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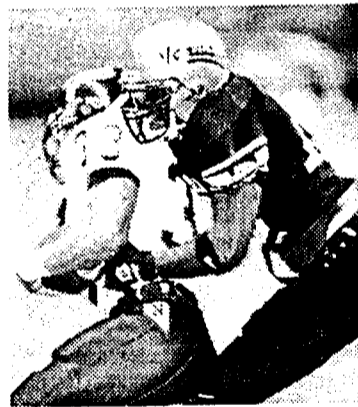
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Depressing Marvin's Room the tears.

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WEATHER

Break out the wool sweaters and rain coats. Showers continue with highs in the 50s.



Hoover addresses staff concerns at forum

Shelby Beck
Staff

President Robert Hoover was asked yesterday at the fourth President's Forum for Staff if there are plans to sever ties with the Greek system as a result of underage drinking on campus. The forum was arranged by the Staff Affairs Committee to allow staff members to directly address concerns to President Hoover.

Hoover said the issue of underage drinking is being addressed by the members of fraternities and sororities themselves and that they will decide whether or not to allow drinking in social spaces on campus. He said drinking pervades American society and it not only a problem related to fraternities and sororities.

"But it is a lot more visible here," he said. "If it is underage drinking, it cannot be tolerated."

Many of the questions and concerns staff members expressed regarded the implementation and effects of the lag-pay system. Janet Peterson, account technician in the payroll office, said she was concerned about the lack of information given to department heads about the lag-pay system.

Referring to the announcement that specific questions about the lag-pay system would be answered at a meeting on Nov. 7, she said it seemed that information is being pushed back.

"There should have been something on paper that we could hand to our employees so that they would know," Peterson said.

"We really want to do this right," Hoover said. Not "doing it right," he said, is one of the best

ways to decrease the credibility of the institution. Holding the meeting in November would allow enough time for the administration to develop as many options for staff members as possible.

Still, he acknowledged the hardships that would be caused by the lag-pay system and the likelihood of problems. "I know darn well that there will be some glitches in this," he said.

Brenda Helbling, senior secretary of Tutoring and Academic Assistance Center, asked if the lag pay was really a solution or just a means of transferring debt to future budgets.

"Is this a Band-Aid?" Hoover asked in response. "Yes, it is," he said. He told the audience that the system may become a permanent payroll feature. "I don't want to mislead you."

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Ethics take a back seat in athletics

Bryant J. Kuechle
Staff

Within the human nature there is a competitive desire boiling and an ethical obligation cooling. Athletics is probably the easiest method of venting the steam, but in the process the conscience simmers and seeps out as well.

Sharon Stoll, a professor in physical education at the University of Idaho, understands, probably as well as anyone, how and why this occurs.

"The way we practice [athletics] in America affects our reasoning process and creates behaviors we might want to improve," she said Thursday at her Ethics and Athletics presentation in the Student Union Building.

Stoll received her Ph.D. in sports philosophy from Kent State University and has authored eight books and conducted numerous studies on ethics in athletics. She is a former competitive ice skater and currently serves as the director for the UI Center for Ethics.

Since conducting a study involving athletes and non-athletes at UI, Stoll has brought greater understanding to the issue.

"I thought that athletes were less morally reasoning," she said. "Now I think that they have moral reasoning, they're just not using it right now. Competitive populations just don't think, they turn it off."

A study involving ethical testing concluded that college athletes reason at a sixth-grade level while non-athletes reason at a 13th-grade level.



Bruce Twitchell

Professor Sharon Stoll speaks on ethics Thursday in the SUB.

The study showed that team sports rate lower than individual sports, with lacrosse and hockey being lowest and golf highest.

"In golf you have to keep your score," Stoll said. "Young golfers are very precise about following the rules."

This thinning of ethical responsibility is a gradual process. "A steady decline in moral reasoning occurs with people who continue in team sport athletics from ninth grade to college," she said. "It remains relatively stable for non-athletic people."

