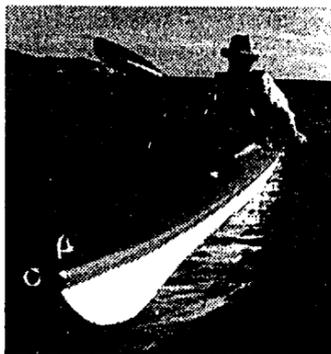


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**Some students doubt financial aid eligibility**

**Christopher Clancy**

Staff

As financial aid deadlines approach, some students doubt their eligibility, due to a federal law that, in part, defines their financial aid eligibility by age.

Students under the age of 24, considered "dependent" by the law, receive fewer benefits than their older, better funded peers, often resulting in slower academic progress and later graduation dates.

While most students will be eligible for some support from financial aid in the form of direct loans, many dependent students because of their parents income, will receive little or none. Those whose parents are reluctant to contribute to their child's college funding could find themselves out in the cold, according to the Student Guide to Financial Aid, published by the US Department of Education.

The difference between "dependent" and "independent" is entirely defined by the law. "Independent is probably a bad term, because everyone likes to think of themselves as independent," said UI director of financial aid Dan Davenport.

Students who work and pay their own expenses, even over several years can still be considered "dependent" in terms of their eligibility.

According to the law, only students born before Jan 1, 1972, or who are married, enrolled in a graduate or professional program, or who have legal dependents, or who are veterans or are considered a ward of the court before the age of 18 are eligible for "independent" status.

The law, passed by Congress, defines specifically what constitutes "independent" status, leaving little room for universities to decide on a case by case basis.

While exceptions can be made for students who have extreme circumstances, like an abusive family situation, such cases are rare, said Davenport.

For self-supporting students who do not meet the requirements more obvious alternatives, such as working a low wage job, can be discouraging, though not necessarily impossible. Davenport said, he recommends summer work, part-time work and work over the holiday break in addition to direct loans to finance students whose parents refuse to contribute. "It can be really difficult, but it can be done."

A financial aid information booklet, published by the Northwest Education Loan Association suggests students contact their university employment office for work on and off campus "based on their skills." For many college freshmen with little or no work experience this can translate in to minimum wage jobs that often monopolize student time, and make outside activities less accessible.

"I couldn't really participate in extracurricular activities while going to school and working full-time," said Ariel Plywaski, a 1994 UI graduate. "It's really limiting, when you can't take an internship that could help you find a job after graduation." Financing tuition and fees, as an out of state student, made graduation especially time consuming and kept her away from potential opportunities, said Plywaski.

"I wanted to major in English, but because that department didn't offer the Western Undergraduate Exchange program, I had to switch majors because it was too expensive," Plywaski added.

"I can't speak for Congress, but it really comes down to budgetary issues...they passed the law to make it more difficult for students so they could save money. It's really as much of a budgetary issue as anything," said Davenport.

**IEEE welcomes transferring students, faculty from BSU**



Joa Harrison

Electrical engineering chair David Egolf (right) enjoys a soda with transfer Professor Alex Krings.

**Social mixer allows new students and faculty to meet**

**Tammy Mills**

Staff

The Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers held a "welcome home" party Jan. 19 in the Johnson Engineering Laboratory lounge to welcome University of Idaho student transfers from the Boise State

University Engineering School in Boise.

As IEEE Vice Chair Bruce Meyer stated, "It's a social thing, a chance for new faculty and students to meet."

The Boise program began in 1988 after BSU asked UI to send faculty down to teach juniors and seniors.

"Boise only had authority to teach freshmen and sophomores from the state Board of Education," said professor Dave Egolf.

Gradually, more faculty was hired—two years ago there were five faculty for the electrical engineering program.

"There were 54 students at the

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**Senate to discuss on-line elections**

**Janet Birdsall**

Staff

The senate is contracting with University of Idaho students Pete Neisen and Jason McMunn to write the computer program to put ASUI elections on-line. The final meeting with the contractors was held Thursday.

They will also provide the equipment, handbooks, and support, said ASUI Vice-president John Tesnohlidek.

The total cost will be \$500, he said.

"It'll save us money because we won't have to hire election workers," he said. "Plus, it's what the students want. It's what they told us would make them more likely to vote."

The contract will be discussed at tomorrow's ASUI Senate meeting in the Galena Gold room in the Student Union at 7 p.m.

Tesnohlidek expects a pre-election vote will be run to test the system about a week before the real elections this April.

"The test election will just let us see if there are any bugs in the system, and stuff we need to work on—like security," Tesnohlidek said.

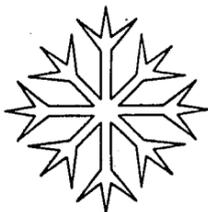
After the pre-election on computers, the real election will be held on paper ballots. The programmers can work on the program and fine-tune it over the summer. Next fall's election would then be conducted on-line, Tesnohlidek said.

One site with paper ballots will be maintained for those students who don't have e-mail accounts or who choose not to use the computer system.

"There are a lot of concerns from senators, as well as other students, worried about the security aspect," he said. He was skeptical of the proposal last semester before the details were hammered out about the security, he said.

To protect the integrity of the elections, students will use codes in much the same way as they do when registering for classes. They will use their ID number or the code on the back of their ID card, as well as a code for their birthdate, Tesnohlidek said.

"It'd be pretty much fool-proof," he said.



• **Weather** •

**It's about time we got some actual winter weather. Continued chance of snow today with highs in the mid to upper 30s.**

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## Art instructor alleges university trying to get rid of him

MOSCOW—The University of Idaho art professor sentenced for stabbing a former student in a Moscow bar says the school is unjustly going after his tenured position, and the dispute may result in a lawsuit.

J. Willard L'Hote has been on paid leave since an altercation last Feb. 24 with former student Jose Palacios that resulted in an aggravated assault charge.

Now, L'Hote contends, UI interim President Thomas Bell has overruled an internal committee's recommendation that he retain his teaching job and intends to fire him.

University officials and attorneys declined comment.

He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and five years on probation. But 2nd District Judge John Bengtson withheld judgment, meaning L'Hote may withdraw his guilty plea and the case will be dismissed if the terms of his probation are met.

According to the UI faculty-staff handbook, causes for dismissal include "any conduct seriously prejudicial to UI, its students, or faculty," including "immorality, criminality, dishonesty, unprofessional conduct" or violation of any law that results in a felony conviction.

Since L'Hote received a withheld judgment, he technically was not convicted of a felony.

Palacios was not a student at the time of the incident. University records show he received a degree

in December 1994. At the time of the incident, he had been accepted as a graduate student in statistics but apparently did not enroll. He left Moscow after the courts decision.

—Associated Press

## Duman pleads guilty to second-degree murder in random shooting

LEWISTON—In a last-minute move before his trial was to begin next week, Stephen Duman pleaded guilty to randomly killing a Lewiston man while reportedly being high on methamphetamine.

In exchange for his plea Friday, Nez Perce County Prosecutor Denise Rosen has agreed to recommend a prison sentence of 10 years without parole, the minimum penalty for second-degree murder.

Rosen said she agreed to seek a lighter sentence because of the circumstances of the crime.

Duman, 24, allegedly was high on the drug when he was arrested on unrelated charges after the shooting.

The drug is said to produce paranoia and violence in users. He has no prior criminal record.

Second District Judge Ronald Schilling pointed out to Duman the court is not bound by the plea agreement and he could be sentenced to the maximum of life in prison.

Duman admitted to shooting David Morrison in the early morning hours of May 28 as Morrison slept in his van parked at the Clearwater Boat Ramp.

Two friends testified earlier they and Duman had been snorting "crank" the night before.

Todd Reid and Clay Trombetta said the three drove from Craigmont to Lewiston. Duman asked to be dropped off near the boat ramp. He was armed with a gun.

Less than an hour later, police were called to reports of a wild-acting man burglarizing vehicles

and attempting to enter homes in a neighborhood.

Duman was arrested on burglary charges and taken to the county jail, where he allegedly told deputies he killed a man.

They dismissed it as drug-induced ramblings until two days later when Morrison's body was discovered. Morrison, 55, had been shot in the head and the chest from outside the van. He and Duman apparently did not know each other.

—Associated Press

## Chenoweth renews fight against wolf reintroduction

BOISE—Republican Rep. Helen Chenoweth wants the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to stop capturing Canadian wolves.

In a statement issued as officials captured another four wolves in British Columbia during the second phase of the reintroduction program, Chenoweth accused the wildlife service of proceeding with the wolf recovery project without what she described as "the necessary permit" from the state Fish and Game Department.

The federal agency asked the state department recently about a permit for the release of 15 or more wolves this winter and was again advised of the state's official opposition to the reintroduction program.

The state, however, has not gone to court to defend its contention that a permit is required, and the federal agency has declined to acknowledge that requirement.

Chenoweth, who voiced the same state's rights views during addresses to the Idaho House and Senate on Thursday, also took issue with the federal decision to allow the Nez Perce Tribe to manage the wolf recovery program in Idaho after the state opted not to participate.

—Associated Press



## Clinton says third shutdown would be 'irresponsible'

WASHINGTON—Saying the past two partial shutdowns of the government cost taxpayers \$1.5 billion, President Clinton called on Congress to help avert another closing.

