, which have 200,000 residents between them.

In Leon, about 15 miles away, the ash had become so deep by Thursday night that many residents had to sweep their roofs to prevent them from collapsing under the weight.

At least 5,000 acres of sugar cane, cotton, yucca and other crops have been lost and emergency workers are trying to get some 6,000 head of livestock out of the area.

The animals are refusing to eat grass covered with the sulfuric-smelling ash.

At least 1,000 people have been evacuated from the foot of the mountain and another 1,000 have fled on their own.

—Associated Press

Bosnia-bound soldier heeds words of Vietnam veteran father

GREEN BAY, Wis.—A Green Bay man who is part of a peace-keeping force headed for Bosnia says he will carry with him the advice of his father, a Vietnam veteran: Never let your guard down.

Friedland, in Green Bay for a visit, is a member of the 1st Armored Division, which will be stationed in Bosnia following an agreement by Balkan nations. He expects to begin peacekeeping service around Christmas in Tuzla, Bosnia.

The president Saturday brought cheers from soldiers and their families when he said, "If you are threatened with attack, you may respond immediately and with decisive force."

Friedland arrived in Green Bay on Friday and expects to stay until about Dec. 10. From Green Bay he goes back to Baumholder, Germany, where he's been stationed for the last year.

Once in Bosnia, troops will set up checkpoints, escort military and civilian convoys and watch for military activity. Friedland, a private first class, drives the Army's armored tank-like Bradley fighting vehicles.

Because he's been told he may be in Bosnia for as long as a year, Friedland has been taking time to visit family and friends. His mother, Peggy Noonan and his sister, Angie, 18, live in Green Bay. His father lives in Chicago.

—Associated Press

Announcements

ASCE holds forum on engineering program moving to Boise

The American Society of Civil Engineers is hosting a forum, in which Dean Jacobson will speak about the engineering program being moved to Boise, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 in JEB room 104.

College of Business and Economics honors graduates

The College of Business and Economics is hosting a reception for its December graduates on Dec. 9 at 11 a.m., in the Student Union Silver and Gold room. The reception will feature guest speaker Terry Carter, controller of Potlatch Corporation, and special gifts for the graduates. For more information call 885-6478.

Arts and Crafts sale to benefit the needy

Palouse Habitat for Humanity will be at Beasley Coliseum in Pullman Dec. 8 and Dec. 9 for the Arts and Crafts sale.

Their booth will offer a chance to purchase raffle tickets for their doll house, which is on display at the Palouse Empire Mall and which will be raffled off Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. at the mall. The booth

will also feature Habitat Jewelry, and Habitat's dessert cook book, featuring recipes from volunteers.

PHFH is a non profit organization dedicated to building low income housing for needy families in both Latah and Whitman Counties. All proceeds from the Arts and Crafts sale will go directly into their building fund. For more information contact Donna Blackwell at 883-8502.

Career Services holds workshops

Today UI Career Services is holding an introductory session at 3:30 p.m.. Tomorrow they are holding a workshop titled "Preparing for the Interview" at 2:30 p.m.

All workshops are free, but pre-registration is required. For more information, visit the Career Services Center in Brink Hall or call 885-6121.

Registration is open for Moscow Parks and Recreation

The Moscow Parks and Recreation's Winter Brochure is now available and registration is open. Classes include Youth Basketball, Instructional basketball, Adult Volleyball, Pruning Workshops, Dog Obedience, Ballroom Dancing, Downhill and

Cross Country Ski School. Registration is open until Jan. 5. For more information call 883-7085.

Geology Club holds rock auction

The annual UI Geology Club rock auction is back by popular demand. The auction will be held Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. in the McClure building, room 209. The fossils, crystals, gems and equipment available make great gifts.

Poetry Contest

The Texas Poetry Alliance is holding a poetry contest, offering 28 \$1,000 prizes. Poem entries may be written on any subject, using any style and only 21 lines or less. Deadline for submissions are Jan. 1, 1996. Send entry to: Poetry Contest, 1712 E. Riverside Dr., Suite 147, Austin, Texas 78741-1320

Coop-Ed holds orientation today

The Cooperative Education program is holding an orientation to their services today from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in room 106 of the Education building. For more information call 885-5822.

GAMMA goes to D.C.

Jennifer Eng
Staff

A Greek group that deals with wellness issues, Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol, has been very busy over the past few months.

Six students involved with GAMMA went to Washington, D.C. Nov. 2-5 for a national conference shortly after wrapping up a busy week with National Alcohol Awareness Week.

The University of Idaho students spent four days sharing ideas with other GAMMA chapters involving programs for Greeks to promote alcohol awareness and other wellness issues back at their respective campuses.

Tonya Swearingan, co-chair for GAMMA, at UI and the Area I representative for GAMMA nationally said, "It was a good opportunity to see how very different other campuses are and how lucky we are to have the programs we have."

The trip to Washington included conferences, meetings and a little sight seeing. Swearingan said, "We have some great new ideas for speakers and fun activities."

Mandy Horton one of the students who went on the trip said, "The conference really left an impression on our group and as a result we have a lot of new ideas for our chapter to utilize."

Trips, such as this one, which enhance the leadership abilities of student leaders have been funded for the past few years by the Fund for Improvement of Post Secondary Education. With this grant running out in December, groups like GAMMA will have to rely on other resources to fund trips such as the Washington, D.C. one in the future.

Swearingan said the group is going to learn how to hold fundraisers to fund projects but also said money from the university will still be allocated through Panhellenic and IFC.

Along with the recent trip to

Washington, D.C., GAMMA has also been busy introducing some structure into the group. As of the beginning of the spring semester, GAMMA will have an executive board with several positions.

Swearingan and her co-chair, Sharelynn Agre will be replaced in January by Mandy Horton as the new GAMMA chairperson. Horton's responsibilities include being the ultimate authority over the organization, running all the meetings and working with Chris Wuthrich, the Greek advisor.

"I'm very excited about taking over this office and I have a lot of ideas and enthusiasm," said Horton.

The two new positions this year are the GAMMA program coordinator, and a member manager. The program coordinator will be in charge of working directly with the GAMMA chairperson and Greek advisor as well as organizing and coordinating all GAMMA educational programs throughout the year.

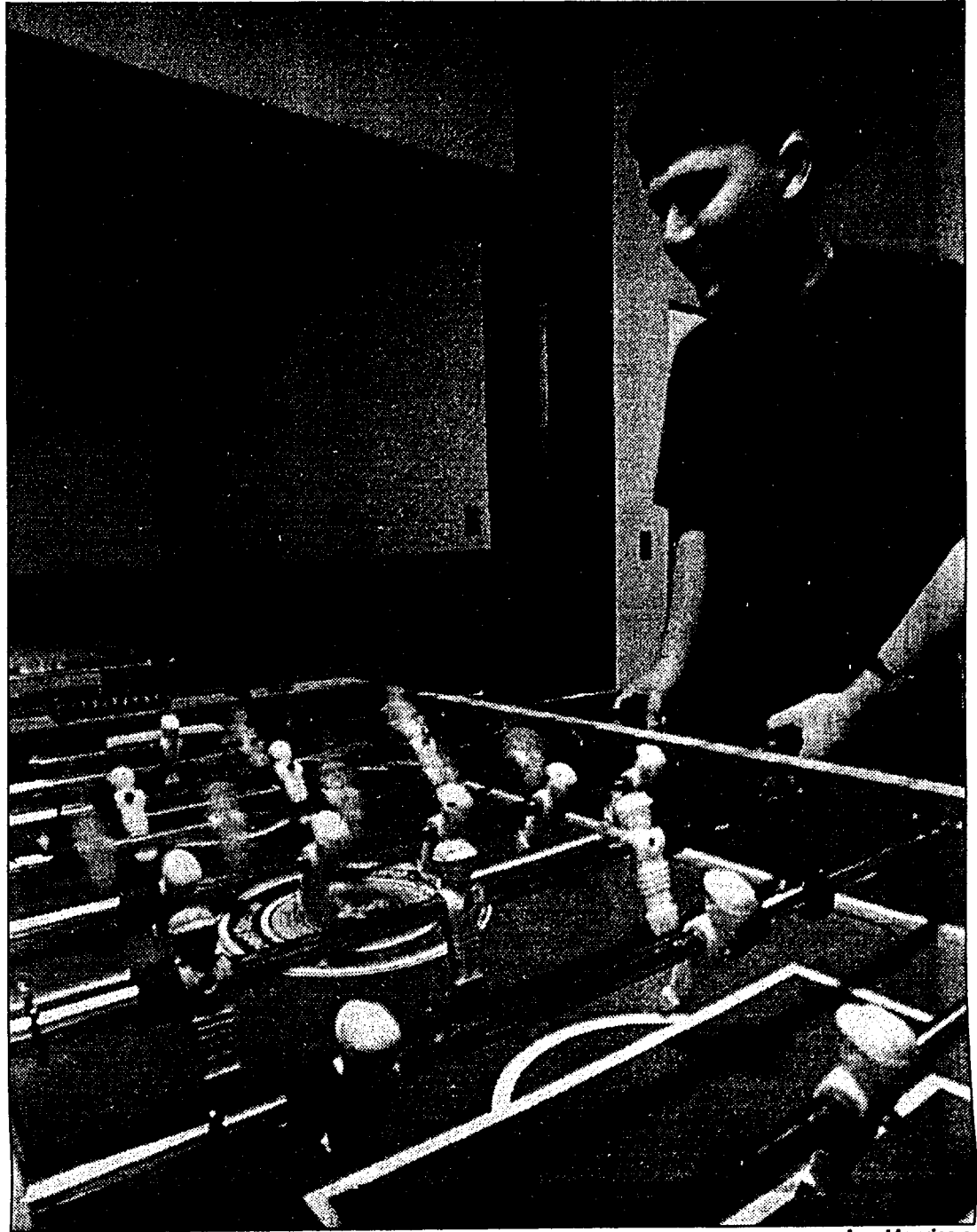
The new member manager position will require the person to work directly with the GAMMA chair, the Greek advisor and the programming coordinator as well as be responsible for internal communication within GAMMA.

On top of this new structuring, Horton said, "Later we will be choosing sub committees to help with various GAMMA sponsored functions."

Swearingan said, "It's a good time, we were starting to get some regular members and this structuring will divide up the work for the chair." Swearingan added, "It's time we went forward, if we have new by-laws it can attract new members and lay the groundwork for the future."

Swearingan said the focus for the group for the spring semester will be to establish continual members while bringing in new members and gearing up for "an exciting and safe spring break."

Yeah, take your frustration out on a little ball!



Joa Harrison

Harvey Lippert takes a break from his Agricultural Business studies to play foosball in the basement of the Student Union Monday night.


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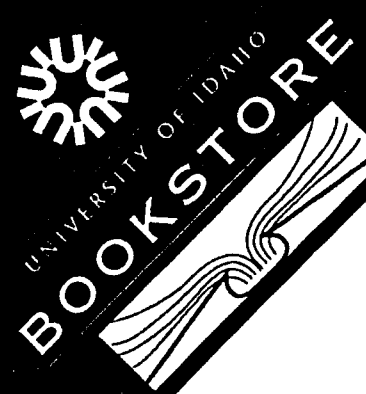


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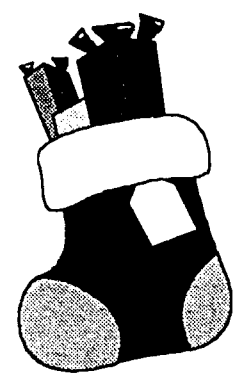
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Bear initiative leader to leave Idaho

Justin Oliver Ruen
Staff

The leader of a current initiative to ban certain hunting of black bears is leaving Idaho. Greg Brown, the current chairman of Idaho Citizens United for Bears, and computer systems analysts at the University of Idaho, will be leaving to take a teaching job at Southern Illinois University.

Brown came to Idaho seven years ago to pursue a Ph.D. in Natural Resource Management at UI. Brown became interested in the "development of a management plan" for black bears, spearheaded by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The IDFG assembled a citizens task force to formulate a comprehensive plan for the management of black bears statewide.

"I found that process to be very poor," Brown said. "The citizens task force was a committee composed of 20-25 individuals from around the state, all of which but 3 represented hunting, ranching or farming interests. The outcome of that management plan was preordained and the outcome was the continuation of black bear baiting, hunting using packs of dogs and the spring bear hunt."

Brown's concern over the management process led him to draft the initiative, which seeks to eliminate spring hunting, as well as using bait or dogs to hunt black bears. The initiative does nothing to end bear hunting in Idaho.

"The fall hunting season for bears is still intact," Brown said.

The initiative is currently in the signature stage, with 41,000 valid signatures required by July, 1996 in

order to get the initiative on the 1996 ballot. Brown claims that there have been "thousands" of signatures collected, but they have not been counted yet.

Colorado and Oregon have already passed laws banning those practices, Brown explained.

"The Idaho initiative is identical to the Colorado initiative that was passed in 1992, and was passed by a margin of 70-30 percent of the popular vote," said Brown.

Brown said the initiative is grounded in sporting ethics rather than conservation.

"We don't see this as a management issue, we see this as an ethical issue; what is right. Right now, there is no other major game animal that is allowed to be hunted in the spring. Not so with black bears. There are no other provisions for

the baiting of animals. The initiative seeks consistency in the standards that the IDFG have," he explained.

In the course of drafting a management plan, the IDFG commissioned a survey conducted by the Boise State University Research Center.

"That study found that 74 percent of residents of Idaho are opposed to bear baiting; 67 percent are opposed to the hunting of black bears using dogs and 59 percent are opposed to the hunting of black bears over bait. The issues that are on the initiative have the popular support of the people," Brown explained.

Tony Jones, a coordinator for the Sportsman Heritage Defense fund sees it differently.

"This is of course the first step to

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Panel readies legislation for new county governments

Associated Press
BOISE—The next Idaho Legislature will consider the option of limited county government separate from other legislation authorizing other forms of government.

That was the decision of a special legislative committee on Friday. It gave final approval to proposed legislation to let voters trade in the state's century-old three-person commission form of county government for possibly more efficient and effective alternatives.