Another study Stoll conducted discredited the theory that money affects an athlete's ethics. She compared the athletes and non-athletes at Division III schools that do not give out athletic scholarships. "They have to pay people to come to their games," she said. "We found that the athletes are significantly different. It doesn't make a difference if you're Division I or III, it's still the same."

Scott Kuetchmar, author of *Practical Philosophy*, created a five-step reasoning process to set straight those people that have problems: being sensitive to a moral issue; respecting and loving yourself; looking for win-win solutions; respecting and loving your craft, and searching for moral excellence.

The presentation was sixth in a series sponsored by the College of Graduate Studies called Ethics in Our Daily and Professional Lives. At 12:30 p.m. today in the SUB Silver Room, Jo Ellen Force is presenting Ethics and Natural Resources.

Professor Stoll's presentation will air Saturday on Channel 8 at 1 p.m.

Safety Board pulls the pin on campus assault

Andrew White
Staff

The ASUI Safety Board will be demonstrating the effect of grenade-simulating "beepers" that are now available for student safety.

At 12:25 p.m. tomorrow, members of the Safety Board will be stationed at the library, Law Library, Student Union, Wallace Complex and Satellite SUB to sound the beepers.

Members of the board hope students will become educated about how they can protect themselves.

"What we're hoping to do is increase awareness and get people to know they have the ability to use it," said Clint Cook, public relations coordinator for the Safety Board.

Members of the Safety Board will be pulling the pin on the beepers that release a loud shrill noise to deter possible attackers. The beepers are available for check-out at the library.

The Safety Board is active on campus, working to educate students about how to keep safe.

"The main thing is education. We want to create an atmosphere that people feel comfortable at the UI," Cook said. Students interested in learning more about how to keep themselves safe are encouraged to contact the Women's Center.

While reported assault and rape numbers on campus at UI are relatively low compared to more urban universities, incidents of rape and abuse are occurring.

This year \$75,000 has been allocated to help make the UI campus safer. About \$25,000 will

be used in the Wallace Complex area for lighting improvements. Another \$25,000 will be allocated to Capitol Planning for increased safety implementation campus wide. The remaining \$25,000 has been given to ASUI to be used at the Safety Board's discretion.

Students interested in voicing an opinion on how the money should be spent should to contact the ASUI office.

"We're excited and moving forward in coming to some conclusion as to how to spend the \$25,000," Cook said. The board is looking forward to Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Safety Board Chair Angela Rauch said she is very excited about increasing the awareness around campus. Rauch encourages any students that are interested in student safety to attend board meetings, which are open to the public.

Announcements

Take Back the Night

"Take Back the Night," a women's rights rally, will take place Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 9 p.m. at the Forestry Building.

Meet the Democrats

Cecil Andrus, Bethine Church, J.D. Williams, and Dan Williams will stop at Friendship Square today at 3 p.m. on their Victory '96 Bus Tour.

Hoover meets with minority students

President Hoover will address the concerns of minority students in a forum Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium.

KUOI features candidates

KUOI-FM will be presenting live, call-in candidates forums for the area political races this month. Dates are: Tuesday, Oct. 22, Richard Campbell and Loreca Stauber for county commissioner; Wednesday, Oct. 23, Kenneth Piel and Jeff Crouch for sheriff; Thursday, Oct. 24, Vera White and Thomas Trail for representative; and Tuesday, Oct. 30, Sam Scripser and Gary Schroeder for senator. KUOI can be heard at 89.3 on the FM dial.

Food bazaar

The Asian, American, Pacific Islander Association will hold a food bazaar in the Vandal Lounge of the SUB from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate and sample the featured cuisines from China, Japan, Korea and the Philippines.

Golden Key

The Golden Key Mountain West Regional Director will be on campus this week to field questions from prospective and current mem-

bers. An information table will be set up in the SUB tomorrow through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, there will be an informational luncheon for prospective members in the Chiefs Room of the SUB at 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

Career Services

Career Services offers the following workshops this week: "Intro to UI Career Services," Oct. 23 at 3:30 p.m.; "Preparing for an Interview," Oct. 24 at 4:30 p.m.; and "The Job Search," Oct. 25 at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 885-6121.