"That's not Monopoly money," Clinton said Saturday in his weekly radio address. Shutting federal offices for the third time would be "unbelievably irresponsible," he said.

It also would be wrong for Congress to refuse to increase the national debt limit, forcing the government into default and putting "the creditworthiness of the United States at risk," Clinton said.

Republican leaders say they, too, want to avert another federal shutdown this week despite the impasse in negotiations to balance the federal budget.

During campaign stops in New Hampshire on Friday and Saturday, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole repeatedly said Republicans want to keep the government open.

But he was pessimistic about reaching a broader agreement with the Democrats.

"They'd rather take it to the voters in November," Dole, R-Kan., said Saturday. "I'm prepared to do that."

Dole and other Congressional leaders are working on a stopgap bill to keep the government running, but they are still trying to decide how to find a plan that will pacify adamant House conservatives, Senate moderates and the president.

In the Republican's response to Clinton's radio address, Rep. Bill Paxon, R-N.Y., criticized Clinton's budget proposal. While the president now agrees the budget should be balanced in seven years, Paxon said, he has refused to make the policy changes the GOP demands.

Paxon said Clinton's proposal supports "Washington's old liberal spending ways."

"His plan is a quick fix that puts off the tough choices until well after the election," Paxon said.

Clinton put Republican leaders on notice in his own radio talk that if a partial shutdown does take place on Jan. 26—for the third time since November—he will do all he can to make sure the GOP gets the blame.

He urged Republican leaders to return to the table and resume negotiations.

"The budget talks are suspended now because the Republican congressional leaders walked away from the table," he said.

"I wish they hadn't done that, and I hope they'll come back, and soon."

Clinton also said he continues to believe the budget can be balanced in seven years without the kind of cuts that would devastate Medicare, Medicaid, the environment, and support for education.

House leaders decided Friday to recommend a bill that would run for 30 days and keep most agencies at no less than 75 percent of last year's budgets, the same level now in effect.

But rank-and-file Republican lawmakers might insist on pushing that level even lower.

—Associated Press



## More than 130 missing, 54 dead in ferry sinking

JAKARTA, Indonesia—More than 130 people were missing today and another 54 confirmed dead after a ferry sank in a storm off Sumatra in northern Indonesia.

The ferry went down with 210 passengers—including 11 foreigners—and 16 crew members around 8:30 p.m. Friday, according to Auli Amri of the Banda Aceh Post Command, a government center set up to coordinate search and rescue efforts.

The official Antara news agency said the ship slammed into a coral reef. A port official said the ferry had reported engine trouble earlier in the day.

Rescuers found 39 survivors, including three foreigners—an American woman identified only as Margaret K. who worked for the aid group, Save the Children, and two Britons, Auli Amri said.

He said 54 bodies were found.

The state-run ferry Gurita sank about an hour after leaving Malahayati, on northern Sumatra, about 1,100 miles northwest of Jakarta, the Indonesian capital, Amri said. It was bound for the island of Weh, a 15-mile trip.

An officer at the Port Authority on Weh said many of the passengers likely were trapped inside the wreckage, which was believed submerged in 330-foot-deep waters.

The port authority official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the ferry had delayed its departure for about an hour because of an engine problem.

The 555-ton vessel was carrying 33 vehicles, 80 tons of cement and 14 tons of foodstuff, Amri said. The actual number of passengers may have been much higher than the 210 listed on the manifest.

Auli Amri said the rescue team included one warship, two helicopters a tug boat and two oil tankers along with dozens of fishing ships. Bad weather was hampering search efforts.

—Associated Press

## Yeltsin defends crackdown on village

MOSCOW, Russia—Russia's security chief and its interior minister on Saturday defended the massive assault on a village where Chechen gunmen held 120 hostages.

The village was destroyed, the leader of the hostage-takers escaped and more than 30 hostages are still unaccounted for, but Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov and Mikhail Barsukov, head of the Federal Security Service, told a news conference the operation was a success.

Their assessment echoed that of President Boris Yeltsin a day earlier.

Yeltsin defended the decision to storm Pervomayskaya and wipe out the Chechen fighters, saying it was the best response to terrorism.

A skeptical Russian press pounded on Yeltsin Saturday.

The use of force has won Yeltsin praise from ultranationalists. The response from other hard-liners has been mixed.

—Associated Press

# Announcements

## Cattle Association holds meeting

The Student Idaho Cattle Association will be holding a meeting Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in AG Science 339. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 882-9628.

## Computer workshop needs student help

Students interested in assisting in a workshop to teach children ages 9 through 12 computer skills on Feb. 3 should contact Karen Frenzel at 885-7768.

## Paradise Creek restoration project discussion

A discussion about both phases of the Paradise Creek Restoration Project will be held Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. The illustrated talks are the featured program of the Idaho Native Plant Society meeting at the UI College of Forest, Wildlife and Range Sciences, Room 200.

Implemented by the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI); the Project includes the restoration project on Moscow School District land (now the Carol Ryrle Brink Nature Park). Phase II of the

Project will establish wetlands at the western edge of the UI that will reduce pollutants entering the Creek.

Adam Thornbrough, PCEI Water Quality Program Coordinator, will give an overview of the Restoration Project, and talk about progress on the Nature Park and spring planting needs. Elisabeth Brackney, fisheries consultant, will discuss the surface and sub-surface-flow wetlands that will be under construction this year near the Idaho-Washington border to control pollutants.

## Electrical engineering colloquium

The UI department of electrical engineering is holding a Research Colloquium today, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 25 of the Janssen Engineering Building. The colloquium will focus on using cross-correlation techniques to determine the impulse response characteristics on linear systems.

## Search 96: retreat at Lake Coeur d'Alene

Searching, seeking and deepening a relationship with God is the focus of SEARCH 96, a weekend retreat for students 18 years of age and over. To be held on

Lake Coeur d'Alene Feb. 9 through Feb. 11, time will be divided between worship, inspirational talks and fun activities with other young adults. Sponsored by the students of St. Augustine's Catholic center, registration information for the retreat can be obtained by phoning the church office at 882-4613. The deadline is Feb. 4. All denominations are welcome. For more information call Brad Neely, daytime Monday through Friday, at 882-2723.

## Social sciences club holds first meeting

The Students of the Social Sciences are holding their first meeting of the semester tonight at 4:30 p.m. in Phinney Hall Room 200. Anyone interested should attend.

## Tunes with a social beat

The Wild Rockies Defense fund is inviting interested people to support a good cause while listening to live tunes at the Rathaus Jan. 26 at 9 p.m. Sagin' Time and the River Project will be playing. Support from the \$3 admission fee will contribute to the effort to stop the construction of logging roads in Cove-Mallard.

**Argonaut Interview**

**New doctor helps Student Health Services**

**Jennifer Eng**  
Staff

**D**r. Debbie McKinnon is a new face at Student Health Services. The new doctor has been with the University of Idaho since November and is a osteopathic physician.

Dr. McKinnon grew up in Colorado and Nebraska and moved to Moscow four years ago with her family. Dr. McKinnon has been married for 15 years and has two sons; 12 and 10. Recently she and her husband purchased land in Moscow.

During the last four years, Dr. McKinnon has practiced medicine in the emergency room at Gritman part time, and part time at Clarkston Tri-State emergency department.

Dr. McKinnon is different from regular non-osteopathic doctors in her philosophic approach to medicine and promoting quality of life rather than quantity. Dr. McKinnon's training allows her to be more open to making patients a partner in their health. Dr. McKinnon works with UI students' general health problems, health maintenance, women's health issues, birth control, yearly exams, sexually transmitted diseases and other infectious illnesses

**Argonaut: Why did you come to Moscow?**

Because previously, when I first started in medical practice, I practiced in Superior,

Mont., which is just on the other side of the mountains here. Then we relocated to Maine for financial and family reasons. I never did care for New England; New England's fine, but I never cared for it and we wanted to come back to this area.

**Argonaut: Why did you become a doctor?**

Originally I wanted to be a veterinarian, a large animal veterinarian because I liked horses, but all my large animal veterinarian friends sustained fairly significant injuries in their work. When one of them told me all of the horses he knew that were terrified of him and how they all knew the slam of his truck door I thought, "Hmm...that doesn't sound like that much fun." So I decided I liked science and the medical problems so I'll go with medicine.

**Argonaut: What do you think about Moscow as a community?**

I like Moscow, it's the right size town for me. It's kind of fun to live in town and it's nice to be able to send the kids off on their bikes and not have to spend all my time chauffeuring them around.

**Argonaut: What would you picture as an ideal work atmosphere for you? Would you like your own practice?**

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Jared Smith  
Dr. Debbie McKinnon, a new physician at UI Student Health Services, works with general health problems, health maintenance and women's health issues.

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# Professor retires after 23 years at UI

**Andrew White**  
Staff

Ernest D. Ables retired Jan. 16, from the college of Forestry, Wildlife, and Range Sciences department of Fish and Wildlife Resources after 23 years of serving the students.

Professor James Peek, professor of Wildlife Resources who arrived at the UI at the same time as Ables in 1973 said, "I'm going to miss him immensely. He was basically the rock in this department, and he was utterly reliable. He was the kind of person that was at work every morning at 7 a.m. and never left until the last dog was hung at 5 p.m.. His door was always open if a student needed something, he was there for them."

Perhaps the people that will miss him the most are going to be the students. Ables was known for his willingness and compassion to work with the students, to help make them successful.