Charter government will be considered separately because of the controversy that has consistently surrounded county efforts to win charter authority.

"The word charter raises about 18 red flags right away," Rep. Ruby

Stone, the Boise Republican who cochaired the committee, told her colleagues.

And even though the charter proposition was sanitized of any provisions that would have given counties new taxing or other powers, Stone and others remained concerned that its inclusion in the main legislative proposal would have doomed the entire measure.

The primary legislation would give voters in any county of the state the opportunity to scrap the traditional elected three-member county commission for one of four alternatives—an elected county executive, an appointed county manager, an expanded five-member commission or an expanded seven-member commission.

It offers the option of combining, eliminating or making appointed any of the countywide elected officers such as the treasurer, clerk and assessor. Those changes could be made in conjunction with any of the governing body options.


The bill also authorizes two or more counties to consider consolidating elected offices such as sheriff or prosecutor, but only if a majority of the voters in each of the counties involved in the original proposal approve.

The committee did not include the possibility of voters deciding to turn their currently politically partisan county governments into non-partisan ones because of the significant changes in state election laws that also would have to be made.

But that is a possibility under the bill authorizing adoption of limited charters. The transformation of county offices to nonpartisan status and the ability to election commissioners by district rather than countywide are the two major options the charter legislation adds to the main bill.

And Boise State University public affairs professor James Weatherby said he hopes people realize that the proposed charter status does not mean more authority—or taxes.

"A lot of the problems people have with charter, or home rule, relate to taxes," Weatherby said. "This has nothing to do with taxes or additional powers."



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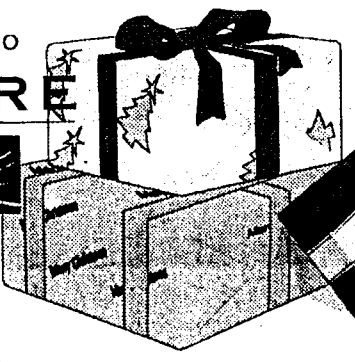
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FDA tries to reassure patients worried about drug

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WASHINGTON—The Food and Drug Administration is trying to reassure epilepsy patients that a popular drug investigated for quality fluctuations is safe to use—because the concerns are more legal than medical.

"We have no evidence...that the Dilantin available today is not performing as expected in patients," the FDA said in response to dozens of phone calls from epilepsy patients worried after Dilantin's maker, Warner-Lambert Inc., pleaded guilty to a felony for hiding quality problems with the drug. Warner-Lambert is headquartered in Morris Plains, N.J.

No patient should stop taking Dilantin unless directed to by a doctor, because stopping could cause serious seizures, the FDA

emphasized.

But some patients question whether they can believe the reassurance, saying the FDA shouldn't have waited three years to unveil its investigation of Dilantin and never told consumers the drug was recalled eight times this year alone.

"How can I have any faith in the FDA or any drug ever again?" asked Betty Gruehl of South Euclid, Ohio, whose son suffered two days of life-threatening seizures while taking Dilantin in 1991.

Warner-Lambert agreed last week to pay a \$10 million fine for concealing quality problems with Dilantin between 1990 and 1992. Several batches of the drug did not dissolve quite at the proper rate—off by between one and three percentage points—but the FDA

said the fluctuations were too minor to endanger anyone.

Federal records show Warner-Lambert recalled Dilantin eight times this year, mostly for the same quality fluctuations. The company also issued an additional 12 recalls for other products, while the most issued by any other drug firm this year was six, said consumer advocate Dr. Sidney Wolfe of Public Citizen.

Many epilepsy patients suffer seizures despite taking medication, and the FDA has not detected any increased seizures by Dilantin patients since the fluctuations began in 1990.

But patients immediately questioned Dilantin's quality today and asked that seizures—and at least two deaths—that

occurred before 1992 be investigated.

"The FDA wouldn't necessarily know if there was a problem because they never told the citizens what was going on," complained Gruehl, who says her 34-year-old son had never suffered serious seizures until 1991.

This year's Dilantin recalls, and the fluctuations before 1992, were for minor problems that were not medically dangerous, said Dr. Murray Lumpkin, the FDA's deputy drug director. Consequently, the FDA didn't consider it necessary to alarm patients by telling them of the recalls, he said.

In six of the 1995 recalls, Dilantin was absorbed into the body slightly faster or slower than required. For example, Dilantin is supposed to be at least 70 percent dis-

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Late blight-infected spuds creating storage concerns

Associated Press

BOISE—Late blight-infected potatoes are beginning to break down in some southwestern Idaho storages, and that is generating industry concern.

"But I don't know of anybody who is panicking," University of Idaho Extension potato specialist Mike Thornton says. "People are trying to dry them down, cool them down and watch them very closely."

Potato specialists nationwide estimate that skillfully managed storages can survive initial late blight infections of up to 5 percent, and sometimes 10 percent.

Thornton says he has not seen any Idaho storages that began the post-harvest season with more than 5 percent of their spuds infected with late blight.

It is not late blight itself but the

fast-spreading soft rot that pursues it that causes potatoes to decay in storage. In southcentral Idaho, Extension potato specialist Kiran Shetty says samples have been so severely damaged by soft rot that he has been unable to confirm late blight in area storages.

"We have seen symptoms, but we have not seen spores, and there have to be spores before you can confirm it," Shetty says.

Only one-third of the state's 408,000-acre potato crop is grown in the Treasure and Magic valleys combined. The rest is produced in eastern Idaho, which apparently made it through the season blight-free.

No post-harvest chemicals against late blight or soft rot are currently registered, nor are potato scientists nationwide holding their breaths. Like other plants, potatoes can only

effectively take up chemicals while they are actively growing. Besides Shetty would be leery of applying any spray that would add to a storage's humidity load.

"It's not an avenue that anybody has taken yet," he says. "No companies are coming forward because of the large investment required. It takes a minimum of five years to get a product registered. We're trying to fight this disease now."

Fighting late blight in storage means reducing or shutting down humidification entirely, avoiding condensation, continuously applying air to the pile and driving temperatures down to 38 degrees for seed potatoes and to 40 to 42 degrees for freshpack spuds.

Processing potatoes, however, simply can't be stored that cool. For them, Shetty says, growers "better use a lot of air to dry down

any problem areas."

"If the late blight is in there in low levels, you can get the pile dried out so the soft rot doesn't spread," Thornton says. "Yes, you can stop it."

But both Idaho scientists and potato specialists around the nation say prevention in the field is by far the surest way to keep late blight from becoming a Trojan horse in storage.

"You have to do everything you can to prevent the problem because, once you have the problem, your options are extremely limited," says Neil Gudmestad, a North Dakota State University plant pathologist.

In the Red River Valley, Gudmestad estimates that well-managed storages can withstand 5 percent of their potatoes coming inside with storage-compromising damage or disease.

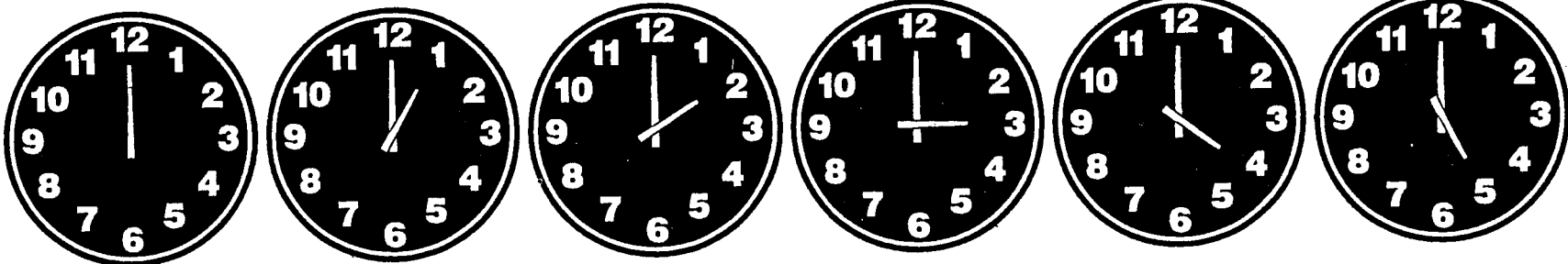
"That percentage can go up, depending on the variety and if you have a really advanced ventilation system, but, normally, it goes down from 5 percent," he says. "If you're talking Shepody in an old ground cellar, with a limited ventilation system, you're probably talking closer to 2-3 percent."

"Fortunately, Russet Burbank is probably a little more amenable to (successful storage) than some of the more susceptible varieties."

The bottom line, Gudmestad says, is that growers who did not entirely kill their blighted potato vines before harvest—providing a "green bridge" for the late blight fungus to move onto their unearthed tubers—can expect problems in storage.

Shetty and Thornton estimate that at least 90 percent of area growers took pains to ensure that their vines

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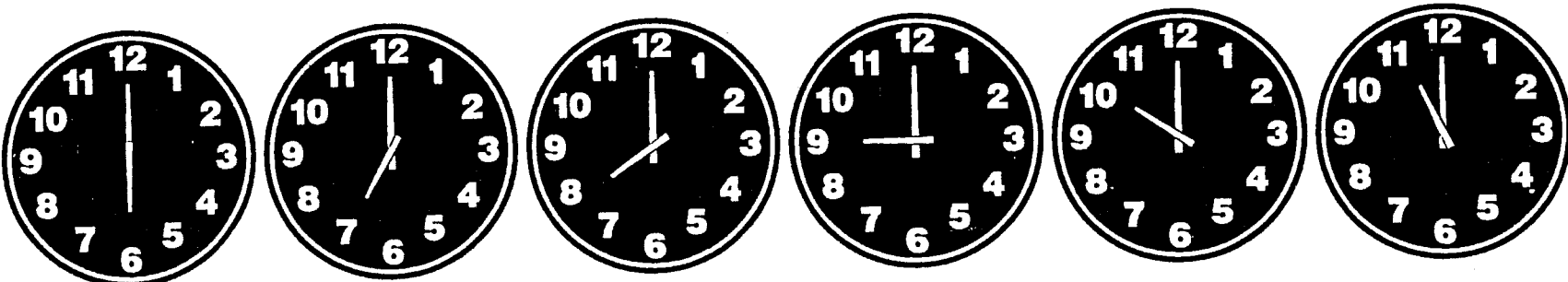


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Army bases preparing for possible deployment to Bosnia

Associated Press

Georgia Army bases are readying troops for deployment to Bosnia, although officials aren't sure whether any Georgians will serve in the Balkan conflict.

But the bases are nevertheless preparing for possible deployment, base officials said Friday.

"At Fort Gordon near Augusta, about 100 troops have been identified for possible deployment," said base spokesman Henry Holmes.

"This is only anticipatory," said Holmes. "It is possible that they go no where after all."

"At Fort Benning near Columbus a unit has been designated for training for possible deployment," said spokeswoman Monica Manganaro.

She said she was not permitted to say anymore, only that the training has already begun.

"At Fort Stewart near Savannah, officials are moving to transfer 178 troops who might take

over jobs in Germany left unmanned by soldiers being sent to Bosnia, said Richard Olson, spokesman for the Army's 24th Infantry Division and Fort Stewart.

The troops were scheduled to leave for Germany in February and March. But now the Army wants them in Europe by Jan. 15, Olson said.

"There are always folks that have orders for Germany. The only news is that they're going sooner," he said. "It's what we call backfill and it's a common practice."

There are 2,300 Army troops from bases throughout the United States who are being sent to Europe sooner than expected, Olson said.

Robins Air Force Base at Warner Robins has not receive any orders on troop deployment in Bosnia, said Dale Brinkman, chief of media relations.

Boyfriend charged in woman's death

Associated Press

BLACKFOOT, Idaho—Parson Scott Richards has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with the Nov. 12 death of Rebeca Alves.

Richards, 34, was formally charged with murder Friday after appearing in 7th District Court.

An autopsy report showed that Alves, 32, died from cerebral edema early Nov. 12, at a friend's house. Witnesses said Alves told them Richards beat her.

Prosecutors say Richards beat Alves twice in an apartment where she and Richards lived on Nov. 11, and that she died as a result of those beatings.

Alves had been involved with the Bingham County Crisis Center's domestic violence program, a crisis center spokeswoman said.

Alves had moved from Picabo about two months before her death. After the beatings, she sought help at the Bingham Memorial Hospital emergency room but left before the examination was done.

She returned later and told nurses Richards had

hit her with his fists and feet. Police were summoned and she signed a complaint against Richards.

Police said Alves had two black eyes, a split lip, bruises on her arms, neck, shoulders, ribs and legs. Witnesses said Alves suffered from vomiting, dizziness and said she felt like she was going to die.

Richards also lived in Picabo for a time but was doing construction work in Idaho Falls until Nov. 12, when he was arrested for a DUI-related probation violation. He has been in the Bingham County jail since.

Blackfoot detective John Dotson said Richards would not answer the door when he went to his apartment following Alves' death. Dotson contacted Richards' probation officer who found Richards had been drinking.

Dotson said inside Richards' apartment there was a blood spatter on a door, the door was ripped from the hinges and a necklace was on the living room floor. He found a bloody shirt under the bed and a bloody washcloth in the bathroom.

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Sheriff taking threats of arrest seriously

Associated Press

REXBURG, Idaho—Madison County Sheriff Greg Moffat said Friday he's "absolutely" taking seriously threats from constitutionalists against himself, local judges and others.

"Felony" complaints against Moffat and others were signed recently, threatening arrest for various crimes. The complaints say the alleged offenses are punishable by death or imprisonment.

They also threaten that if the officials aren't arrested, "We the people shall bring you to justice under the law of posse comitatus."

At a meeting this week, Moffat asked the County Commission for a new ordinance to ban firearms from the Courthouse. The commission will take it up at its Dec. 11 meeting. It couldn't take effect until 30 days later, the first part of January.

Moffat also told commissioners he plans to make more use of metal detectors at courthouse entrances and will post notice that people will be subject to search when they enter the county building. He also will beef up day-to-day security at the Courthouse and sheriff's office with new locks.

The county may seek criminal complaints against those making the

threats.