Coalition for Central America

The Coalition for Central America will hold a meeting Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Campus Christian Center at 7 p.m. A native Guatemalan medical student will comment on the current political situation in Guatemala.

Harvest Hoe-Down

The annual Harvest "Hoe-Down" party will be Oct. 31 in the SUB Ballroom from 7-11:30 p.m. There will be line, swing and square dancing, as well as contests for best western dress, best pumpkin carving, and best swing dancing. Cost is \$2. Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education Orientation will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in Education 416. Discover paid work opportunities which provide practical experience related to your major. Call 885-5822.

Internship Search

"Internship Search and Networking Strategies" will be held in the SUB Chiefs Room Thursday, Oct. 24, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Attendees need to be registered with Cooperative Education. Call 885-5822.

Domestic partnerships

"What is domestic partnership and why should we care?!" is a public forum presented by Voices for Human Rights Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Moscow Community Center.

Pumpkin carving contest

A pumpkin carving contest is being held by the Women's Center. Individuals and groups are eligible to enter. Prizes include a Waremart turkey, UI bookstore gift certificate and more. Pumpkins must be delivered to the center by noon, Oct. 30. Call 885-6616.

Organization forum

Attention all student organizations! To be recognized for the '96-'97 academic year as a UI student organization, a representative of your group must attend an organization forum. Two remain this semester: Wednesday, Oct. 23, and Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. in the SUB Silver Room. Call Shelly Thompson at 885-5756.

Quench your thirst

"The Real Thirst Quencher," a presentation on the source of lasting satisfaction, will be given by John Mitchell Thursday, Oct. 24, at 9 p.m. in the SUB Borah Theater. Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

SUB Swap

SUB Swap Meet will be Friday, Nov. 1 from 2-7 p.m. in the main lounge of the SUB. Buyers and sellers are encouraged to participate. Tables are \$5 each. For information, call 885-6484.

Women's Association

The International Women's Association will meet Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. with Joanna Strelbel at her home, 786 Indian Hills Drive.

Anita Shum from Hong Kong will present a musical program. Rides are available; meet in the SUB parking lot at 1:50 p.m. For information, call 885-7841.

Free tutoring

Worried about mid-term grades? Student Support Services can help with free tutoring, personal support, and one-to-one academic development. 885-6746.

ACM

Association for Computing Machinery will meet Thursday, Oct. 24, at 5 p.m. in JEB 326. The topic is Visual C++, presented by Greg Miller from INEL.

History lecture

"Things ARE what they used to be: Scandal and Corruption in the Roman Republic," a public lecture, will be presented by WSU Professor Richard Williams in UI Admin 301, Thursday, Oct. 24, at 5 p.m.

Physical therapy

Pre-Physical Therapy Students: Dr. Alex Urfer, chair of ISU's Dept. of Physical Therapy, will meet with interested students Friday, Nov. 1, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 280 of the Life Sciences Building.

Scuba diving

A scuba diving course will be provided by UI Enrichment Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 22-Nov. 5 from 7-11 p.m. All equipment provided. Participants must be able to swim 220 yards, tread water for 15 minutes, and swim 20 yards under water. Fee is \$149. To register, call 885-6486.

Palouse Trail

The Bill Chipman Palouse Trail trailbreaking will take place noon, Oct. 23 near the Washington/Idaho border.

Police Log

10/18/96

10:24 a.m. A report was filed that a laptop computer was stolen from the Law building. No citations have been issued.

1:13 p.m. A report was made that a vicious dog was attacking a person in front of Sigma Nu fraternity. When officers arrived, they found neither victim nor dog.

8 p.m. Two intoxicated subjects were fighting in the Wallace Center. They left after authorities counseled them.

10/20/96

1:30 a.m. Two minor in possession citations were made at Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Matt M. Dunmore, 18, and Kimberly Middleton, 18, were issued citations.

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he said. "We're not out of the woods yet."

Hoover said the university's current financial problems are small in comparison to what the university would face should the 1 Percent Initiative pass. One person in the audience asked what Hoover suggested Washington residents do to help the situation, since they cannot vote on the issue.