Freshman Chuck Lowman said, "He was really interested in what I wanted to do with my career and he was interested in the students as a whole and how they were doing." Many of Ables current students felt he had tremendous feeling and enthusiasm for the field which reflected in his teaching abilities.

In 1994 Ables was awarded the UI Teaching Excellence Award for his innovative and effective teaching methods. He has served as dean and associate dean in the college of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences and has been president of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

"He and I came here the same year, I've known him since he got here in 1973. His real strength was as a teacher of the students. He excelled in that he loved to work with the students and they just loved to work with him too,



Jared Smith  
Ernie Ables chats with students and colleagues at his retirement party Jan. 19.

he was an extraordinary resource for students in this college," said Peek.

Ables has been to many amazing places. His research has included Chinese wildlife conservation, African wildlife commercial harvesting,

and elk behavior in the Yellowstone National Park to name a few.

If one could summarize Ables time at the UI Professor Peek said it best, "His life at this college was with the students."

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I would like a bigger window...  
No, I don't want my own practice. I don't want to have to deal with the financial aspects of medicine. I don't want to have to hire and fire people. I want to be a doctor and take care of patients and let somebody else worry about that sort of thing. If you're in private practice that's a flaw, you have to be a businessman or woman first, and a doctor a close second. I don't care for that, if I wanted to be a business person, I would have gone into business.

**Argonaut: What do you like most about medicine in the university, about the students?**

I think it's nice to have a compliant patient population that will follow instructions and are interested in being healthy which is something different than you see in many emergency departments, you have a different patient population.

**Argonaut: About this student health center in particular, what do you think has been the most positive aspect?**

Well I think their cost is a very positive aspect and I think that they service a lot of students in a fairly

rapid fashion. I've worked at a walk in environment before and I think that patients seem to like that, they prefer to arrive rather than to wait for their appointments. I think generally it seems to cover the patient population needs.

**Argonaut: What's been a major motivating influence in your life?**

Lifestyle. I think the most important thing in life is to decide what kind of lifestyle you want to live. The other problem with private practice is that you have no time of your own, and in this setting and prior to working here I worked in the emergency department. You go in, work long hours and you work hard but when you go home, someone else is there and they take care of all the problems. You don't get called and you have time for your family and time off and so that is what has motivated me. That's why I left the small town in Montana. I love the small town, I still go there and visit but I don't want to be the only doctor in the county, it's not a good plan for me. I want to have free time and I want to be able to spend time with my family.

**Help available for pregnant women**

**Karen Cloud**  
Staff

What a woman does within the first few weeks of pregnancy can greatly impact the health of her child. Drinking, smoking or using other drugs can cause the baby to be born too soon or with permanent disabilities. Various agencies throughout Moscow are available to help women who are pregnant or think they might be.

The UI Student Health Service provides pregnancy testing for students. Also, Student Health Insurance covers prenatal care as long as the policy was purchased before the pregnancy occurred.

Dr. Donald Chin of Student Health said early prenatal care is important; the first 16 weeks are vital to the healthy development of the baby. Dr. Chin said if someone is pregnant, she should quit smoking, not drink alcohol, avoid taking excess medication - including over the counter products like aspirin or

cough syrup and eat a balanced diet. Also, she should be screened by her doctor for diseases, like Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Rubella, which may harm the fetus.

The Pregnancy Counseling Service offers confidential, all-options counseling and referrals to other community agencies. Low-cost pregnancy tests are available along with educational materials. The agency also provides maternity and infant clothing, blankets and other supplies to people who can not afford to buy them. Cribs, playpens, car seats and other baby furniture can be borrowed for a small deposit. The Pregnancy Counseling Service is located in Room 12 of the O'Conner Building, 208 South Main St. Appointments can be made by calling 882-7534.

The North Central District Health Department performs pregnancy tests and refers women to other healthcare providers. The Special

Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children, known as WIC, is administered out of the same office. WIC provides food and information to pregnant women with low or no income and health or nutrition problems. The North Central District Health Office is located at 333 Palouse River Drive and can be reached at 882-7353.

The Open Door Pregnancy Center offers educational counseling, networking to other agencies and adoption referral. Center employee Ketha Carratt said pregnancy tests, maternity wear and baby clothes ranging in size from newborn to 3T are available free to whomever needs them. The Open Door Pregnancy Center is located at 312 South Washington Street and is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Center volunteers can also be reached 24 hours a day at 882-2370.

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# Dole makes good impression

Associated Press

BOISE—Sen. Bob Dole made a strong impression on Idaho Republicans during last week's three-hour fund-raising visit.

He drew good crowds everywhere he went, befitting his status as the heavy favorite to capture the Republican presidential nomination. And a couple of brief fund-raising events grossed \$150,000 and indicated a lot of support from Idaho's political, business and industrial leaders.

The legislators and business leaders said they liked what they heard.

Dole showed a relaxed and confident side. In previous visits to the state, he has come across a little stiff and formal.

This visit, he took time to joke a little with the Idaho Legislature.

"I served one term in the Kansas Legislature," he said. "But I didn't get a chance to say anything. In those days, it was a tradition that freshmen were seen but not heard."

He also noted that he got paid \$5 per day for that job.

While he said he enjoyed making the Idaho Statehouse speech, "I hope to enjoy it more next January" as the nation's new president, he said.

Idaho's staunchly Republican Legislature seemed receptive to his message, and Dole said the fact that Idaho is one of the strongest GOP states in the nation was a factor in his decision to visit.

"I wasn't on board before he came," said House Republican Leader Bruce Newcomb. "I am now."

Dole also was easygoing with the news media. Even though he was on a tight schedule, the Senate majority leader took time to answer at least a few questions from reporters as he hustled from event to event. There was even time to pause for a picture and autograph for a little girl as he was trying to rush from a Boise convention center to the airport for his trip to Salt Lake City.

The only question he ducked, or didn't hear, was one thrown at him as he was entering a car for a trip to the airport. He was asked about a charge from GOP challenger Steve Forbes that his television ads were misleading.

Dole didn't tell the Idaho Republicans anything new. He stressed his belief that the Clinton administration was waging "war on the West" and his sympathy with the need to take more power from

the federal government and give it to the states.

As he often does, Dole pulled out a copy of the Tenth Amendment, the one that reserves to the states all powers not specifically granted to the federal government.

"We are succeeding in returning power to the legislatures and to the governors," he said.

Dole went out of his way to praise Idaho's Republican senators, Dirk Kempthorne and Larry Craig.

Of Kempthorne, he noted that the first bill taken up under the new GOP regime was the Idahoan's bill to forbid unfunded mandates.

He mentioned Craig almost in passing, which was a little strange because it's Craig who is up for election this year, not Kempthorne. Kempthorne still has two more years before having to worry about campaigning.

Idaho's primary is still four months away. By then, Dole will likely have captured his party's nomination so Idaho's votes don't mean that much.

But as he noted, it doesn't hurt his chances elsewhere if he comes to a bedrock Republican state like Idaho and shows very strong support.

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junior, senior level in electrical engineering," said Egolf.

In October 1995, the state Board of Education voted to give the program to BSU.

"The Board took that action right at the time we were trying to get accreditation," said Egolf. "The action by the Board made accreditation null and void," said Egolf. "Hysteria arose among the students because who wants an unaccredited degree?" said Egolf.

Of the 54 students in the electrical engineering program 16 have transferred this semester, with seven seniors remaining in Boise. Of the five UI professors in Boise, four have transferred or plan to transfer to Moscow.

"It looks to take seven or eight more years for the program to be accredited in Boise," said Egolf. "There is not enough seniors graduating, once they do they need to be employable," said Egolf.

"People risk their careers to start a program, it's discouraging to have the state board pull out," said Egolf.

An enthusiastic professor Howard Demuth stated, "I'm really pleased so many students and faculty came,

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## Vandal Card still behind schedule

This weekend has brought a blanket of silky smooth, wonderfully white snow. The first real snow of 1996. Just as the freshly fallen snow covers blots on the landscape, layers of quasi-political sludge shroud the issuing of the new Vandal cards.

University officials are selling ad space on the student ID card. This plan seems reminiscent of UI Telephone System's free long distance offer. Free long distance on Christmas day, if you lived on campus and were here. Most students are gone over Christmas break, many halls are closed and most students live off campus.

The cards, over a year-and-a-half behind schedule, are being held up because the university and administrators that run it believe we need their help in obtaining a calling card.

On the surface both free phone service and calling cards seem like good ideas, but who really benefits. The school, not the students. It looks really good when campus recruiters can say, "Look we care, we get our students free stuff."

In the July 6, 1994 Argonaut, Tim "the cardman" Taylor, manager of the Vandal Card program said, "Hopefully we can start re-carding returning students late in the fall."

Fall 1994 came and went, and many still carried the old style card.

Jan. 17, 1995, Tim Taylor said to the Argonaut, "If it happens this semester, it will be late in the spring."

Spring 1995, many are still using the old card.

In the Aug. 25, 1995 issue of the Argonaut, Michael Lasher, assistant director of telecommunications said, "UI will deliver between 11,000 and 15,000 Vandal Card users to a chosen carrier, with their calling card information on the back."

No mention was given of when the new cards would be issued, but applications were supposed to have been available during Fall registration.