"All these threats have been sent to the attorney general's office for possible investigation or the filing of felony charges against those who have filed felony charges of threatening or intimidating judiciary officials," the sheriff said.

The state will be asked to investigate and file any charges because Madison County officials are directly involved, the sheriff said.

Named as defendants in the "felony" complaints are Madison County Magistrate Judge Mark Rammell, District Judge Brent Moss, the sheriff's office, the Rexburg Police Department and members of the security force at Ricks College. Also named was Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, who had led state action against Rexburg resident Detsel Parkinson for his refusal to file state income tax returns.

"The threats are serious enough to be taken seriously," Moffat told county officials this week. "They are following a pattern in Montana and Texas where attempts were made on the lives of public officials."

In talking with Montana officials, Moffat said they told him the biggest mistake they made was not taking the threats seriously.

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ending all hunting. Mr. Brown admits over and over again...that (he) would like to see an end to all hunting. Basically, they conquer and divide. They start with a small group such as hound hunters or baiters and win sympathy from the public to defeat sound game management."

Such arguments really amount to nothing more than paranoia on the part of a very small number of hunters that exploit these black bears for profit, Brown said.

Brown thinks his exit will be positive for the initiative. "If there's any effect on the initiative, it will be positive, because it will take away any of the claims that (ICUB) is a bunch of radical, out-of-state people." The new chairman of ICUB will be former IDFG volunteer Lynn Fritchmann.

SNOW •FROM PAGE 1

mented improvements, such as earlier response time and new equipment, including a 3-ton truck and tractor. Depending on the emergency, work crews can be called at any time of the day or night.

"They do come out in the middle of the night. They'll start making the calls no matter what time it is," Sylvester said. Normally, crews begin around 5 or 6 a.m., he said.

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EPILEPSY •FROM PAGE 5

solved two hours after taking it. One batch was recalled because it was 68 percent dissolved. None of the recalled batches was off by more than two percentage points.

A University of Tennessee study funded by the FDA found Dilantin's quality could be off several more percentage points before the drug became dangerous.

But even small fluctuations are illegal, and the FDA cracks down on them because a company allowed a small violation might do worse next time, Lumpkin said.

This year's remaining two Dilantin recalls were more minor, where putting the wrong bottle cap on the injectable form of the drug discolored it.

The recalls should give patients "more assurance that if people are

watching this drug this closely, then what they're getting is good drug," Lumpkin said. "The system is forcing a drug that's hard to make to be made correctly."

Warner-Lambert had more recalls than other firms probably because since 1993 it has been under special legal scrutiny to ensure it meets manufacturing laws, FDA officials said.

Warner-Lambert officials would not comment on the 20 recalls, saying it was unfair to compare companies. But four were because Warner-Lambert stopped manufacturing certain drugs and, by law, had to pull the remaining stocks.

Patients may get more Dilantin information by calling the FDA at 301-443-5006 or Warner-Lambert at 800-221-5618.

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were dead.

At the University of Maine, potato specialist Ed Plissey says Maine's experience has been that "if more than 10 percent of the tubers show late blight infection going into storage, it's nearly impossible to stop the breakdown of the disease."

"My recommendation has always been that, if it looks like there is beginning to be a disease-breakdown situation in storage, the very best management practice is to deliver the potatoes to a potential

market as quickly as possible," Plissey says.

In 1993, Maine lost approximately 4 percent—nearly 1 million hundredweight—of its crop to late blight in storage. Problems subsided considerably in 1994, and 1995's drought had the silver lining of at least temporarily freeing Maine fields of the disease.

The blight-busting drought withered the state's potato harvest, but at least growers are enjoying "a fairly good storage situation for the Maine crop this year."

Highway closed indefinitely by slide

Associated Press

LEWISTON—U.S. Highway 12 between Lowell and Powell is expected to be closed for most of December after a section of the road was destroyed by a mud and rock slide.

The slide east of Kooskia temporarily blocked off the Lochsa River on Thursday, forcing it over U.S. 12 and forcing the highway's closure. The flooding that followed damaged the road so badly that a 1,000-foot section near No-see-um Creek, 25 miles east of Fleming, will have to be rebuilt.

The Idaho Transportation Department said it was moving equipment into the area on Friday, but that work could not begin until the water recedes.

Crews hoped to begin the project on Monday and to finish before the end of December.

The only alternate route available for points east of Kooskia, toward Montana, is north toward Coeur d'Alene and east on Interstate 90. Signs warning of the closure have been posted at Kooskia, Grangeville and Lewiston, and the road has been gated at Fleming, 25 miles west of the slide.

The closure could cost Swift Transportation an estimated \$10,000 a week, said Dave Cook, terminal manager in Lewiston. He said the national company usually runs about 15 trucks a day on U.S. 12 that now must be rerouted north.

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A witness in a neighboring apartment said he heard a woman crying and noise coming from Richards' apartment around 10 a.m. The other beating allegedly occurred between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.

Dotson said Richards denied beating Alves. Richards told Dotson that Alves came home with a bloody nose Nov. 11, but witnesses did not see her with a bloody nose.

Later, Richards said he and Alves

fought about 2 a.m. About 10 a.m., he pushed Alves out of bed with his feet several times when she tried to make up with him and he heard a pop when he hit her body. Richards said he left and did not recall what had happened during the 2 a.m. argument because he had been drinking.

Richards' bond was set at \$100,000. A preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 15 at 9 a.m.



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Idaho jail escapee captured at Texas motel

Associated Press

CISCO, Texas—A robbery suspect who had been sought in a manhunt in Arkansas was captured today at a motel, Cisco Police Lt. Kenneth Preston said.

Preston said that Tommy David Martin, 36, was arrested inside a room at the Oak Motel on Interstate 20 at 5 a.m. today. The Cisco community is about 140 miles west of Dallas.

Officer Mark Dailey was on a routine patrol when he spotted a car at the motel that had been reported stolen. After making certain it was the stolen car, Dailey arrested Martin without incident, Preston said.

Martin was not armed.

Martin and a companion who was captured when their car crashed Wednesday night were identified Thursday as two escapees from an Idaho jail, state police spokesman Wayne Jordan said.

Martin was driving a car stolen in New Mexico, with fellow escapee Lonnie Ray Wiseman, 27, of Pocatello, Idaho, when they

were spotted by state police Wednesday night. A chase ended in a crash of the stolen car, after which Wiseman was arrested and Martin fled, Jordan said.

Thursday night, scores of officers searched the woods south of Hot Springs for Martin, Jordan said.

A white 1976 Chevrolet Corvette was reported stolen in the area Thursday, and authorities believed Martin was in the car, bearing Arkansas tag number TLL-810, Jordan said. State police had released a photograph of Martin, taken by Idaho authorities, to help the public identify him, Jordan said.

Martin was serving 12 1/2 years at a prison in New Mexico on a federal bank robbery conviction when he was transferred to Idaho to testify in a trial in Twin Falls. On Sept. 11, he and Wiseman fled from the Cassia County Jail at Burley in southern Idaho, the fifth escape of Martin's career.

Wiseman and Martin are now wanted in connection with eight armed robberies in four

states from New Mexico to Arkansas, beginning in September after the Idaho escape, Jordan said.

Wiseman gave officers a false name, Leonardo Hirsh, when he was taken into custody, Jordan said, but he was correctly identified on Thursday.

Jordan said Martin was believed to be armed with a semi-automatic pistol. He described Martin as 5-foot-11, weighing 165 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes, last seen wearing a light blue jacket and a baseball cap. Martin has a variety of tattoos on his back, his arms and his right leg, Jordan said.

Wiseman was being held in the Garland County Jail, awaiting transport to the Washington County Jail, Jordan said. The last robbery with which the two are believed connected occurred at Fayetteville on Tuesday.

Jordan said a machine gun recovered from the wrecked car was identified as a MAC 10, though he didn't know if it was capable of fully automatic firing or semi-automatic.

Jordan said the men were being sought in connection with a string of armed robberies that began at Taos on Sept. 23. The robberies continued, Jordan said, at Santa Fe on Sept. 28; Carlsbad on Oct. 8; Silver City on Nov. 7; Clovis on Nov. 15; Amarillo, Texas, on Sunday; Edmond, Okla., on Sunday; and at Fayetteville, Ark., on Tuesday.

No one was injured in the robberies, Jordan said.

The car the men were driving when Ratliff spotted them had been stolen in New Mexico, Jordan said. After the crash, authorities recovered several thousand dollars from the car, as well as some drugs and the machine gun, Jordan said.

At the Idaho jail in September, Martin and Wiseman stuffed their beds with pillows and books to mask their escape. Jail guards failed to check the cells properly that night, and the pair was not determined to be missing until a headcount the next day, giving them a 14-hour head start.

Grandmother faces more attempted murder charges

Associated Press

BOISE—A 42-year-old Boise grandmother already jailed on murder and attempted murder charges now is accused of trying to kill two more of her grandchildren on Thanksgiving Day.

Susan Kathleen Stovern remained in jail without bond today on charges of first-degree murder for the death of 5-year-old Ashley Ann McQuillan, who was suffocated on

Thanksgiving Day, and attempted murder for allegedly trying to kill Ashley's 3-year-old sister, Alexandria, by drugging her.

On Thursday, authorities filed two new attempted murder charges accusing Stovern of drugging the girls' brothers, Christopher Michael, 4, and Sean Matthew, 10 months, after traces of the tranquilizer Valium were found in their systems, Boise Police Lt. Jim Tibbs

said.

Stovern, who faces a preliminary hearing next Thursday, had guardianship of the four children since their parents broke up two years ago. Neighbors said Stovern feared her former son-in-law would try to take the children away and simply snapped.

A graveside service and burial was scheduled today in Boise for Ashley after the girl's parents

resolved their dispute over where the slain girl should be buried.

Ashley's father, Phillip Eugene McQuillan of Kissimmee, Fla., filed a petition with Ada County Magistrate Patricia Flanagan last Friday to take the girl's body back to Florida while her mother, Jennifer Ann Cordingley of Boise, demanded that the child be buried in Idaho, where she was born.

The father's petition was with-

drawn, but McQuillan and Cordingley are still facing a court battle over custody of the three surviving children.

Iver Longteig, a Boise lawyer representing McQuillan in the custody case, said the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has taken control of the surviving children. The two boys are in foster care and Alexandria remained at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.



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Both government, Freemen wrong

Recently I took a trip to central Montana to do some pheasant hunting. While I was there, a local told me something which surprised me a great deal.

He told me about the recently created township of Justus near Jordan where anti-federal government outlaw Montanans—who call themselves Freemen—have holed up on a ranch. This local says the local law enforcement agencies don't have the manpower or the firepower to go in after some of the Freemen who have warrants out for their arrests on felony charges. Consequently, other locals, who are tired of living in fear of some of the Freemen, have armed themselves and formed a posse saying if federal or local law enforcement agents don't do anything, they will.

Given recent inland northwest events, the formation of a group of anti-government radicals is probably not news in itself. The formation of a posse to counteract the Freemen? This might be news, but if it's true, it seems mainstream media is uninterested in it. But here's what's interesting: many members of this posse are related to the Freemen.

This highlights what I see as a perceptual problem on the part of the media and the government toward anti-government militias and other quasi-terrorist groups. As a result of Ruby Ridge and Waco, law enforcement agencies have been reluctant to arrest or confront pockets of resistance. They fear such actions will fan the flames of unrest in the northwest.

The fact that citizens may be forming their own counteractions against anti-government activists shows just how fed up people are becoming with wackos running around with military-style weapons spewing forth conspiracy theories and complaining about how they've been the victims of government regulations and the "system."

Here are a couple of problems I have with the government backing off the Freemen and allowing them to escape justice.

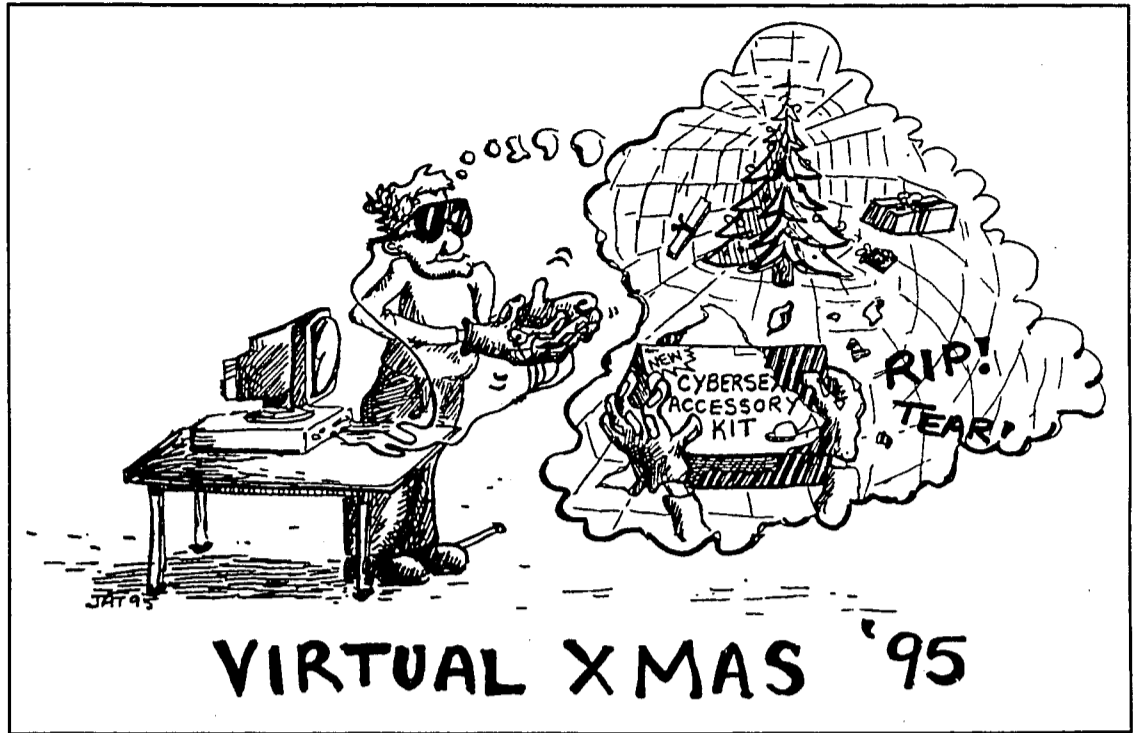
First, it sends the message that anyone with the ability to do so can find an isolated area, barricade themselves and not worry about being arrested. The Freemen, according to the local I talked to in Lewistown, Mont., frequently have non-violent skirmishes with local law enforcement officials. The Freemen have more firepower than the local sheriff, but the area's prosecutor says there will ultimately be bloodshed.