"Make sure they understand the gravity of the situation," Hoover

said. He noted that the passing of the initiative would immediately result in student fee increases and a decrease in access for students.

Over time, he said it would negatively affect those who would no longer be working in higher education and students who will lose an opportunity to increase their lifetime earning potential. "That's the message I think we need to make sure our friends know," he said. sstaff concerns at forum

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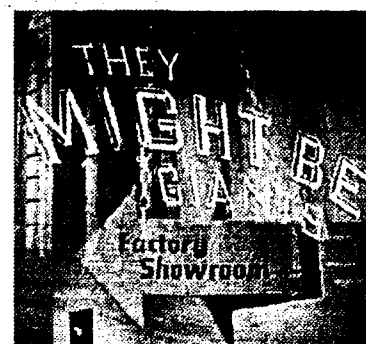
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Argonaut Interview



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Vera White

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Staff

This Argonaut interview is with Vera White, Democratic candidate for the District 5 Idaho State House Seat A. In this interview, White describes her personal background and political views.

Argonaut: For readers who may be unfamiliar with your campaign, would you describe your personal, professional and political background?

White: I'm 61 years old and I've lived in North Idaho for 40 years. I'm a native of Ohio, and I went to public school in Ohio and to Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. I've been in Moscow for 12 years, and I'm currently the Arts and Business Editor at the Moscow/Pullman Daily News. I also write a syndicated food column.

Prior to moving up here, I lived in Lewiston and spent 12 years as a Nez Perce County Commissioner. I've been very involved in politics ... I'm a lifelong Democrat, and one of the reasons that I decided to run was that I think it's time that the Democrats resurfaced in Idaho.

I was very active in Lewiston, [as] president of the Civic Theater Board ... I was the first woman to be elected county commissioner in

White wants to 'bring balance' to legislature

Nez Perce County, and it proved to be an interesting position, in that we were still seeing a lot of the "good-old-boy" sort of politics and unfortunately, 20 years later I'm still seeing it running for [state House]. I currently serve on the University of Idaho Enrichment Program Board, and that's been very interesting.

Argonaut: Do you support the need for increased property tax relief, and if so, how do you reconcile that with increased education funding?

White: Well, I'm certainly opposed to the 1 Percent [Initiative]. I have heard through the candidate forums how everybody proposes to make it better. I don't have an idea, and I think any politician who tells you that they have the solution is pulling the wool over your eyes.

What frightens me when you start talking about home exemptions is the fact that we have a lot of renters here, and that [does not] bode well for renters ... I have said that I support local option taxes. I think that's a possibility. I think [about] the number of people that spend two months out of the year here. We've become a playground for the wealthy, especially in the Coeur d'Alene and Sun Valley areas. I hesitate to think that raising the sales tax might be the solution. Again, if I were to think about representing the people in my district, there are a lot of students and a lot of working people and [raising the sales tax] would cause a lot of problems.

I see my role in a Republican-dominated legislature ... [as] trying to see that everybody's interests are served and trying to bring a different perspective in sitting down and working out the tax problem.

Argonaut: As a Democrat, what issues would you support in Boise that have been neglected in the past?

White: What sets me apart (from Republicans) is that Democrats historically have come down stronger on environmental issues, come down stronger on civil rights, and one of my big pushes ... the arts. I'm quite concerned, as the reporter that's been covering the arts here, [because] I know what it does for the university with the Jazz Festival. The students need the arts as a part of their education. I'm sadly afraid that with the present administration, and two years ago, the Contract with America was hell-bent to destroy the National Education for the Arts funding. I've seen what

rural arts programs do for Idaho. That would be one of the things that would rank high on my list.

Argonaut: Some people have said that support for the arts in Idaho is an elitist position. Do you think that is a fair assessment?