Spring 1996, and it seems that no one really knows if there will ever be a mass issuing of the new cards.

Tom Bell, Bruce Pitman, Hal Godwin and Taylor, question and answer time: Who benefits from selling the students to corporate America? Why do we have a \$51,000 piece of machinery sitting essentially idle just waiting for something to do? What will the AT&T, uh, MCI, um, Vandal card do for me? For any student?

Quite frankly, someone could have asked us if we wanted to be card carrying advertisements or students.

Snow blindness hasn't left me completely without foresight. Reality check. This is academia—thanks for getting us ready for the real world—but, we'll chose who we stump for. OK?

Then again, why should it bother me? I'll have graduated before the new cards are issued.

—Dennis Sasse



## Newspapers have responsibility to their communities, readers

Newspapers need to support the communities they function in. When newspapers constantly tear down people and programs, neither the community nor the newspaper benefits. I believe newspapers have a responsibility to make the environment around them better by encouraging and promoting the good of the community.

Whether it's the Idaho Statesman or a college paper, the staff of a newspaper needs to realize what happens when an article is published that falls short of fact, doesn't represent what actually happened in a clear and precise manner or fails to give the whole truth.

People read newspapers in most cases to become informed on what is happening around them, and they should be privy to such information regardless of whether it has a positive or negative connotation. However, it is simply wrong to present a story to the public which is inaccurate and doesn't represent all sides fairly, especially concerning controversial issues.

The newspaper articles I enjoy reading are those promoting and encouraging people and programs. I believe UI is a great school and therefore, I enjoy reading articles about student and school accom-



Andrew White

plishments.

Many students at UI are involved in an organization. Whether it's a Greek house, residence hall, student generated club or something else, I feel they are entitled to fair and accurate representation promoting what they have accomplished.

As a reporter and a columnist for the Argonaut, I can state the staff of your school newspaper does an excellent job, many times under arduous circumstances. Students employed by the Argonaut are like any other student. Employees of the paper experience full class loads, outside jobs and commitments.

The media is one of, if not the most powerful entity in America. Most Americans get the news from television, print or radio and base opinions on what has been portrayed. For example, most do not personally research every candidate for public office before voting. If the news is not accurate,

then perceptions resulting will be inaccurate. When an article is published lacking the essentials, the credibility of the newspaper becomes questionable.

More important are the positions newspapers take on the local level. When civic leaders are trying to implement new programs for the benefit of the community it is detrimental to have a reporter consistently writing negative articles. When articles are published not encouraging civic programs, rarely are the people responsible for the program asked for their explanations. Sadly, in the media, many times the wheel that squeaks gets the grease. Reporters sometimes make the mistake of listening to the not so bright individuals making charges without properly asking those who really know the entire story.

If newspapers focused on improving the quality of life in communities, I believe the perception of the media would improve. Newspapers presenting information to the public about current news, upcoming events, accurate in-depth reporting, etc. would be truly fulfilling their job description.

For the most part newspapers do

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## Lawmakers, regulations need to be tempered with humanity

The University Judicial Council is a primary piece of the UI Judicial System. The council is made up of 11 members, five faculty and six students. All members are appointed, either by the ASUI president or the Faculty Council.

The ASUI Senate is made up of 13 senators, a vice president and a president, they meet for the first time this week.

It is my hope that both of these entities rule fairly and compassionately, with a measure of humanity thrown in to boot.

When creating policy it is the responsibility of policy makers to anticipate and avoid unintended consequences. The problem lies in what are well intentioned, yet ill thought out actions. Unfortunately it happens all too often.

Virtually every organization has a set of rules and a method of enforcement. Most times the rules



Dennis Sasse

work, other times they don't. In a Seattle suburb, Federal Way, a well intentioned policy of zero tolerance in the schools has convicted two innocent children.

Rather than me telling you what happened, here is an excerpt from a Jan. 15, editorial in the Journal American (Bellvue, Wash.), courtesy of The Associated Press.

"Two elementary students in a Federal Way school have been suspended for five days from school because one of their mothers inadvertently put a can of beer in her lunch box instead of a soft drink.

"Though seemingly harsh, the school district had no choice but to

stick to its no-tolerance policy involving drugs and alcohol.

"No one thinks the students were trying to sneak alcohol into the school. No one thinks anything other than a harried mother making a school lunch led to the mistake.

"Judy Densmore-Mallette apparently mistook a can of Budweiser Ice for a can of Pepsi (they look remarkably similar) and put it into her daughter Pam's school lunch box. When Pam pulled out the can, a friend, Justin Williams, asked for a sip. He tasted beer, spit it out, and the two eventually took the can to the principal's office.

"The children want an apology because, the way they see it, they didn't do anything wrong. Pam's mother says she plans to appeal to the school board later this month and wants the suspensions overturned."

The rest of the Journal American column goes on to say that the poli-

cy is a good one and, in essence, sometimes individuals need to be hurt for the benefit of the system. Rather than temper the school policy with a human side, instead of showing some human compassion, the justification for the suspension said Federal Way's drug-alcohol and health-education coordinator is, "If you equivocate with policy, you may as well throw the policy away." How compassionate and kind; or stupid and ignorant. You make the call.

These two kids are admittedly without guilt. They went to their principal and asked what to do with the open container. Does it matter that two innocent children now have a permanent mark on their record for an infraction they did not commit? Is it any wonder that kids don't respect the authority of teachers and administrators? The Federal Way school system administrators have assured that any free thinking child in their district will never trust

them again.

The problem with any zero tolerance, inflexible rule written in stone is there will always be exceptions to the rule. I venture to say that many of you are reading this saying to yourself, "Sasse you dolt, why should this matter to me?"

Granted, very few of us have our mom around to make lunch, and even fewer of us would be stupid enough to go to Bruce Pitman and say, "Dean Pitman, my mommy packed a beer in my sack lunch, what should I do?"

But what if something inadvertently happened on campus and circumstances pointed toward your guilt, what would happen to you? Depend on inflexible university bureaucrats for help?

After reading through the "Policies & Information of Interest to Students 1995-96" handbook, I can tell you. This is what would happen; at the minimum, coerced counseling, at maximum?

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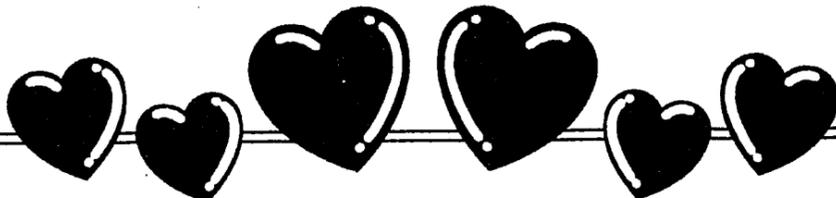
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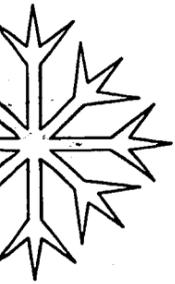
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The following snow activities are sponsored by the ASUI Outdoor Program. Any fees for the activities must be paid at sign-up and are non-refundable. Pre-trip meetings are at 5 p.m. in the Outdoor Program office, and sign-up for trips and classes start two weeks prior to the listed trip date.

## BEGINNING CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Three cross country skiing sessions are available for January and February. Each session includes class time and an instructional day trip. The cost for each session is \$15.

Session One meets Jan. 25 and Jan. 27, session two is Feb. 8 and Feb. 10, and session three is Feb. 22 and Feb. 24.

These sessions are introductory classes for cross country skiing, with information on equipment selection and pre-trip information. Rentals for skis are available from the Outdoor Rental office.

## EAGLE CAP WILDERNESS BACK-COUNTRY/ WING RIDGE HUT SKI TRIP

This advanced trip is for experienced skiers that desire to ski the premier areas of the Pacific Northwest. From Feb. 2 to Feb. 4, the trip costs \$45, which includes transportation and hut fees. Any participant must have experience skiing over mountainous terrain with a full pack. Avalanche transceivers and shovels are required. The pre-trip meeting is Jan. 31 at 5 p.m.

## TELEMARK INSTRUCTIONAL CLINICS

With a class session and day trip, two telemark clinics are available to Silver Mountain. The cost for either session is \$35, which includes transportation and lift ticket.

The first session is Jan. 31 and Feb. 3, and the second session is Feb. 7 and Feb. 10. The first date listed is the class session, and the second date is the trip to Silver Mountain. Participants are responsible for their own equipment. Rentals are available at the Outdoor Rentals office.

## WEIGHT ROOM ORIENTATION

Campus Recreation is providing an introduction to the weight room in Memorial Gym Jan. 24, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The introduction is designed for women and is taught by Jacque Finnan, Certified Personal Trainer. Attendees will be instructed in weight room etiquette, use of equipment and program design. Registration is through Campus Recreation, 204 Memorial Gym, 885-6381. There is a \$5 fee for the program, and refreshments will be served.

# Enrichment Program provides adventures in sea kayaking

**Tricia Francis**  
Staff

For the past three years, Greg Felten has had a rough job over winter break. Working with the University of Idaho Enrichment Program, Felten gathers a group of up to ten people for a three week excursion of sea kayaking in Baja California.

In addition to kayaking five to seven miles a day, Felten and his adventurers often spearfish for their dinner. This is the thirteenth year the winter trip has been offered.