Second, it puts the lives and safety of innocent neighbors in jeopardy by allowing armed, angry men to wander around thinking they are the law of the land.

Third, it causes other people to wonder if these maniacs might not be speaking some amount of truth when they say the end of the federal government is at hand.

Fourth, it is easy for people to see the federal law officials as the bad guys when the BATF and the DEA run around in

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Adventures in entomology

Nobody said college was going to be easy—particularly here in the midst of post-Thanksgiving, pre-Christmas time. I like to call it Dead Month, because either I feel dead (read lack of sleep, too much homework) or I'm going to be dead when my professors finally get a hold of me (read lack of attendance, too much procrastination).

And of course there's work study. Some people think work study is not a real job, that we student employees are flettering away our days lazily, just waiting to pick up our gratuitous checks.

Well, you should have seen the day I had last week.

Welcome to "Adventures in Entomology," or "How I Learned to Identify a Wild Otiorynchus sulcatus (F.)."

The jungle: dark, mysterious, foreboding. No palatable water, no indoor plumbing. It had taken us several days to get there, but once we were, there was no turning back. We were alone in the wilderness, food and provisions were sparse, help would not come if we needed it. As I peered through the lush jungle foliage and the miles of undiscovered territory that lay waiting before me, my comrade sneered.

"Ugh, that smell!" Indeed, it was the deathly toxic rapeseed meal fumes rising from the forest floor.



Corinne Flowers

But we were in search of the elusive Otiorynchus, that evasive arthropod of the animal kingdom, and our mission was far more important than simple nasal discomfort or a lack of toilet facilities.

Seemingly harmless when alone, Otiorynchus is astronomically destructive in multitude. We were the only ones who could stop it, the only ones brave enough to hunt the wild creature, the only ones foolish enough to do it for minimum wage.

Machetes in hand, we hacked our way through the thick undergrowth. "There!" I whispered excitedly. "Up ahead! It's the largest Otiorynchus I've ever seen!" We silently approached our prey from behind. Quietly we stalked the plump, healthy female specimen as she munched contentedly, unaware of our presence.

Quite suddenly she turned around, baring her long fangs, twisting and writhing at us. "Quick! Grab her with the noose while I approach with the cage!" Working in unison we managed to

capture her with little harm to ourselves or the animal. We narrowly escaped with our lives—this time. Next time we might not be so lucky.

A lot of thanks and glory we get for \$4.50 an hour.

Okay, so it wasn't a jungle; it was the entomology lab. We don't get to use machetes, just tweezers and pocket knives. Otiorynchus is a tiny white grub we pick out of strawberry roots, then drop into specimen vials. The greater part of my day is spent hunched over a plastic tray. "Forty-four, 45, 46, hey! Look at this one! It's huge! Must be a half inch." Or "Is this a weevil grub or a beetle grub?" "Aieeeee! Centipede! Die die die!" as I hack away at the defenseless arthropod with my dull knife. Sure, it's less exciting this way, but some of it is true. The rapeseed meal, for instance, is a natural insecticide that we spread on the soil. The smell really is terrible. My comrades and I do battle nasty creatures, but these are usually in the form of kinked necks, tired eyes, and boredom. After five hours of grub hunting, even the best of us grow weary.

But I wouldn't trade it for the world. I've met some of the greatest people on my safari.

There's Leslie, champion of justice, leader of the grub expedition.

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Help, oh help! The spies are coming to GET ME!

You want a U.S.-citizen-in-his-won-country conspiracy theory? I'll give you a doozy. It's happening here in Moscow. In fact, just last week the case got blown wide open. The victim?

Me. Here's where the conspiracy started: Thursday, Nov. 30, 1995, 9 a.m. I enter the Administration Building computer lab, hoping against hope the computer with the scanner attached to it won't be in use by someone playing an "extremely important" round of solitaire. No such luck.

I consider myself lucky that there's one computer station open, though it may be due to the fact it's between two rather obnoxious accounting majors finishing up some end of the semester project.

Windows is taking a lot longer to boot up than usual. A scant five minutes later, I log on to my e-mail account. Five messages with who knows how many listening in as I read them and type my responses. Any one of them could be the infa-



Brian Davidson

mous FBI mole. The rest are probably hackers whose parents have scrambled the Playboy Channel again. Which is the spy? My boss from the paper? Not likely, though he is a former Marine. Nancy? All she sends is electronic hugs. A new friend from Texas? Maybe. I'll have to be careful what I send her.

Now, here's where the conspiracy really gets going: five out of five attempts to open a word processor, any word processor, even the Japanese word processor, fail miserably. The application became "unstable" or stopped "responding" to the "system". Quick as a flash and thanks to Ethan Garner of the Daily Evergreen, I immediately surmise what's going on: Spies.

Spies spying their spying ways on little ol' me. I never knew I was so important, I thought to myself as my ego expanded to unprecedented levels. These spies, obviously, know my movements, know I have important things, Very Important Things which I must type into a computer file before I forget them, so they spy on me, and...they follow me.

But how?

There's that new button I sewed onto my shirt this morning. That wad of gum I stepped on in front of the Perch. That dead ladybug in my coat pocket.

Ah-hah!

That's how They know to have one of their employed goons hog the scanner when I need it. That's how They know to hide the new Time and the box containing my hometown newspaper at the library. They're trying to drive me to some desperate act which will lead me into THEIR trap in the minuscule computer lab in THEIR HQ in the Agricultural Sciences Building (obviously THEIR front).

But I'll beat them. I have a computer at home not linked to anything but Washington Water Power. I have pens. I have paper. I can hide out in my apartment, exiting only for furtive runs to the local Safeway, and They'll never get me, NEVER!

And I have Rep. Helen Chenoweth and a bunch of other wet blankets who have believed every word of this tongue-in-cheek travesty.

The computers are slow and stubborn because that's the UI computer lab's trademark. Scanners are occupied by students finishing end of the year projects. The newspapers were gone to be microfilmed. And the gum I stepped on I also spat out.

What I'm getting at is this: the chances of becoming the subject of a domestic "spying" case are as likely as finding a sober non-Mormon frat boy on Saturday night.

Anyone out there wetting their pants over the possibility of some nasty FBI man zooming through

their e-mail or listening in on their phone calls should probably pay less attention to what they type and what they blab on the phone and pay more attention to what they blab in public.

You see, you people are loud, and give habitual eavesdroppers such as myself ample opportunity to know of your most intimate dealings without us having to lift a finger, electronic or otherwise.

Here's a sample of the stuff I overhear:

•One subject continually brags about a drug abuse problem, enumerating substance, frequency and location of injections both on campus and on the body.

•Countless subjects reveal who, when, how many and how often they plan on having sex this weekend, this week, or within the hour. They mention whether condoms will be used, and brag when one (or several) will not be used.

•One subject revealed to another great reluctance over the urgent necessity to purchase a

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Student Voice

Some basic facts about the Israel/Palestine problem you may not know

Did you Know?

...that when Britain created the Palestine problem in 1917, more than 90 percent of the population of Palestine were Arab and there were no more than 66,000 Jews in Palestine?
 ...that more than half of the Jews living in Palestine at that time were recent immigrants who had come to Palestine in the preceding decades in order to escape persecution in Europe and that less than 5 percent of the population of Palestine were native Jews?
 ...that the Arabs of Palestine at that time owned 97.5 percent of the land while Jews (native Palestinians and recent immigrants together) owned only 2.5 percent of the land?
 ...that during the 30 years of British occupation and rule, the Zionists were able to purchase only 3.5 percent of the land of Palestine in spite of the encouragement of the British Government and that much of this land was transferred to Zionist bodies by the British Government directly and was not sold by Arab owners?
 ...that therefore, when British passed the

Guest Commentary
 Houssam Tarakji

Palestine Problem to the United Nations in 1947, Zionists owned no more than 6 percent of the total land area of Palestine?
 ...that notwithstanding these facts, the General Assembly of the U.N. recommended that a "Jewish state" be established in Palestine and that the Assembly granted that proposed "state" about 54 percent of the total area of the country?
 ...that Israel occupies the total land of Palestine and drove millions of Palestinians out of their country at gun point?
 ...that this territorial expansion took place, for the most part, before May 15, 1948: i.e., before the formal end of the British forces from Palestine, before the entry of Arab

armies to protect Palestinian Arabs, and before the Arab-Israeli war?

...that the 1947 recommendation of the General Assembly in favor of the creation of a "Jewish state" was outside the power of the Assembly under the Charter of the U.N.?
 ...that all attempts by the Arab states and other Asian countries to have the Assembly submit the question of "constitutionality" of its recommendation to the Internal Court of justice for an "advisory opinion" by the Court were rejected or ignored by the Assembly?
 ...that when the Assembly began to experience "second thoughts" over the matter and convened for its second special session in 1948, it failed to reaffirm the 1947 recommendation for the partition of Palestine—thus destroying whatever dubious legality that recommendation for the establishment of a "Jewish state" had had?
 ...that the original 1947 recommendation to create a "Jewish state" in Palestine was approved, at the first vote, only by European (except for Sweden, Norway and

Switzerland), American, and Australian states...every Asian state, every south American state (except Argentina), and every African state (with the exception of the Union Of South Africa) voted against it and that when the vote was cast in plenary session on Nov. 29, 1947, urgent American pressures (which a member of the Truman cabinet described as "bordering onto scandal") had succeeded in prevailing only upon one African country (Liberia), both of which had special vulnerability to American pressures, to abandon their declared opposition. And that in other words, the "Jewish state" was planted at the point-of-intersection of Asia and Africa without the free approval of any Middle Eastern, Asian or African country except that Union of South Africa, itself ruled by an alien minority?
 ...that Israel remained, ever since its inception, a total stranger in the emerging world of Afro-Asia, and that it has been refused

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Letters to the Editor

Bosnia: The next Vietnam?

My fellow citizens, we have a serious situation here in the U.S. The sending of troops to Bosnia scares the hell out of me and it should concern every American. It has all the signs of Vietnam: military advisors, a civil war, neutral peace keepers, no exit strategy, and most plan or object for winning! Why don't we just stay out of there and let them fight their own little war?
 We are only going to prolong the war by arming one side against the other—which is what we are planning to do. The only way this war is going to end is if one side WINS; gee, go figure.
 In war your objective is to wipe out the enemy, and if you do not, then they will wipe you out, period. Let's let the Serbs and Muslims fight out their war, and maybe we can bring an end to it soon.

We have no business being there. There is no threat to the U.S.; we have to stop being the world's police force like we have been in Somalia and Haiti. We solved nothing in those two places. We have enough problems here at home to be worrying about people shooting at themselves in the former Yugoslavia. Lastly, we can't afford to pay for it! The government is broke! Let's hope "Charming Billy" comes to his senses and brings the troops home.

—Matt Stull

Setting the record straight

My son, Russ Wright, the Argonaut opinion editor, recently wrote an article for the Outdoors section in the Tuesday, Nov. 28 edition regaling our recent pheasant hunting trip to Montana.
 Let's set the record straight...on several issues, namely: my opinion

on his opinions (he seems to have a lot of them, doesn't he?) and his thinly veiled attempt to disguise his inability in the hunting arena.
 Do any of you wonder where Russ gets all of his inflammatory opinions, his biting criticisms of our hallowed institutions and his stinging wit of all those things that most of us don't keep in our conscious thoughts? Well I'll tell you where he gets them! He shops around for them! That's right! He's constantly on the phone with the Pope, the President, his parents, local farmers, anyone who will talk to the guy! I'm sure that AT&T must give him a discount or frequent flier mileage points. Now I

understand how he's able to take all those airline trips. I originally thought that he was accepting kickbacks or vigorish.
 Let's examine his latest ruse about our guided pheasant hunting trip to Montana. He was right when he said I was a crack shot. Russ is a crack shot too, only he shoots at the cracks between the birds. This is the truth—I spent two and a half days carrying his extra shotgun shells to keep him in the field and out of the local bars.
 He mentioned the amenities associated with a guided hunt and even belittles some aspects such as riding around in the guide's truck. Yet, I never heard him say "Dad,

you go ahead and ride in the truck, and I'll run along beside it."
 Well I've droned long enough about his writing and hunting skills, but he's one hell of a son, and I'm going to keep him!
 —Larry Wright

Editor's note: I was forced to publish this letter (after substantial editing—my father is a mechanical engineer and can't write his way out of a wet paper bag) or my father said he would write me out of his will (considering he spends his money as fast as he earns it, this is not a very big threat, but better safe than sorry I say—he might win the lotto).

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military-style uniforms using automatic weapons. What happened to the easily distinguishable suits and sensible weapons? What would be wrong with wearing uniforms more in accordance with law enforcement rather than some paramilitary group? It certainly doesn't help to stop the conspiracy theories which seem to spread like wildfire among the paranoid and uninformed.

Justus—the name the Freemens have given their newly founded

township—appeals to my sense of irony. Not only does it play upon the word "justice" and how they are escaping it, but it also highlights the fact that the town, with its own currency, laws and officials, is an exclusive community: it's "just us" who are allowed and no one else. I like this latter irony the best. The Freemens have found a way to exclude themselves from the very laws which allow them to own and possess those things which they do:

firearms, vehicles, homes and land. You have to wonder how much of an effort anti-federalists and people in militias are making to change government in a non-violent manner—such as getting involved in local, state and national politics—before they resort to more radical measures. They probably feel it might be a somewhat fruitless effort, and it's really up to all of us to show them different.

—Russ Wright

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She tirelessly treks through experiment after experiment, always patient. She's a powerful woman of steel with a great big heart.