White: I would say that's pathetic, and I've seen it time and time again. I've dealt with the Idaho Commission on the Arts, and done stories in Genesee, Potlatch and Deary with their Artist in Residence Programs. Are we to say that Idaho citizens should not have art at their fingertips? It infuriates me to hear that, and you hear it a lot from the conservative Republican element — the "good-old-boys." You hear the argument that the arts should be self-supporting. That's true up to a point. I know they've struggled and worked to make the [UI] Jazz Festival self-supporting, and I think they've done an excellent job. Of my record, [what I'm most proud of] since I've been in District 5, is my work with the arts.

Argonaut: The Republican delegation from District 5 has traditionally been composed of some "free thinkers," especially with regard to their support of increased higher education funding. As a Democrat, what will be your role in the legislature?

White: Bringing balance, because we are long past due. I am proud to say that I have a number of Republicans working on my campaign and even more that have endorsed me. The word that I hear everywhere I go is that we need balance [in the legislature]. This is coming from Republicans as well. In fact, the Republican leadership in the session last year was very emphatic about the fact that they were tired of talking to themselves and that they needed a forum.

Certainly as far as education is concerned, the Republican legislators from District 5 have served us well. Gary Schroeder and I share the Idaho Education Association endorsement, and I don't take that lightly. That was a very important endorsement for me, because I think public education is our future, and certainly the University of Idaho is the most important institution in the state, as far as I'm concerned. It's going to be a fight to preserve the University of Idaho as it is and to see it continue to grow into the 21st Century. There seems to be a move afoot to dismantle the university brick by brick. I think my years in county politics have given me clout and connections that I could serve the university and the district well.

PCEI forum to discuss field burning

Jeff Olson

Staff

The Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute's Sustainable Agriculture Committee is hosting an open-forum discussion on bluegrass field burning Sunday evening in Pullman.

Panel speakers include bluegrass farmer Art Schulteis, "Save Our Summers" activist Trish Hoffman, Jim Bauermeister, owner of Palouse Agroforestry, and Agricultural Economist Doug Scott.

"We hope to make Moscow and Pullman citizens more aware of field burning as an issue," Bauermeister said. PCEI's goal, Bauermeister continued, is to facilitate discussion with the people who field burning affects the most as an economic, social, medical and environmental issue.

Schulteis, a Colton bluegrass farmer, hopes people will come to the open forum with an open mind and use the information presented to build an informed opinion.

Schulteis believes the benefits of bluegrass, from soil conservation to economic impact, and its aesthetic value as the main source of lawn seed for yards, parks, and golf courses outweigh the "cost" of the smoke.

"Of course, the smoke is not good for you, but you have to remember where your food comes from," Schulteis said.

Schulteis, Bauermeister and the other panel members will present their views, then open the discussion to public response in a question and answer format.

The forum begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Cougar Depot at N. 225 Grand Avenue in Pullman. There is a \$5 admission fee. Coffee, tea, and gourmet desserts will be served. For more information, contact Nancy Taylor of PCEI at 882-1444.

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Gault, Upham get new computer lab

Andrea Lucero
Staff

Walking across the University of Idaho campus in the cold or at night to type a paper or use e-mail is no longer a problem for the residents of Gault and Upham halls.

Thanks to the work of UI Computer Services and University Residences, the new Gault/Upham student computer lab opened Thursday.

The new lab, located on the first floor of Gault Hall, contains 22 computers. All are equipped with e-mail, Internet access and windows.

"The new lab is great, it will save us all a lot of time," said Lisa Rhindt, UI sophomore and resident of Forney hall. "It turned out a lot better than I thought it would."

The lab opening was attended by representatives of both University Residences and Computer Services, as well as students. Everyone mingled, tried out the computers and took advantage of the refreshments.

Lab construction began in early June and consisted of remodeling a section of Gault Hall previously used for extra sleeping quarters.

"There was a lot to do," said Nichole Cecil, interior designer for the new lab. "We had to take out



A UI student tries out the new computer lab Thursday.

David Camden-Britton

the showers to put in doors and replace the tile. We originally wanted to have everything finished by the time school started."

The lab has new furnishings including roll-back padded chairs, new drapes, carpet, printers and two tables for studying.