The trip starts from the quaint town of Loreto, approximately 650 miles south on the Baja Peninsula. The town of Loreto has good food, a little shopping and is relatively clean. From there the expedition paddles out to Isla Carmen, five miles off the coast.

Says Felten of his adventures, "It really is an incredible experience, something everyone should do once in a lifetime. To take a water-based vacation in such a pristine place adds incredibly to one's level of serenity."

The days start early, by dawn the group has had breakfast and is putting their boats in the water. The actual kayaking lasts for one to three hours each morning before the winds pick up. By 10 a.m. the boats are beached and the rest of the day can be spent swimming, fishing or taking a siesta. Felten offers a virtually guaranteed "perfect tan that will be the envy of all your friends."

"The paddling on these trips is easier than on a river basically because most of it is done on flat water," he said. "We are conservative on days where weather or winds might be a problem."



A kayaker demonstrates his abilities while in Baja California. Sea kayaking is one of many adventures provided by the UI Enrichment Program.

Recent trips have been 10 days on the water, and another 10 in travel time to and from Loreto. The travel time is difficult, but "after people have been there a couple days," Felten said, "they don't want to come back to school, they'll worry about it mañana."

People have been turned away from the trip because of the limited number of spaces available. To accommodate the growing interest, Felten has developed some addi-

tional trips on what he terms "a softer scale." Rather than the grueling drive, the spring trips include airfare. The trips are nine days, from Saturday to Sunday, so they only require one week of school or work time.

For those who would like to provide their own transportation, it is possible to meet with the group in Mexico and the appropriate amount will be deducted from the cost. Help is available in coordi-

nating ride sharing for those interested in alternate transportation.

On the spring trips, transportation will be more accommodating and the guides will meet more of the participants' needs. With enough notice they will even work to adapt to special dietary considerations. All of the food will be provided so they won't be required to hunt for their own meals. Much of the equipment will be furnished as well. The guides are experienced, and previous sea kayaking for participants is not required, although it is helpful.

This kayak adventure would probably be considered difficult for one who is primarily an indoor type. Even the more seasoned outdoors person may face personal challenges. The key is to be able to adapt to any difficulties they may confront.

"More important than skill or experience is a good positive attitude and a willingness to learn along the way," Felten said.

Trips are offered through the UI Enrichment program. The Spring Break trip is March 16-24 and is even worth college credit. Other trip dates are March 2-10, and March 30-April 7. Sign-up deadlines are rapidly approaching, and the first session deadline is Jan. 29. Other dates are in February, but space is limited.

If you have a small group that may have scheduling problems, it may be possible to customize a trip to meet your needs. For more information call the Community Enrichment Program at 885-6486 or Greg Felten at 882-2250. Felten also has a home page with all the details at: <http://www.uidaho.edu/~felte902/baja.html>.



A group of sea kayakers take a break during their winter adventure.

Greg Felten

# Wolf reintroduction still an issue for Idahoans



**Jerri Lake**

Wild wolves imported from Canada have been reintroduced into Yellowstone National Park. Several

more are scheduled to be placed into sections of Idaho. In my Jan. 16 article, I stated the wolf was one of the most misunderstood animals of our time. I received comments about the article which I will address.

As a wildlife enthusiast and photographer, I have observed many studies, films, articles and photographs on wildlife for many years. Most of the studies and films on wolves I have seen were done in Alaska, the Yukon and other parts of Canada. Because of the lack of wolves in Idaho areas I hunt in, I do not get to see them act like their Northern relatives.

Wild wolves are one of the most skilled animals at hunting in North America. Usually, wolves will hunt by themselves. The pack will spread out trying to catch mice, squirrels, rabbits, birds or any larger game it can bring down.

A wild wolf, if necessary for survival, will hunt as a pack. While hunting as a pack, they will try to run down large game such as deer, elk or moose. The wolf's stamina for running down most game is excellent.

In my last article, I described a chase of a bull moose by a pack of wolves that was filmed by the Alaska Fish and Game Department.

During this chase, the wolves worked the moose as a relay team until they tired out. When it stopped to fight, the pack surrounded it. The main part of the pack distracted the moose from the front, while another wolf attacked the hamstring from the rear. When the moose turned to defend the rear attack, the others went for its throat.

This kill was during the fall before any snow was on the ground. This chase of a moose by wolves is only one of several I have seen on film or in articles with photographs. Most of the time, wolves hunt in a pack during the winter. They will drive the larger, faster animals into deep snow or onto ice that won't support its weight. There, it can't outrun them or fight back efficiently. The wolves will then bite it anywhere they can to disable and kill it.

In one letter to the Argonaut the writer stated, "Through studies, there has never been a recording of a moose being preyed upon when it stands its ground." I am not familiar with which studies this person is talking about. However, Alaskan and Canadian officials have documented it on film during different times of the year.

Many years ago, Alaska did not

allow the harvesting of wolves in certain areas of the state. As the number of wolves increased, the population of moose proportionally decreased. After several years the moose population became extremely low.

Alaska then sent in government hunters and trappers on a quota system to bring the wolf/moose population back into balance.

Wolves in the wild are magnificent to watch. How they interact with each other or hunt as a team or individually can bring about many emotions. Idaho is one of several states where State and Federal funds are being spent on the reintroduction of wolves. How a person was raised or has come to think about the wolf influences their opinion on their reintroduction.

If you were raised or have been swayed to like them, chances are you will lean toward reintroducing the wolves to Idaho. If you are a rancher or landowner whose livelihood is at stake, or a hunter concerned with the loss of big game from an endangered species in our area, you most likely will not be in favor of the reintroduction.

Regardless of what side of the issue you are on, your tax dollars will most likely pay to reintroduce wolves in Idaho.

## Ski bus information

The ASUI Outdoor Program is willing to give you a lift.

The ASUI Ski Bus is traveling three times this semester to give students a ride to area resorts beginning Feb. 3 and continuing through Feb. 24.

Saturday trips to Silver Mountain and Schweitzer Mountain are planned, with tickets selling at \$28 for UI students, and \$35 for all others.

In addition to the round-trip transportation, the cost also takes care of the lift ticket.

Tickets are available at the ASUI Outdoor Rental Center, located in the Student Union basement. Hours of operation for the office are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are available on a first come-first served basis, and must be purchased by the Wednesday prior to the trip. Departure time for the bus is 6:30 a.m.

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## Vandals fall in non-conference action

Mark Vanderwall

Staff

With the arctic weather that has hammered the Palouse came tales of giant snowbeasts that roamed the land, however, the Idaho Vandals discovered these weren't tales at all.

Southern Utah deployed Myndee Larsen onto an already hampered Vandal front court, which was without the services of leading scorer and rebounder Mindy Rice after she received a cotizone shot earlier in the day to better a recurring foot problem. Larsen, a 6-foot 5-inch junior from Twin Falls, scored the first eight points of the game, before another Thunderbird scored. She repeated her performance in the second half, scoring 10 of the first 14 points after intermission for Southern Utah. Larsen ended the contest with a game high 25 points, 12 rebounds and five blocked shots to push the Thunderbirds record to 7-11 in a 73-54 victory over Idaho.

Idaho fell behind early and never seemed to warm up. Idaho trailed by 19 at 27-8 midway through the first half, before rallying to cut the lead to four at the half, 31-27.

Idaho kept the game close until the 6:00 mark of the game, when it fell behind by 10, 61-51. Idaho got no closer than 10 points again, before finally succumbing to the Thunderbirds.

Idaho platooned players throughout the game to try and get the right combination on the floor, but the inside play of the Thunderbirds extinguished every Idaho comeback attempt. Ari Skorpik, who averaged 14.2 points a game before the weekend series, was held scoreless by both Eastern Washington and Southern Utah. She was in early foul trouble against EWU, and never found her rhythm. She will get a chance at redemption when Idaho returns to action against Weber State on Thursday in Ogden, UT.

### SOUTHERN UTAH (73)

Mortensen 2-5 0-0 4, Frandsen 6-11 0-1 12, Larsen 11-16 3-4 25, Wardle 2-6 2-4 7, Newton 0-4 0-0 0, Welch 0-1 0-0 0, Webster 0-0 0-0 0, King 0-0 2-2 2, Shaheen 1-1 4-4 6, Sparrow 0-1 0-0 0, Torres 6-6 1-2 13, Doman 2-4 0-0 4.

### IDAHO (54)

Johnson 3-12 0-1 9, Greenwood 1-7 3-4 5, Stone 2-5 3-4 7, Skorpik 0-7 0-0 0, McDaniel 5-9 1-2 11, Ortner 1-2 1-3 4, Hawks 4-14 2-4 10, Morris 0-0 0-0 0, Beard 0-0 0-0 0, Ackerman 2-7 0-0 4, Blakley 1-2 2-4 4, Chaney 0-0 0-0 0.

Halftime Score SU 31 UI 27. 3-point goals SU 1-2 (Wardle 1-1 Newton 0-1) UI 4-24 (Johnson 3-12, Skorpik 0-5, McDaniel 0-2, Ortner 1-1, Hawks 0-3, Ackerman 0-1). Total Fouls SU 20 UI 16. Fouled Out SU Mortensen, UI Greenwood. Rebounds SU 45 (Larsen 12) UI 40 (Johnson, Hawks 4). Assists SU 17 (Wardle, Newton 5) UI 11 (Johnson, Skorpik 3). Attendance 363.