And Siri, girl-wonder, whose wit keeps us from falling asleep face first into our piles of larvae-infested soil. This is one tough dame, I've seen her tackle hundreds of grubs single-handedly.

Brad, staunch guardian of the computer screen, who occasionally makes the long journey from office to laboratory to check up on us. He may seem like the shy, quiet type,

but underneath that calm exterior lurks a wild and crazy party animal.

John, ex-surf punk and fellow weevil hunter. Mild-mannered entomologist by day, defender of bug freedom by night.

And Prof. Joe, who keeps a concerned and watchful eye on the whole group else we go astray and throw a big party with the beakers and bunsen burners.

Then there's me, Corinne R. Flowers, girl-genius. I periodically spout off some useless information that has little or nothing to do with

anything. But that's why they keep me around—comic relief.

Yep, it's a jungle out there, and we are armed with only our brains. (Unfortunately ammunition runs a little low this time of year).

So the next time you see a healthy rhododendron or a big bug on a pin, think of us.

We are the few, the proud, the underpaid.

We are the work studies, the grad students, the lab aides.

We are more than ready for winter break.

SPIES •FROM PAGE 9

name-brand anti-inflammatory agent.

Various groups of sorority women are prone to shouting phone numbers and e-mail addresses (including passwords) in the reverie of twilight on the hill near Morill Hall.

Take note: this is information I gathered without openly searching for it only this week. I could just as well have named names. I could set up my own system of "secret" files.

We are light years from having a government as heavy-handed as the one described by George Orwell. The government of Big Brother sought, almost always successfully, to stamp out thought and expression of any sort on the individual level, which is much more hellish

and evil than attempting to monitor telephone and computer communications coming from criminals, big-time or small.

Your average citizen, even those prone to paranoia, have nothing they need fear.

"Yes we do!" some will whine.

"THEY can check on who we call, how much money we have in the bank, and how shaky our credit ratings are! Then they'll SWOOP down on us in their BLACK helicopters with the SILENT rotors coated with owl FEATHERS to make them even more quiet! They'll TAKE away our stolen cable connections and their dogs will SEIZE our PIZZA!"

Who cares?

I have \$1,198 in savings, \$400

some-odd in checking. Last month I made several calls home to Idaho Falls and a few to a friend in Rexburg, Idaho, along with calls to various friends here in Moscow. I have a credit card with a \$500 limit that I have never used. I also have a secret stash of Starburst candies in my sock drawer and have joined the BMG music club twice within the past two years only to take advantage of their 10 CDs for the price of one offer. And I can't afford pizza. Voici mes squelettes.

Anyone wanting to know this kind of lackluster information has got to be bored out of his skull. Only those participating in illegal activities ought to be shaking in their boots. The rest of us have nothing really worth hiding.

PALESTINE •FROM PAGE 10

admission to any conference of Asian, African or non-aligned states ever held?

...that since the General Armistice Agreements were signed in 1949, Israel has maintained a policy of waging military attacks across the Armistice Demarcation Lines, repeatedly invading the territories of neighboring Arab states and it has been rebuked for these military attacks by the Security Council of the General Assembly of the U.N. on eleven occasions?

...that no other country in the world, whether member of the U.N. or not, has been so frequently condemned by the U.N.?

...that no Arab state has ever been condemned by any organ of the U.N. for attacks upon Israel?

...that Israel was responsible for massacring thousands of civilians, including women and children, in Palestine and Lebanon and that it violated the Geneva convention of warfare in its attacks against Arab neighbors by using unconventional weapons of mass destruction like cluster bombs and the 250mm phosphorous artillery shells..?

...that besides expelling the bulk of the Arab inhabitants of Palestine and constantly attacking the neighboring Arab states, Israel has also harassed U.N. observers stationed along the Armistice Demarcation Lines: it has assassinated the first U.N. mediator and his aide; it has detained truce observers; it has occupied and illegally searched the headquarters of U.N. personnel and it has boycotted meetings of the

Mixed Armistice Commissions?

...that Israel has imposed a system of apartheid upon Arabs who stayed in their homeland? More than 90 percent of these Arabs live in "security zones"; they alone live under martial law, restricting their freedom to travel from village to village or from town to town; their children are denied equal opportunities for education and they are denied decent opportunities for work, and the right to receive "equal pay for equal work?"

...that notwithstanding the foregoing facts, Israel has always been, and still is, portrayed in the Western press as the "bastion of democracy" and the "champion of peace" in the Middle East?

...that the Western Powers have persisted in declaring their determination to ensure a so-called "arms balance" in the area, as between Israel, on one hand, and the one-hundred million inhabitants of the thirteen Arab states, on the other hand?... And this unilateral Western doctrine of so-called "arms balance" is no more reasonable than the suggestion that in the Cuba-USA conflict, there should be "arms balance" as between Cuba and the United States... Or that the whole Continent of Africa should not be allowed to acquire more arms than South Africa... Or that Mainland China should not be permitted to have more arms than Taiwan... and that only thus can peace be safeguarded in the Western Hemisphere, in Africa, in Asia or in Europe?

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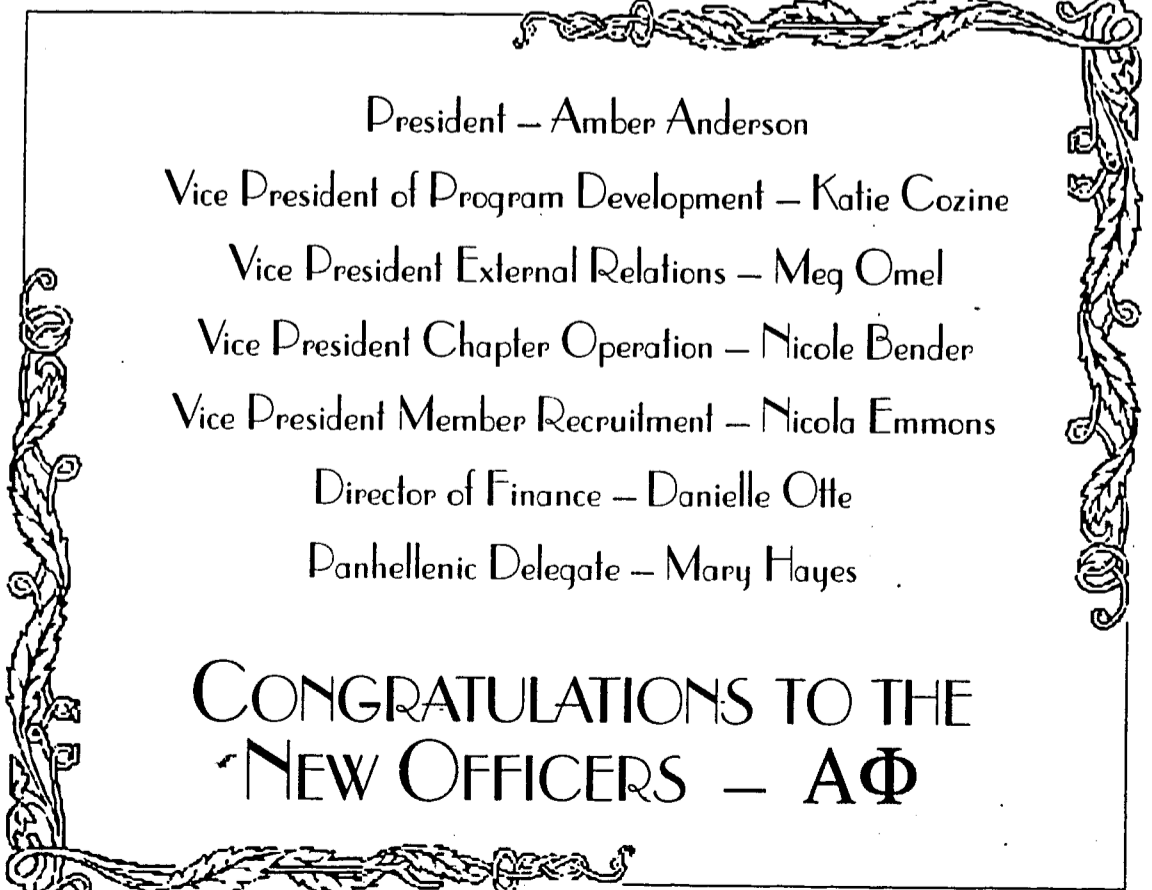
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Local backcountry skiing diverse

Erik Marone

Staff

Skiing is a sport that constantly offers challenge and fun. There are a number of companies that focus on maximizing the experience of skiing, but in very different ways.

One skiing option quickly gaining popularity is backcountry ski tours. Many companies offer skiers the opportunity to ski virgin powder via snowcats or helicopters. Peak Adventures, based a short hour and a half away in Cataldo, Idaho, offers skiing on some of the highest peaks in the St. Joe Mountains for \$125 per day, which includes lunch. After taking a snowcat to the top, skiers, snowboarders and telemarkers have entire mountains of untouched snow at their disposal.

Wing Ridge Ski Tours, out of Joseph, Oregon, offers an extended vacation package in Oregon's Wallowa Mountains. With two shelters available, the Eagle Cap Wilderness is open to cross-country skiers for \$95 a day, which includes three meals and guide services in addition to use of the shelters. Roger Averbeck, the outfit's guide, is a member of the National Ski Patrol with two decades of Nordic skiing and seven years of skiing experience in the Wallowa Mountains to his credit.

The shelters are not mere huts in the woods, either. Each shelter has 12 bunks, wood stoves, white gas lanterns, propane cookstoves, cooking utensils and sleeping pads. All you need is a sleeping bag, winter clothing and your skis. And don't forget a towel so you can take advantage of the shelters' wood-fired sauna tents.

Although skiing the backcountry is extremely challenging, it can be one of the most memorable experiences you'll ever have on skis. However, if you're looking for skiing in a more maintained area, Sportours has specialized in arranging ski packages both in North America and overseas, for more than 20 years.

From Aspen to Zurich, Sportours will organize a complete ski vacation including airfare, accommodations, travel and lift passes. In North

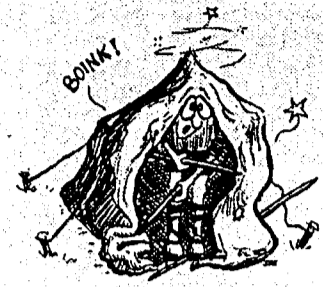


America, most packages also include multi-area lift passes to resorts in an area.

Sportours has an 800 number from which you can request information on everything from specific ski resorts to skiing health tips, as well as the schedule for screenings of Warren Miller's latest skiing feature, *Endless Winter*. Once you request the information, it is faxed to you in seconds, so you have plenty of time to browse the info and decide on what vacation you'd like to take. The fax request line is 1-800-375-4329.

To make reservations or to talk to an agent, call 1-800-660-2754.

Peak Adventures can be reached at (208) 682-3200. Wing Ridge Ski Tours phone number is 1-800-646-9050. Reservations are required at both outfits. Why not explore the world of skiing this winter with a backcountry ski tour or let professionals take care of the details for you? All you'll have to worry about is finding that powder.



OUTDOOR TIP OF THE WEEK:

HAVE YOUR SAY! This is your chance to let the powers that be know what you want to see in the new student recreation center. Want a bigger climbing wall? How about an expanded Rental Center? This is an important meeting for you to attend, since student input is taken into consideration for the planning of this space. The more people there demanding larger climbing facilities, the better chance there is of it happening. This meeting will be to gather ideas specifically for the adventure activity space (Climbing Wall, Ropes-Challenge course, Outdoor Program, Rental Center, etc.) The meeting begins at 7 p. m., Dec. 6 in the Student Union Silver room. For further information contact Dr. Cal Lathan, Campus Recreation director, 885-7921

PALOUSE PUMP

The second annual Palouse Pump indoor climbing competition is scheduled for Dec. 9. There are beginner, intermediate and advanced divisions. Prizes are donated by HyperSpud Sports, Intrepid Watersports Inc., Misty Mountain Threadworks, RockStar, Crazy Creek Products and Rock & Ice and Climbing magazines have donated subscriptions. There is a \$5 entry fee, or \$14 if you want a T-shirt. The competitions starts at 9 a. m., but pre-registration is a good idea since different categories climb at different times. For more information or to request an entry form, contact Campus Recreation, 204 Memorial Gym or 885-6381.

CAC wants drastic changes to elk hunting

Jerri Lake

Staff

Over 500 hunters, sportsmen and landowners attended an open house in Moscow sponsored by the Idaho Fish and Game Department. The issue is the changes for the Clearwater Region recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee for elk and deer hunting.

The 21 member committee presented their ideas based upon information furnished by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and sportsmen's recommendations from open houses last August.

These recommendations are for the Clearwater Region only, which is composed of units 8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 12-16, 16A and 17-20.

Some changes include choosing season, weapon and unit. These recommendations require hunters to choose one section at the beginning of the season and stay within that section throughout the season.

Currently hunters have to choose one of three areas for elk tags. The mountain area covers the back country units, panhandle covers units one through nine and the regular covers the rest of the state. The new proposals would require hunters to choose the exact unit within that area.

Other recommendations include having to choose a specific weapon to hunt with. If hunters choose bow, muzzleloader or high powered rifle, they could only hunt the season and unit for the style of weapon chosen.

When other states, such as Colorado, enacted "choose your weapon," the border line archers and muzzleloaders reverted to using high powered rifles. Because of changing to a more efficient weapon and skills learned while hunting with a primitive weapon, the kill rate on wildlife increased.

CAC has proposed temporarily converting the Clearwater region to a controlled hunt only

area. They believe in decreasing the harvest of bulls by reducing hunter participation through limited and unlimited controlled hunts. The unlimited controlled hunts would be for spike elk only. Limited controlled hunts would be for

If hunters want their voices heard, write it down and submit your comments to the Fish and Game.

—Rod Parker
Idaho Fish and Game

cows and some branched antlered bulls in selected units.

CAC also wants to keep the back country area outfitter's quotas at the current level of permits and allow their clients to shoot any bull elk. Many sportsmen at the meeting disagreed with this proposal; they felt it unfair to allow out of state hunters the opportunity for a large bull elk while resident hunters could only shoot a spike.