### THURSDAY

Keeping on the topic of superstitions, Idaho found it had a lucky number after all, in an 11-point win over Eastern Washington, 72-61.

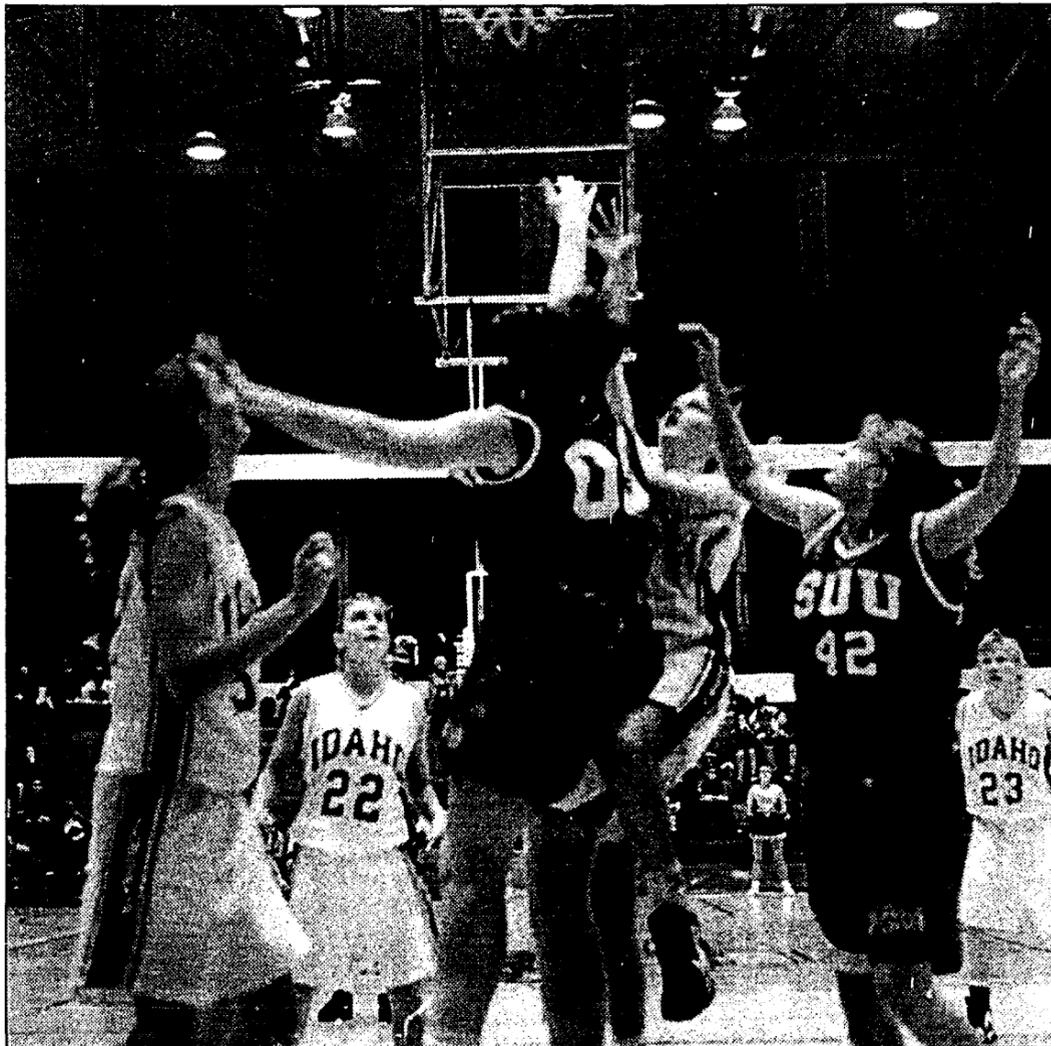
Idaho made a miraculous 21-point turnaround in the second half, after it found itself down by 10 at the break.

The superstition comes into play, as Idaho made 21 more free throws on the game than did the Eagles. Idaho made a decisive comeback on the night after it found itself in a hole at the half.

"It was an aggressive game, so I told the girls to come out and attack the Eastern defense and they did a good job of getting to the foul line and hitting their free throws," Idaho coach Julie Holt said.

This fact is reiterated by the Vandals 18-21 shooting from the charity stripe in the second half, as compared to the 0-3 shooting for the Eagles. Eastern compiled 26 fouls for the game whereas Idaho only had 11.

The Vandals saw Mindy Rice break out of a mini slump with fashion to score 27 points to go along with her 10 rebounds, which added to her numerous double-double totals for the season. McDaniel added 13 points, while Jennifer Stone had perhaps the best game of



Jared Smith

Idaho and Southern Utah players fight for position Friday night. SUU won 73-54.

her young Vandal career with 11 points. Her points, however took backstage to the 28 minutes she gave the Vandals off of the bench.

Eastern was led in scoring by Kristy Missall's 20, followed by Tina Smith's 11. Idaho pushed its conference record to 2-1 while Eastern fell to 2-1 in conference as

well.

### EASTERN WASHINGTON (61)

Sutter 1-3 0-0 2, Smith 4-10 1-2 11, Missall 10-14 0-1 20, Bartleson 4-8 0-0 8, Watterson 1-4 0-0 2, Bailey 0-0 0-0 0, Ray 3-9 0-2 7, King 2-6 2-2 7, Sloan 2-2 0-0 4.

### IDAHO (72)

Johnson 2-6 4-5 9, Greenwood 4-5 0-1 8, Rice 9-13 8-9 27, Skorpik 0-2 0-1 0,

McDaniel 3-7 7-8 13, Ortner 2-6 0-0 4, Morris 0-0 0-0 0, Stone 3-7 5-8 11.

Halftime EWU 37 UI 27 3-point goals UI 2-10 (Johnson 1-4, Rice 1-2, McDaniel 0-1, Ortner 0-3) EWU 4-16 (Sutter 0-1, Smith 2-6, Bartleson 0-1, Watterson 0-1, Ray 1-4, King 1-3). Fouls UI 11, EWU 26. Fouled Out EWU Missall, Bartleson. Rebounds UI 32 (Rice 10) EWU 29 (Missall, King 5). Assists UI 12 (Ortner 5) EWU 18 (Sutter 7).

## Idaho pummels Eagles in Cheney

Dan Eckles

Sports Editor



The basketball hoop at Eastern Washington's Reese Court must have looked like the broadside of a big red barn Friday night. The Idaho Vandals shot basketballs right into the middle of the hoop over and over again in a 75-53 victory in NCAA Big Sky Conference men's basketball action.

Idaho shot 66 percent (31-47) from the field Friday, marking the third consecutive contest the Vandals have shot 54 percent or better. The 66 percent figure was the best shooting performance by a Big Sky team this winter. Conversely, Eastern Washington (2-12, 0-3 BSC) managed a 34 percent shooting effort, connecting on just 21-of-61 shot attempts.

The triumph was the first Big Sky win for the Vandals this season after opening league play with a pair of losses to Idaho State and Boise State in southern Idaho last weekend. It was also the first road win for Idaho since last year's trek to Cheney.

Eastern Washington's D'mitri Rideout buried a jumper with three minutes left in the first half to knot the score at 37 apiece, but Idaho's Eddie Turner knocked down a pair of jumpers and dropped in a layup to key an 8-0 Idaho run going into the halftime break.

UI's halftime edge was also due to solid shooting. It is no wonder Idaho (7-7, 1-2 BSC) held the lead. Eagle players couldn't get close enough to guard the Vandals they were so hot. Idaho missed only seven shots before the intermission, finishing 20-27 from the floor in the first half.

The Eagles, who have lost 21 straight games to Idaho, tried to challenge early in the second half. Bryan Carter buried a trey three minutes into half two to push the Eagles within six at 48-42. Unfortunately for Eastern Washington, Idaho reeled off the next seven points and the Cheney club never threatened again.

Idaho guard Shawn Dirden made good on a pair of free throws and canned a three-pointer a minute later to give the Vandals a 75-49 lead with 3:30 remaining to play, their largest of the game.

The shooting woes and successes for the respective squads were illustrated by numbers from behind the three-point arc. Idaho was 6-14 from three-point land while Eastern finished a porous 3-14. The Vandals owned nearly every statistical category, outrebounding the Eagles 35-27, while dishing out more assists 17, compared to EWU's 10 and grabbing more steals 12-10.

Harry Harrison led a balanced UI offensive attack, contributing a game-high 15 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Reggie Rose and Shawn Dirden chipped in 14 and 13 points respectively as five Vandals scored in double figures.

The Vandals continue Big Sky Conference play Thursday in the Kibbie Dome when they host Weber State at 7:05 p.m.

### IDAHO (75)

Harrison 6-7 3-7 15, Rose 6-10 2-2 14, Dirden 4-8 2-2 13, Turner 6-6 0-0 12, Baumann 4-5 0-1 11, Jackman 3-5 0-0 6, Jones 2-5 0-2 4, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0, Gardner 0-0 0-2 0, Sturing 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-47 7-16 75.

### EASTERN WASHINGTON (53)

Sims 5-12 0-0 10, King 4-6 1-1 10, Porter 2-9 5-5 9, Carter 3-6 0-0 8, Rideout 3-9 0-0 6, Luke 2-8 1-1 5, Lewis 1-5 1-2 3, Groves 1-3 0-0 2, Dean 0-2 0-0 0, Thompson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-61 8-9 53.

Halftime score UI 45, EWU 37. 3-point goals UI 6-14 (Baumann 3-4, Dirden 3-7, Thomas 0-1, Rose 0-2), EWU 3-14 (Carter 2-4, King 1-3, Porter 0-2, Rideout 0-2, Luke 0-3). Total fouls UI 14, EWU 16. Rebounds UI 35 (Harrison 10), EWU 27 (Sims 7). Assists UI 17 (Turner 5), EWU 10 (King, Luke 2). Attendance 2,023.



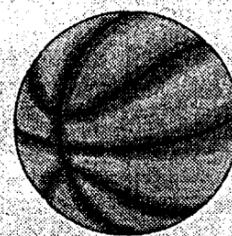
### Intramural deadlines set this week

Intramural basketball rosters are due today at 5 p.m. in room 204 of Memorial Gym. For any intramural officials interested in officiating basketball, there will be a meeting at 4 p.m. on Wednesday in Memorial Gym Room B-2. Anyone interested must attend the hands on clinic. Work out clothes are suggested.

### UI tracksters shine in season opener

Jill Wimer, Nikki Veirsen and Althea Belgrave got their 1996 indoor track seasons started on the right foot Saturday at the Early Bird Indoor Track and Field Meet in Cheney.

Wimer captured first place in the 20-pound weight throw, with a toss of 41-feet 4-inches. Veirsen won the 400 meter race with a time of 1:00.53, nearly two seconds better than Eastern Washington's Chundrenae Nicholson, who finished in



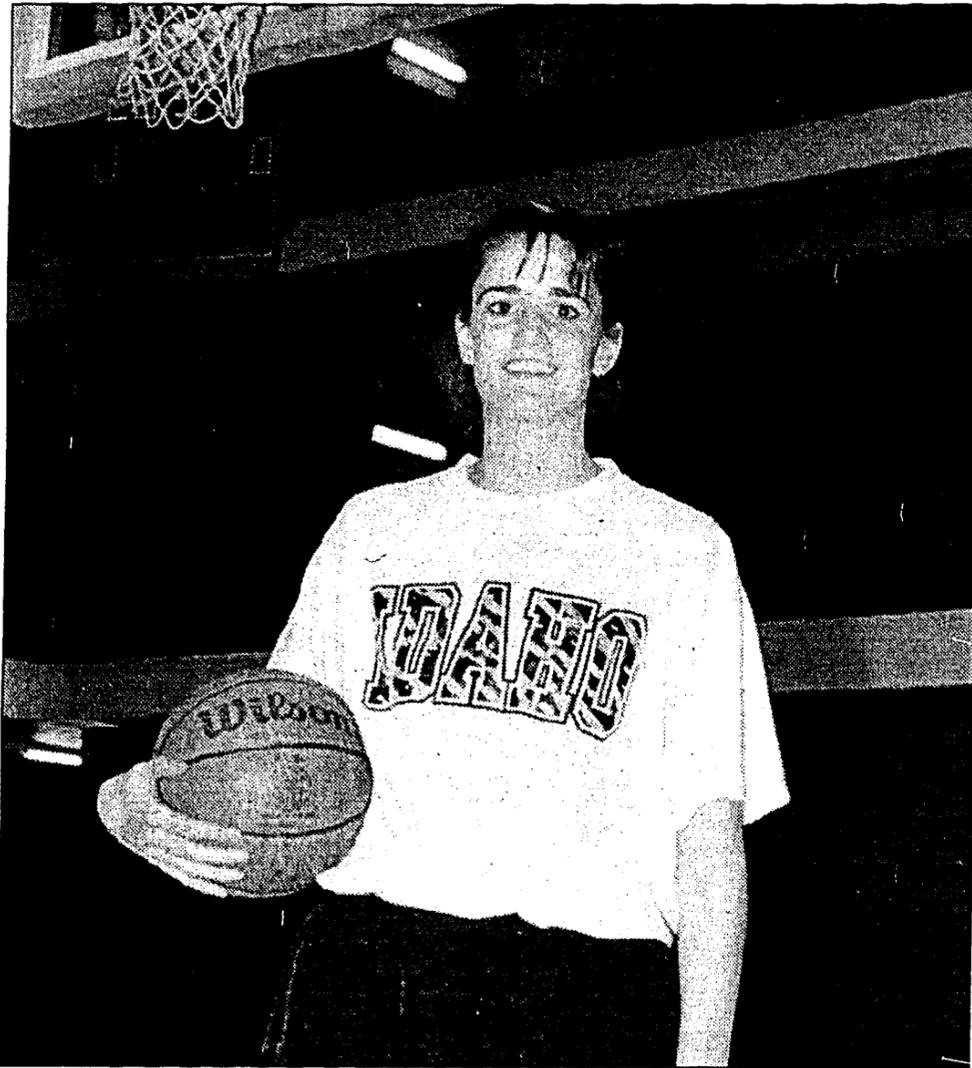
Co-recreational volleyball rosters are also due on Wednesday in Room 204 of Memorial Gym at 5 p.m. On Thursday, intramural managers must meet at the UCC in Room 112 at 5 p.m. Also, anyone interested in playing intramural singles racketball must turn in their signups by 5 p.m. in Room 204.

1:02.03. Belgrave flew by the competition in the 800m, winning the race with a time of 2:18.13. Eastern's Shannon Bonogofski was second, finishing in 2:36.75.

On the men's side, Idaho sprinter Jason St. Hill won the 55m competition by running to a time of 6:53. UI's Tawanda Chiwira (6:56), Niels Kruller (6:58) and Robert Molder (6:58) swept the top four spots for the Vandals.

Leonard Brittrner won the triple jump by hurdling 45-4 1/2. Thad Hathaway and Geoff Judd finished second and third in the high jump, jumping 6-8 3/4.

# Kuehlthau still thrives as a Vandal



Sam Goff

Idaho women's assistant basketball coach Brenda Kuehlthau still loves to compete.

**Damon Barkdull**

Staff

Competition, strategy, the thrill of the win, depressing lows from defeat, these descriptions are exactly what keeps Idaho graduate assistant coach Brenda Kuehlthau involved in the game she loves best - basketball.

"I love the game of basketball," Kuehlthau said. "I had had so much fun playing that I knew it was something I still wanted to be a part of."

Kuehlthau, pronounced Kill - towe, was given the opportunity to coach after her senior season of 1992-93. Former Vandal coach Laurie Turner offered Kuehlthau a student-assistant coaching position in the 1993-94 season and soon the young Kent, Wash., native was once again involved in the game she loved.

"I love competing, being involved," Kuehlthau said. "The competition drives me, I love it. I loved to play and to be able to continue it, this is a great way. It's a job but you also get to compete."

Obviously, Kuehlthau is someone the Vandal players can look up to. Especially the ability Kuehlthau had as a four-year letter winner for the Vandals. During her reign of terror on the Big Sky Conference, Kuehlthau finished her career as tenth in assists (234), seventh in steals (163) and seventh in free throws (195), on the all-time Vandal list.

For Kuehlthau, there was some adjustment between being a former player and learning how to become a coach.

"There's a certain amount of transition," Kuehlthau said. "Obviously you are now coaching these people who you just played with. So you're on a different level and you have to adjust. You

have to adjust your relationship with them. That was the biggest transition and the team made it easy and were very accepting of me."

Last season Idaho hired a new coach, Julie Holt, who took over a struggling Vandal program. From the beginning of the new coaching period, Kuehlthau wanted to be a part of the staff.

"She had a wide open staff and I approached her about taking the graduate assistant job," Kuehlthau said. "I also knew it would be a great learning experience as far as coaching goes for me. Seeing a team that's been struggling and then a new coach coming in and then seeing the changes she makes, that right there, you don't get that chance very often."

Kuehlthau's responsibilities as a graduate assistant coach include film exchange, equipment manager, alumni relations, scouting opposing teams and recruiting.

"I do a little bit of everything," Kuehlthau said.

As far as this coaching job being a stepping stone for the graduate student, anything's possible according to Kuehlthau. She's currently finishing up her masters' degree in sports management and has an undergraduate degree in physical education.

"I just want to do whatever makes me happy. I have up until now and I just continue doing it," Kuehlthau said. "If there's an opportunity in college coaching and it makes me happy, then I'll go with it. If not, I'll find something else."

With little time for a social life and a lot of time to concentrate on books and hoops, the everyday Jane Doe might find Kuehlthau's life a little dull.

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# Society should value women's athletics



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Instead of these images why not a volleyball player driving a spike into the floor past diving bodies or a tennis player crushing a serve for an ace past a helpless player. These images rarely come to mind. Why, because women play these sports.

Last Thursday, on my way out of a friend's hall, I noticed a sign on a girl's door that said "Support Women's Sports" and I started thinking about that. Why does the women's basketball team play in Memorial Gym and the men in The

Dome? Why do you see men's golf on television but not women's golf? How come people get so excited when Lyn St. James qualified for the Indianapolis 500? Then I realized something, despite the fact that women have as many opportunities as men in sports, and their achievements equal those of men, they don't get recognized. They need our support.