Spike only hunts have been tried in the southeastern part of Idaho for several years with good success. It has allowed many branch antlered bulls to attain large trophy racks. These larger bulls are needed to maintain a healthy gene pool for breeding.

Because area terrain is more mountainous and does not have the wide-open areas of the Southeast, local elk are harder to harvest. This

is one reason several felt the spike only hunts would not work well in this part of the state.

What has worked in several parts of the state is road closures. When areas with a lot of roads allow a high concentration of hunters, the kill ratio on elk and deer increases drastically.

Michael Gratson is with the Idaho Fish and Game specializing in road closure research, "Closing some roads to cut down on the distance a hunter can penetrate an area increases the survival rate of elk," said Gratson.

Some units have been made off limits to ATV's to decrease the penetration into a unit. This allows a safe haven for deer and elk beyond the distance a hunter can walk and still get his game out.

Other proposals include increasing the number of depredation hunts in areas hardest hit by game related crop damage and starting archery season later to prevent game waste due to hot weather.

Sportsmen attending the Moscow open house exceeded the 300 in Orofino Monday, 500 in Lewiston Tuesday and 275 in Grangeville Wednesday. The different representatives of CAC and the Idaho Fish and Game said sportsmen at all four open houses were voicing their opinions and filling out the comment response sheets.

The Fish and Game is still taking comments related to the subjects presented at the open house. "If hunters want their voices heard, write it down and submit your comments to the Fish and Game," said Rod Parker of the Idaho Fish and Game.

The comments and information from the four open houses will be compiled and made ready for presentation to the general public at additional open houses about January. After the open houses, the information and public comments will be submitted to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to make the final decisions for next season.

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Old tree inspires religion

Dennis Sasse
Copy Editor

Litter covers the floor; the cathedral has seen little human maintenance, but the ceiling canopy is strong and the ceremony is not too pretentious in chapel big tree.

It is a place where, as my travel companion stated, "You feel like you should be quiet." It is a place of reverence and beauty.

It is also a good place to visit now—in between the lazy days of Indian summer and the full blown onset of winter snow, which just may be close by. And it will remain open until the snow gets too deep.

The Forest Service pamphlet calls it The Giant Western Red Cedar. Western Red Cedar is the species' common name but, to locals and those who have seen it, it is simply the big tree."

The big tree sits majestically above a small creek. It has seen virtually all of man's recorded history. For 3,000 years it has been standing guard over the Elk River drainage. Silent in vigil, the gentle giant is the largest tree in Idaho, and is now the second largest cedar in the Northwest. The

big tree awaits a day in the sun, when it will be the biggest and baddest kid on the block.

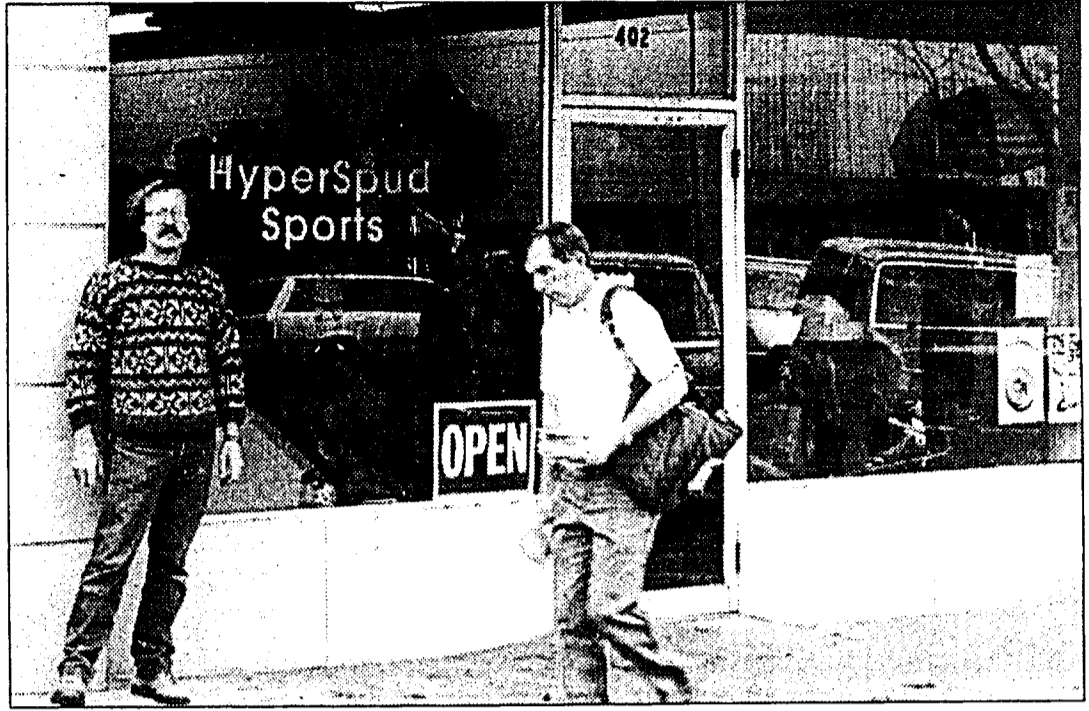
Second largest or not, this is a sight to behold—I am told the tree missed first place by an inch or two. Often friends have told me to go see the big tree, but until now, I hadn't. When in Elk River I have always done the expected things, seen the falls, watched hydro races, played on snow machines, drank on the 4th of July, etc....Anyway, the tree is about 10 miles northwest of town off a gravel road. The access is easy and the paths are paved.

To find the tree leave the north side of Elk River on Road 382 and follow it. About 10 miles up this gravel road on the right you will see road 4763, and a sign pointing you towards the giant. That's all, and you are there.

While in the neighborhood, check out the Old Growth Cedar Grove, with trees up to 500 years old. For a longer day trip check out Elk or Hemlock Butte. The views are superb and the trip is nice.

Quiet times, inspirational views and quiet reverence are essential to spiritual health. Take the time and make the trip before the snow flies.

Let's go shopping



John Crock (left) stands outside his business, Hyperspod Sports, in its new location on Main Street in downtown Moscow. Jared Smith



Avalanche Awareness Workshop

The Outdoor Program is offering a free workshop on Avalanche Awareness for skiers, climbers, snowboarders and others that venture into the winter wilderness. The workshop is Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Russet room. The public is welcome to attend. For more information contact the Outdoor Program in the basement of the Student Union.

Avalanche Awareness Field Session

This is offered in conjunction with the workshop. This is a workshop is an opportunity to get "hands-on" training in determining the complex variables involved in avalanche assessment. Participants must have attended the workshop to join in this trip. The site is to be announced. The fee is \$25 and covers transportation and transceiver/shovel rental. Sign up with the Outdoor

Program in the basement of the Student Union.

Guest Lecture

Dr. Ernest Brannon of the Aquaculture Institute will be presenting "Reclassification of Chinook Salmon Racial Structure Based on Life History of the Species" on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. This lecture is sponsored by the Palouse Unit of the American Fisheries Society and will be held in the Forestry Building Room 14.

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Andrew Longeteig

The University of Montana football program should be the most respected program in the Big Sky Conference. In fact, I wish the University of Idaho football program resembled UM more in all aspects such as recruitment, facilities, success and atmosphere.

This column is not a sucker punch to the UI football program, which I have wholeheartedly admired and followed for 10 years. After all, the Vandals have established one of the winningest football teams in the nation for 14 years.

Since McNeese State eliminated Idaho from the Division I-AA playoffs, I've been pulling for Montana. They are 12-2 after destroying Eastern Kentucky 48-0 and Georgia Southern 45-0 in Missoula during the playoffs. Saturday, they face Stephen F. Austin in the semifinals, which stomped the Grizzlies last week...of Appalachian State.

Ironically, Montana suffered its only I-AA loss to Idaho, a 55-43 drubbing in the Dome. Their only other setback was a 38-21 Washington State victory in Pullman, a game Montana could have won.

But, we're going to the prestigious Big West Conference, so this makes us better and stuff, right? I refrain from comment.

Who needs a dome?

I viewed one game in Montana's Washington-Grizzly Stadium—last year's Vandals-Grizzlies matchup. I'll never forget it.

The 18,500-seat stadium is nestled against some greenish mountain (I have no clue what it's called) with an enormous white "M" overlooking the playing field. By the way, the playing field is below ground level, with the top of the bleachers poking just above the entrance of the stadium.

The ambience was incredible. The electricity is unparalleled in the Big Sky. The fans were crazier than Boise State supporters. The thick grass was sprinkled with a chilly morning dew, the sun shining through crisp, fresh air. The beer was flowing a few leapfrogs away in a tent where most fans visited before, at halftime and after the game.

This, my friends, is an ideal football atmosphere. Sure, the Kibbie Dome is versatile, being home to football, basketball, tennis and track, but I wish it were never built. I would love to stand in a chilly Moscow breeze, bundled in a variety of winter clothes, yelling my inebriated face off for the Vandals. (It's also a viable excuse to cuddle with someone.)

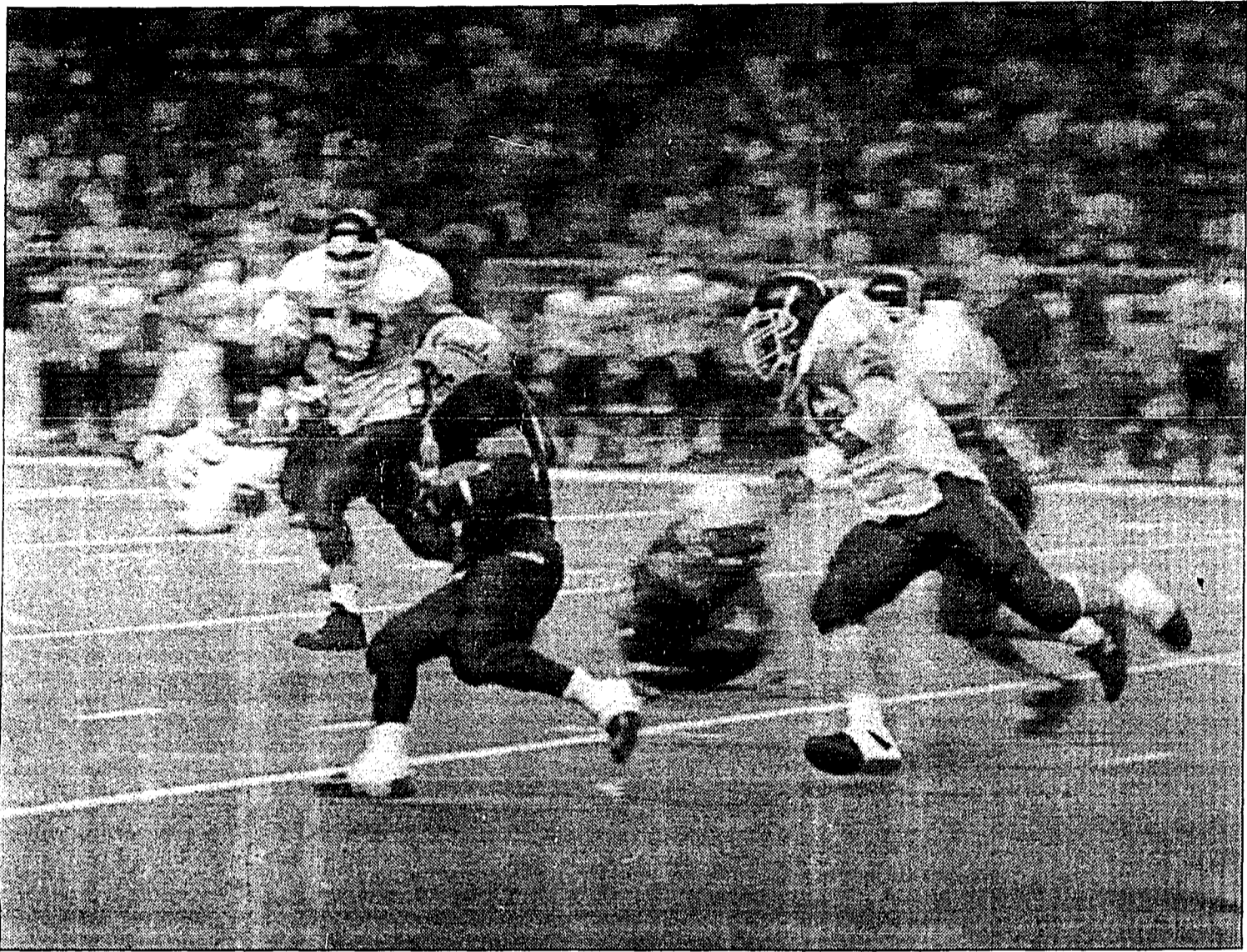
UI fans are apathetic. Yes, we did draw well this year, thanks to popular rivalries and Marketing Director Mike Hogan. But, besides BSU, the game that fans were most involved in was...Division II Sonoma State? Yep. Pitiful, huh.

In the early 1970s, before the construction of the Kibbie Dome, a plan called for an open-air, natural grass, 20,000-seat football stadium. Apparently, those plans were used as kindling or toilet paper. Damn.

UM, meanwhile, is enjoying its friendly confines. The last time Montana lost at home was in 1992, falling to Eastern Washington 27-21.

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Football season has ups, downs



Carey Powell

Idaho's Lavonni Kidd (with ball) filled in capably when starting running back Joel Thomas sustained a knee injury.

Vandals reach Division 1-AA playoffs despite early season struggles

Damon Barkdull

Staff

Some Big Sky skeptics may have called the Vandals 6-5 overall record a bust, but true Vandals are as proud about this past season as any.

Consider the fact that the Vandals did something they haven't done in four years—beat the University of Montana, led by Walter Payton candidate Dave Dickenson. And the 33-13 trouncing over Boise State isn't your ordinary, everyday win either. Not to mention the fact that the Vandals advanced to the Division I-AA playoffs this season, although they did get hammered by the McNeese State Cowboys—who have ousted Idaho from the playoffs three out of the last four years.

"I was hoping to compete for a conference championship," newly hired Idaho coach Chris Tormey said. "We came a long way this season and turned things around. I consider this season a success considering the injuries and the new coaching staff."