America today loves sports. Just take a look at any news stand. You will see the miscellaneous section, the housekeeping section, the business section, but one of the biggest sections will be the sports section. Sports Illustrated, Skiing, Biking, Football Digest, Hockey Magazine, The Sporting News, just a few of the many sports magazines you might find. Pick up the remote and look through the channels, ESPN, ESPN2, SportsNetwork, PSN, ABC Sports, CBS Sports, Fox Game of the Week, TNT NBA, a constant flow of sports for the avid fan to watch at anytime of day. Even the bars offer sports as entertainment. Chasers offers Sports on the Big Screen, so does Brannigan's, and Rat Haus, and John's Alley usually has a game on television for the patrons. Obviously you cannot go out without running into sports most

of the time.

In a society so in love with sports, it stands to reason that both men and women should find their place in the spotlight, have a chance to compete and to conquer. However, women often get the short end of the stick in sports because they seem weaker or less able to compete. People even cite physiological reasons why women do not fair as well at sports as men.

Okay, did you know that at the University of Idaho, in the 1994-95 academic year, the school provided 134 scholarships to student athletes on a full or partial basis. Now, you may think that the men claimed the majority of those scholarships, and including football, which used up 59 scholarships, you would be correct. However, looking at basketball, tennis, track and field, and golf, all sports with a men's and women's team, the women have 45 scholarships available to the men's 34.6 scholarships. This shows that the UI puts a high premium on providing athletic opportunity to women and men.

However, the issue of women's sports and their validity does not stop with just Idaho. Look at all the sports in the world that offer women professional opportunities

as well as men. Golf, figure skating, running, bowling, tennis, body building, beach volleyball, auto racing, just to list a few. Women also compete in some pro sports that men do not, like the National Volleyball Association, a professional women's indoor league created in 1994. And who can ignore the women who have made inroads into traditional men dominated sports, like the Tampa Bay Lightning's female goalie a few years ago, or the women's professional baseball league portrayed in the movie "A League of Their Own".

So today, in a world where sports dominates our lives, we should be open to thinking in a co-educational

way. We should look forward to the day when women will compete along side men in sports like baseball or basketball, not in separate leagues. And people who say that women can not compete with men, look back at the classic match between Billy Jean King and Bobby Riggs and explain why Riggs lost in straight sets to a women.

So men, next time you're watching a football game, try to imagine your girlfriend or your sister suited up and playing. You might find the image a little comical, but think about all the women you know and then decide if seeing a woman playing a professional sport, like baseball, really would be an impossible idea to grasp.



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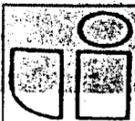
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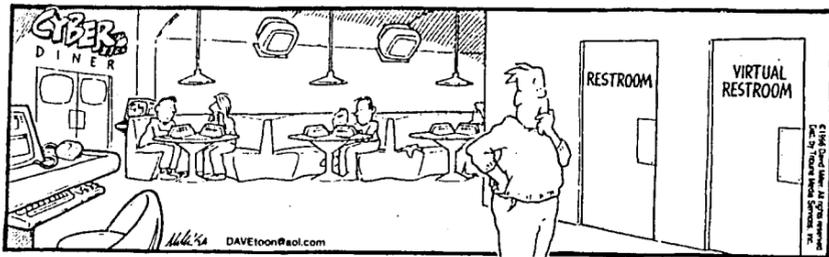
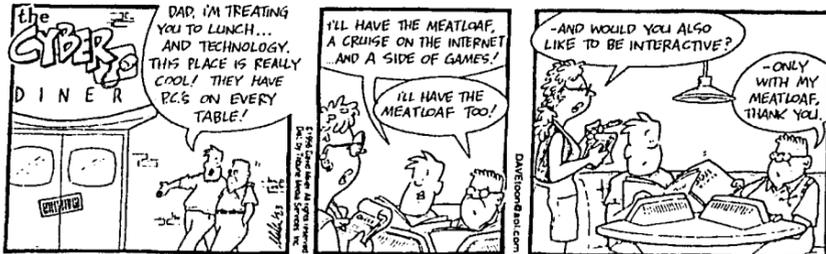
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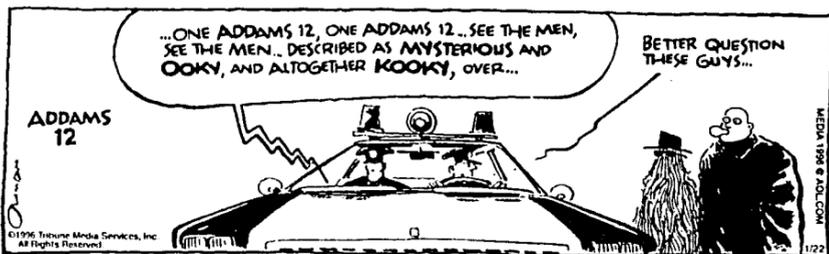
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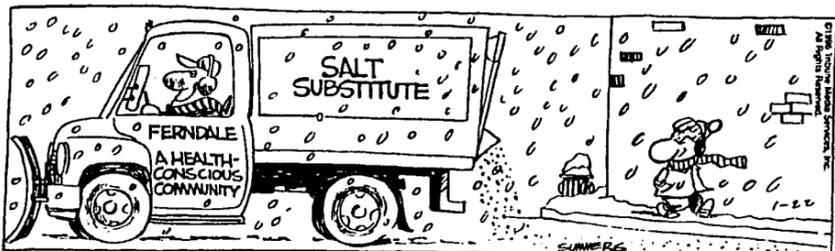
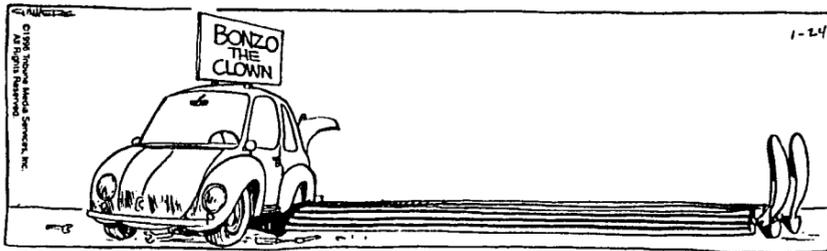
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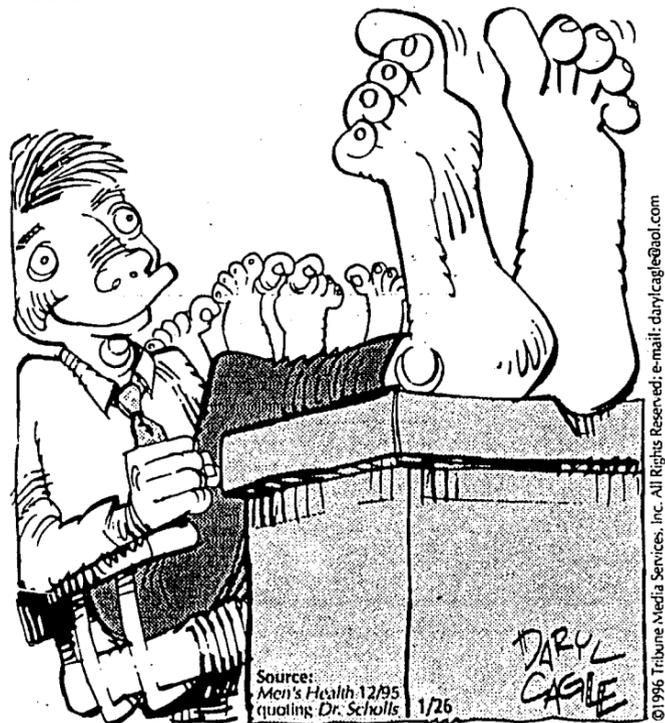
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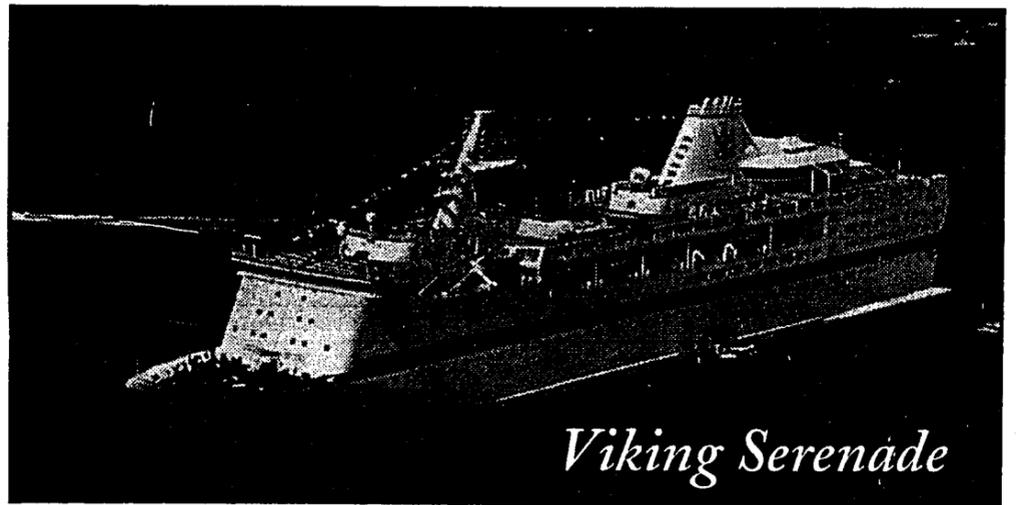
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