The low points are what bring the skeptics out of the closet and that low point began with Idaho's first game of the season against Pacific-10 Conference member Oregon State.

Tormey and his free-agent



coaching staff felt fairly confident they could give the Beavers a run for their money. Considering Idaho's record against Division I-A teams over the past three years (3-0), it wasn't a bad wager to make. But Idaho's offense sputtered and starting senior quarterback Eric Hisaw couldn't find his niche and was later replaced by backup QB Brian Brennan. Two big plays by the OSU offense killed the Vandals and eventually Idaho found itself 0-1, falling 14-7 to the Beavers.

After a bye week, the Vandals played host to the Division II Sonoma State Cossacks. Like everyone thought, Idaho won in a big way, roughing up the non-scholarship school 66-3 on Dad's weekend. Many people had worries about the Vandal running game coming into this game after an injury to power running back Joel Thomas, but Lavonni Kidd soon crushed all the doubts running for 138 yards and two touchdowns.

Weirdly enough, one would have thought that the Vandals would have scheduled a game after an easy romp over SSU, but unfortunately the momentum was stopped in midair and Idaho enjoyed another bye weekend. Thankfully the bye week did one good thing for the Vandals—gave

Thomas time to recuperate from a knee injury. Too bad the Idaho State Bengals didn't care that he was back, as a swarming defense kept Idaho's starting QB, Brennan, scrambling for his life and throwing to invisible receivers. Again, the Vandal offense struggled on the road and Idaho was beaten 26-21 by the Bengals in Pocattello.

A week later the Vandals found themselves on the road and again Idaho's offense sputtered, losing to the Montana State Bobcats 16-13 in Bozeman. The two headed QB combo of Brennan and Hisaw was again ineffective and had coach Tormey scratching his head, trying to find the right man for the job.

The next game was at home—homecoming in fact. And the 1-3 Vandals were looking for their first Big Sky Conference win. Tormey finally found his QB, and Hisaw was on fire, passing for 308 yards and going 16 for 30 on completions as the Vandals romped 37-10 over the Eastern Washington Eagles.

The Vandals knew what they faced the following weekend. The nationally-ranked Montana Grizzlies. Worst of all, the Vandal seniors had never beaten the Griz. But there was an weird feeling in the air and Idaho had a hot QB of its own, Hisaw. The 55-43 triumph over the Griz in the Kibbie Dome that day had everybody in Moscow feeling good about a conference championship. It's just too bad that the Vandals were again on the road, where they were winless in their last three outings. This time the UI lost to lowly Weber State and for coach Tormey, this was the definite low point of the season.

"That was one of the toughest losses I've ever witnessed," Tormey said. "I thought we had

turned it around."

They soon did and went on to defeat ranked opponents Northern Arizona and Northern Iowa on the road. Led by starting QB Hisaw, the Vandals were ready for the showdown with arch rival BSU in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals controlled the ball early, and silenced the BSU supporters with a 33-13 stomping. Although the Vandals thought they were out of the playoff hunt, Tormey felt good about the season.

"You can always second guess yourself, but you try to do the best job you can," Tormey said. "I'd like to get those three road losses back, but you have to deal with it."

As history goes, the Vandals made the playoffs by a thread and got spanked by the top-ranked Cowboys in the opening round of the playoffs.

But with a core of returning starters coming back, Tormey can almost forget the loss to the Cowboys.

"We've got some definite holes to fill, but I feel really good about the defense that comes back next year," Tormey said.

The Vandals do lose four of five starters on the offensive line and playmakers Hisaw and Dwight McKenzie, but the Vandal running game should be intact when Thomas returns next season from a knee injury.

On defense, the Vandals return almost their entire starting crew. Next year the front four of Ryan Phillips, Tim Wilson, Ryan Smith and Barry Mitchell all return. At the linebacker spot, the Vandals lose Dave Longoria and Avery Slaughter but return all-American candidate Jason Shelt. In the secondary, Idaho returns three out of four starters, although Tormey says that the secondary does need to be improved upon.

Vandals rally in second half, still fall at buzzer

Mark Vanderwall

Staff

ference in the game.

"The deciding factor when you play on the road is adjusting to the officiating. They shot 35 free throws we shot nine," Holt said. "We shot 33 percent from the foul line; if we shoot 50 percent we win hands down."

Ari Skorpik led the Vandals with 14, followed by Rice with 10 points and 9 rebounds. Johnson and Stone finished with nine and eight points respectively, as the Vandals are off again until Friday night when they host the Best Western Invitational at 7 p.m. in Memorial Gym.

IDAHO (68)

Skorpik 5-12 1-2 14, Rice 5-13 0-1 10, Johnson 3-10 0-0 9, Stone 4-8 0-0 8, Hawks 3-4 0-0 6, McDaniel 3-4 0-0 6, Morris 2-3 2-3 6, Greenwood 2-4 0-1 4, Ortner 1-3 0-0 3, Ackerman 1-4 0-1 2, Blakley. Totals 29-65 3-9 68.

SACRAMENTO STATE (69)

Stapp 7-14 3-4 19, Bowman 3-11 7-10 13, Karley 2-7 2-4 8, Boudreaux 2-11 3-4 7, Wastell 2-5 2-2 6, Townsend 0-1 2-2 2, Hunter 1-6 0-0 2. Totals 19-62 27-35 69.

Halftime score_CSS 34, UI 26. 3-point goals_UI 7-21 (Skorpik 3-7, Johnson 3-9, Ortner 1-3, Ackerman 0-2), CSS 4-12 (Karley 2-4, Stapp 2-5, Enders 0-3). Rebounds_UI 46 (Rice 9), CSS 43 (Bowman 10). Assists_UI 18 (McDaniel 6), CSS 12 (Wastell 3). Total fouls_UI 26, CSS 18. Technicals_none. Attendance_106.

• When the Vandals took the floor last Thursday evening, they

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The Idaho women's basketball team has started to develop a reoccurring habit that doesn't allow it to put the ball in the basket in the final seconds of a game.

With another heartbreaking defeat coming at the hands of the Sacramento State Hornets Sunday night 69-68, Idaho has shown it is improved, but the win column has yet to fully garner its efforts. Putting themselves in position to win their first three games, Idaho's record is 1-2. In the two losses, Idaho has been outscored by only five points and has had ample opportunity to be 3-0.

With 11 seconds remaining Sunday's game, Erin Enders hit two free throws to push the Hornet lead to three at 69-66. On the following possession UI's Kelli Johnson scored a lay-up with 4 seconds left to make the score 69-68. Idaho fouled Sarah Stapp and she missed the free throw. Jennifer Stone grabbed the rebound for Idaho with three seconds left, but the Vandals were unable to get another shot off, thus producing the final score of 69-68.

"In the second half we competed and played to win. We just waited too long. You have to play a whole game," Idaho Coach Julie Holt said.

Foul trouble was once again a factor as it was in the loss to Gonzaga last week. Mindy Rice played only 22 minutes against the Hornets after getting in early foul trouble and eventually fouling out along with Jill Ortner.

Another problem area was the charity stripe, where the UI club made only 3-9 shots. The Hornets, in contrast, canned 27-35 free throws which proved to be the dif-

Idaho hoopsters split in Missouri

Dan Eckles

Sports Editor

The Idaho Vandals got mixed reviews over the weekend en-route to capturing third place at the Capital Bank Classic in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The Vandals could not put a full 60 minutes together Friday night as a second half rally fell short against the Mississippi Valley State Indians, but bounced back behind a solid shooting effort to knock off the Troy State Trojans Saturday in consolation action at the two-day tourney hosted by Southeast Missouri State.

SATURDAY

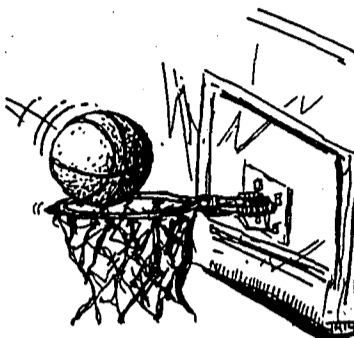
Idaho (2-1) put the clamps on Troy State's shooting touch and pulled away late in the second half to pick up its first road win on the early season, 95-86.

Troy State's Jermaine Ball canned one of two free throws with 52 seconds remaining in the game to narrow Idaho's advantage to 90-84. A driving layup by Vandal point-guard Reggie Rose six seconds later and another basket by Idaho's Harry Harrison upped the lead to 94-84 and iced the game for the UI squad.

Patrick Minifield's bucket in the paint tied the game at 52-52 six minutes into half two, but the Trojans never got that close again. The Vandals gradually expanded their lead to double figures, 80-70

with just over five minutes left, when Shawn Diriden threw down a dunk and converted on a three-point play after being fouled.

Troy State controlled play throughout much of the first half. Ball nailed a trey to cap an 8-2 Trojan run, giving the Troy, Ala. school a 31-21 edge midway through the first half. The Vandals



countered with a 16-3 run of their own to take a 37-34 lead with just over two minutes before the intermission.

Idaho held a big edge in shooting, burying 35-of-70 shots from the field while the Trojans mustered only a 30-of-86 (35 percent) performance. The Vandals also used a 59-45 rebounding advantage to dominate the inside game.

Diriden led the Vandals offensive arsenal, posting 22 points in the win. Harison was a force inside, stymieing the Trojans in the post

with 19 points and 19 rebounds. Jason Jackman and Rose chipped in 17 and 15 points respectively for the UI cagers.

IDAHO (95)

Diriden 8-13 4-6 22, Harrison 5-11 9-15 19, Jackman 7-11 3-6 17, Rose 7-19 1-3 15, Gardner 3-5 1-1 7, Jones 2-3 2-2 7, Turner 2-6 1-2 6, Thomas 1-2 0-2 2, Baumann. Totals 35-70 21-37 95.

TROY STATE (86)

Padgett 10-19 2-2 26, Donaldson 6-16 3-4 17, Bristol 4-11 2-2 13, Minifield 4-15 1-2 10, Ball 2-8 3-5 8, Black 3-8 1-3 7, Bryant 1-3 3-4 5, Spann 0-4 0-0 0, Googe 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 30-86 15-22 86.

Halftime score_UI 40, TSU 38. 3-point goals_UI 4-11 (Diriden 2-6, Jones 1-1, Turner 1-2, Rose 0-2), TSU 11-39 (Padgett 4-7, Bristol 3-7, Donaldson 2-9, Minifield 1-6, Ball 1-7, Spann 0-1, Googe 0-2). Fouled out_UI Gardner, TSU Bryant, Minifield. Rebounds_UI 59 (Harrison 19), TSU 45 (Bristol 9). Assists_UI 12 (Rose, Turner 4), TSU 17 (Ball 9). Total fouls_UI 20, TSU 28. Technicals_none. Attendance_2,895.

FRIDAY

Mississippi Valley State took advantage of a porous shooting effort by Idaho in the opening half of its first round matchup to capture a 63-61 victory. The Vandals connected on just 8-26 shots before the break and made only four free throws in that span to sum up the low point total.

Fredrick Haywood's rebound putback with nine minutes left in the game gave the Devils a 54-37 lead, but the Vandals were not

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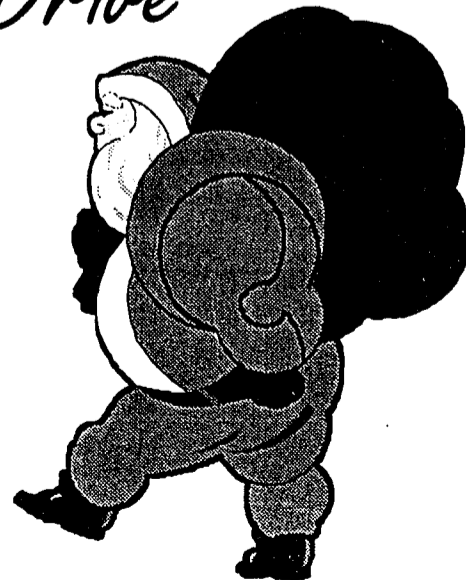
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forgot to take off their warm-ups to play the game.

Idaho shot a torrid 63 percent from the field for the game and a scorching 68 percent in the second half. This along with 66.7 percent from three-point range on 8-of-12 shooting and a much improved 69 percent from the free throw line, led the Vandals to a 91-79 tromping of the Lewis-Clark State Warriors, a smaller NAIA school.

Rice led the Vandal scoring barrage with 26 points and owned the glass as well, pulling down 17 boards. Two other Vandals hit the 20-point mark, as Idaho executed it's inside-outside gameplan to perfection. Skorpik had 21 points on 6-6 shooting from the floor and 5-6 from the free throw line down the stretch. Johnson had 20 points on 8-9 shooting and continually found Rice underneath on her way to a game-high nine assists.

Skorpik and Johnson both found a comfort zone from beyond the three point arc as the duo connected on 4 treys apiece.

Holt was pleased with the way her ball club fended off numerous rallies from the Warriors, along with the way it executed the gameplan to perfection.

"We wanted to get both the inside and outside game going, and when they collapsed on Mindy (Rice), that freed up the outside for better shots," said Holt.

The Warriors who had beaten the Vandals the past two years, fell to 5-2 on the season, and were paced by 4 players in double figures. Rosie Albert led the Warriors with 24, while Darlene Nyhoff had 20. The starting backcourt of Amanda Campbell and Jodi Benson, had 16 and 10 points respectively.

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done. Idaho reeled off 13 unanswered points to get back in the game at 54-50. Mississippi Valley State responded with a trio of baskets to up its lead to 60-50, but again Idaho fought back.

Rose made good on a pair of free throws with 54 seconds left to cut the Devils lead to 62-59. Anthony Davis ensured victory for MSVSU when he made one of two free throws with eight seconds left, putting the Devils up by two scores. Harrison made a layup at the buzzer for the final margin.

The Vandals continue action Wednesday when they host the Washington Huskies in the Kibbie Dome at 7 p.m.

IDAHO (61)
Rose 5-13 9-11 20, Harrison 5-9 2-5 12, Dirden 4-14 0-1 11, Jackman 3-6 1-1 7, Gardner 1-4 4-4 6, Jones 1-3 1-2 3, Turner 1-2 0-0 2, Baumann 0-4 0-0 0, Magnussen. Totals 20-55 17-24 61.
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE (63)
Pearson 6-14 1-1 18, Rucker 7-15 0-0 15, Mann 6-10 3-4 15, Davis 1-4 3-4 5, Haywood 2-7 0-0 4, A. Smith 2-5 0-0 4, Redmond 1-4 0-0 2, Phillip 0-4 0-0 0, D. Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Ross 0-2 0-0 0, C. Smith 0-1 0-1 0, Jennings. Totals 25-68 7-

1063.

Halftime score, MSVSU 31, UI 21. 3-point goals_UI 4-21 (Dirden 3-9, Rose 1-6, Jones 0-1, Turner 0-1, Baumann 0-4), MSVSU 6-21 (Pearson 5-11, Rucker 1-4, Ross 0-1, Davis 0-1, D. Smith 0-1, Phillip 0-3). Fouled out_none.

Rebounds_UI 36 (Harrison 10), MSVSU 48 (Mann 13). Assists_UI 8 (Dirden 4), MSVSU 10 (Davis 4). Total fouls_UI 16, MSVSU 21. Technicals_none. Attendance_2,025.

MONTANA •FROM PAGE 14



I would venture to say Wazzu would lose if it had to play in Missoula this year.

The fact is, the Kibbie Dome's roof should be accidentally detonated; and God should scoop up the artificial turf with a giant spatula, replacing it with 18 million grass seeds.

Miracles happen sometimes, you know.

From Great Falls to Butt(e)...

Another reason why I have the utmost respect for Montana is its recruitment of in-state athletes. Out of the 107 players listed on its pre-season roster, 59 are Montana natives. On UI's side of the ball, 27 out of 96 call Idaho home.

There is, though, a more glaring discrepancy between the schools' in-state players. The players from Montana actually play—exceptionally well, I might add.

One of the best players in the history of college football, UM quarterback Dave Dickenson, is from Great Falls. Offensive linemen Mike Agee, Eric Simonson and David Kempfert, safeties Sean Goicoechea and Blaine McElmurry, defensive end Yohanse Manzanarez and cornerback Scott Spraggins all have been starters for at least two

years. And, they are all from Montana.

For Idaho, the only in-state players who cracked the starting lineup in 1995 were safety Travis Coffey and tight end Avery Griggs—yet they were replacing injured starters Montrell Williams and Andy Gilroy.

Where do all the top-notch Idaho athletes run off to? If I knew, I'd tell everyone. I do know one thing: Montana running back and kickoff return specialist Josh Branen is from—you guessed it—Moscow, Idaho.

Realistically, you'd think we'd produce more athletes than the state of Montana, considering Idaho's population is at least 300,000 more. I know we mainly compete with BSU for top Idaho recruits. Who'd want to live in Idaho's armpit, Pocatello, and play for Idaho State anyway? I'm stumped and hope someone enlightens me soon.

All biases aside, the Idaho football program is just as successful, or even more, than Montana's and should do well in the Big West in 1996. I just think we should model our program after theirs a little more—perhaps send a spy over to Missoula—even if they are just a lowly Big Sky team.

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Tennis stars hit campus from South Pacific

Michael Stetson

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America can be a funny place, few people ever think that by attending college in the US they would have a greater chance of getting to play on an inter-collegiate athletic team.

Most people consider playing college sports a fantasy, but for Rachel Dive, 19, and Katrina Burke, 19, two first-year tennis stars, coming to America means unexpected opportunity. For Dive, who comes from Auckland, New Zealand where she attended St. Cuthbert College for high school and Burke of Sydney, Australia where she attended St. Scholastica's for high school, that dream is reality.

Both new Vandal tennis players admit their options for advancing on the courts in their home countries were limited. Burke says that for tennis players or any athlete to compete after their high school days, they need to be accepted into the Australian Institute of Sport, that their are no collegiate athletic programs.

"Coming to college in America was my only option," Burke said.

For Dive the situation looked even more bleak.

"In New Zealand there is no institute, there is nothing to keep you there," Dive said.

Realizing the lack of opportunity in their home countries and the advantages of playing on U.S. soil, both girls came to Moscow when they were offered scholarships and a chance to keep playing.

However, the need to continue a career in tennis played only a small role in coming to Idaho. Dive, experienced Idaho second hand through Mark Hadley, a former Vandal tennis player who originally came from New Zealand. Dive said she talked with Mark a few times and his mother a lot before coming to UI.

For both Dive and Burke, playing tennis has been a huge part of their lives. Both took up the game at 8

years of age. Dive followed in the footsteps of her grandfather who competed on New Zealand's Davis Cup team and also at Wimbledon. Burke's background in tennis rose from her family's enthusiasm for sports.

Since arriving in America and beginning play for the university, the two young stars have steadily improved, thanks in large part to their attitude.

Being half-way around the world brings some changes and both Dive and Burke have noticed them on and off the court. Burke comments about the talent of players in America saying, "tennis is so much stronger than where I came from, we had the first 10 or 15 who were good then everyone was the same after that."

However, Katrina doesn't see the challenge of a new system as a negative, but finds the challenge exciting.

For Dive, the changes have included being more self motivated as she stresses the importance of working out strategies by herself, not knowing the other player. Away from tennis, the challenge to study becomes more difficult as Dive says, "you have to balance your time to get your work done, if I stay up late, I get up at six to train, when you get tired you train through it."

For Burke, the challenge also exists trying to manage school and athletics, but despite the hard times, she remembers that in Australia you can't combine tennis and college.

As for being so far from home, the two split their emotions on that issue. Katrina has adapted well, but she has experience as she went to school away from home prior to attending the University of Idaho. For Burke, the grandeur of America still hasn't worn off, "I can't believe I'm in America, I don't feel like it."

Rachel on the other hand, suffers some from homesickness, but UI tennis coach Greg South helped to



Carey Powell

Rachel Dive (left) Kristina Burke came to Idaho this fall due to a lack of opportunity in their native countries, New Zealand and Australia.

make the transition easier for her by always being available to talk.

"Greg really cares about you, he'll work you to the ground, but he really cares," Dive said.

Despite being a little homesick, Dive says because she is surrounded by so many New Zealanders, she doesn't feel like she is in America.

Back on the court, both girls are enjoying the experience of being collegiate athletes, but also contemplate the status of tennis at the uni-

versity. Burke comments that she wishes the tennis team received the same support as other teams, while Dive tells how they train during the mornings in Moscow and then travel to Lewiston to practice on the Lewis and Clark State College courts in the afternoon.

Despite the program's status, both players are looking to the future with expectation, realizing the challenges the Big West has in store. Dive notes the Big West will

be tougher because of the California schools, but added the Big Sky is still a good conference. Also focusing on the future, both want to earn their education, but after college their plans tend to differ. Dive hopes to continue playing tennis for New Zealand on the Davis Cup team, but Burke says she is unsure of her tennis future and that she will continue to play if she is good enough, but has not set any special goals.

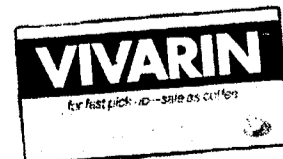
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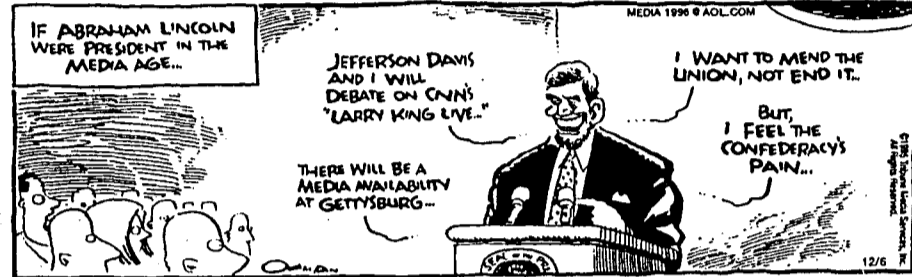
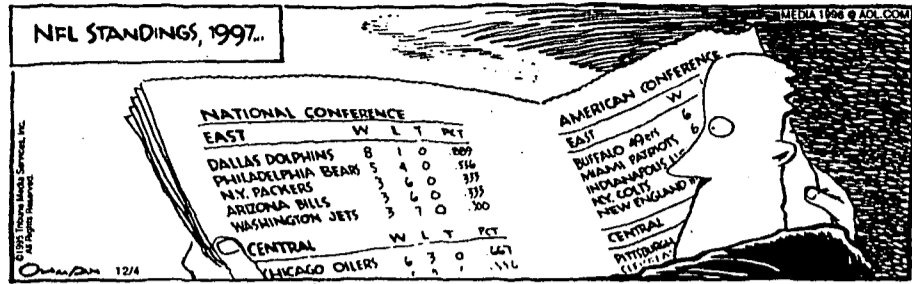


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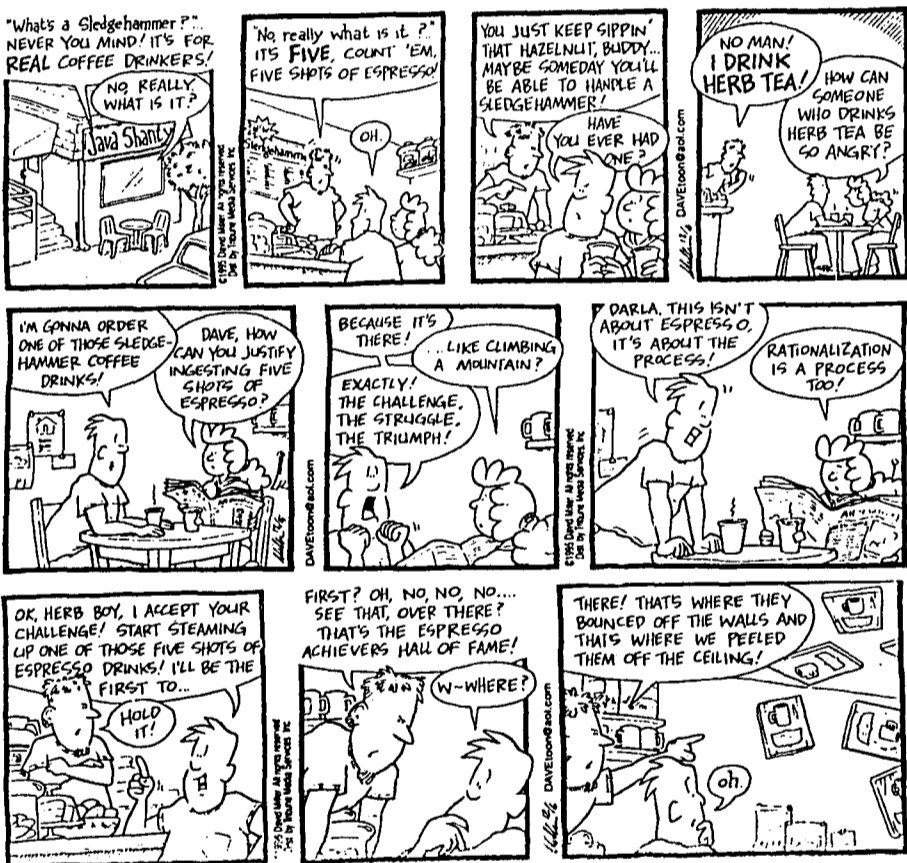
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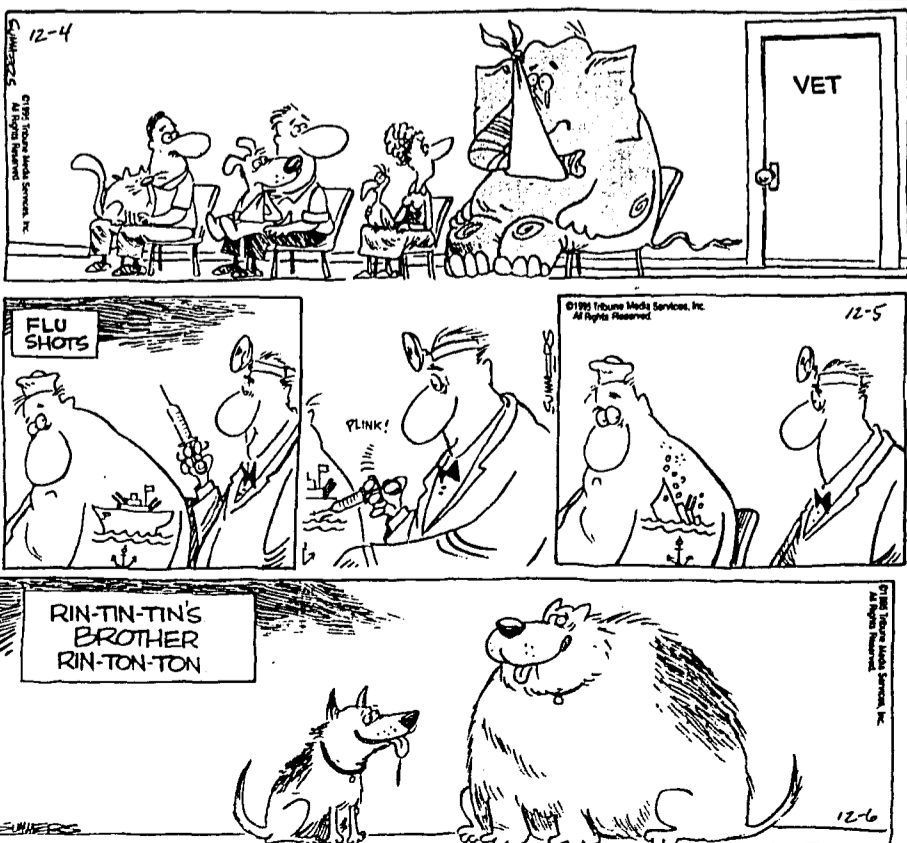
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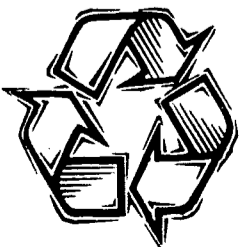
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