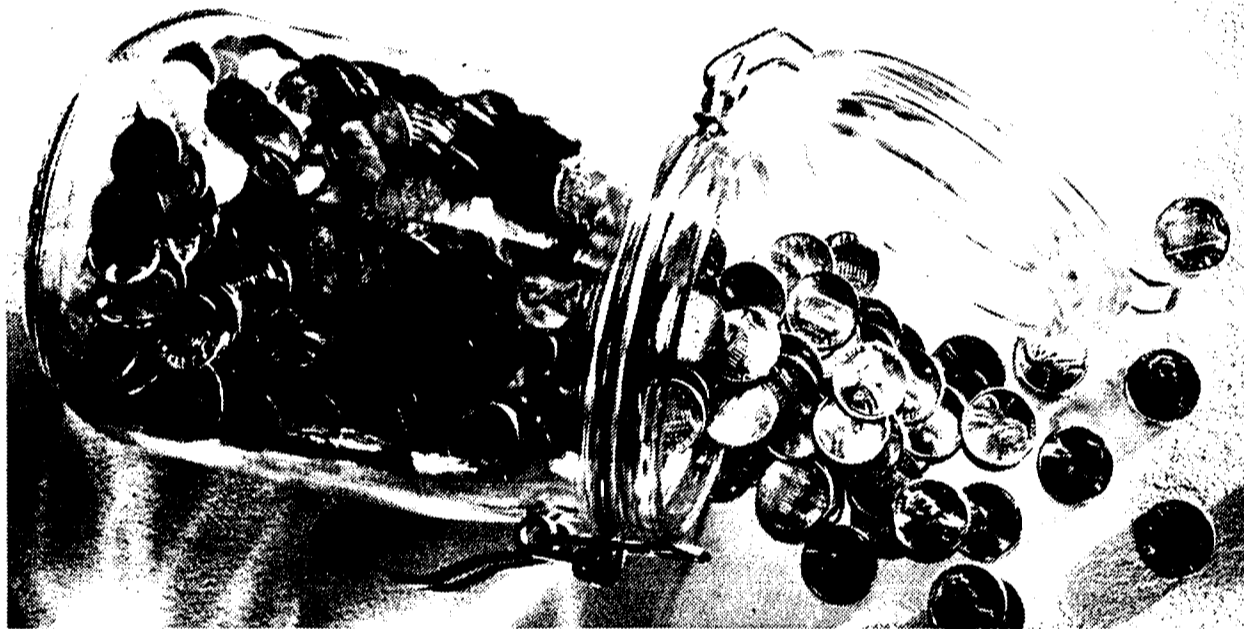
The computers, donated by Computer Services, came from the Jensen Engineering Lab. The architecture and interior design were funded by University Residences.

"The computers we have right now aren't new, but we hope to eventually get new ones," said

Jerry E. Latimer, computer assistant.

The new computer lab is open to all students, not just those in residence halls. Students can enter from the front door of Gault Hall on Sixth Street. The lab is open 24 hours a day.

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You have to watch your cholesterol. You have to watch your calories.

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Dick Ramano of Belgrade can tell you all about it.

It all started out simply enough. He saw an advertisement in a classified newspaper. If he just called an 800 number, he could find out how to acquire vehicles at low, low prices in a repossession sale.

Ramano called.

"This guy was really pushy," Ramano said last week. "He said, 'All I need is your Social Security number.' I figured everybody wants your Social Security number for something."

Then the man wanted to know where Ramano banked. Ramano told him. That turned out to be a mistake.

Once scam artists get their hands on that information, it's easy for them to take advantage of people, say police and state officials. Whether it's by computer or by phone, officials are urging Montana residents to keep their Social Security numbers and other personal information under wraps. The information age can be dangerous to your bank account.

In Ramano's case, his wife discovered a mysterious \$95 bank draft among their canceled checks a few weeks after the phone call. He didn't know what it was, but he found out soon enough.

The company he'd given his Social Security number to had written a \$95 draft — a phony check — on his account. His bank had cashed it without calling him first to make sure it was all right, even though his name wasn't spelled correctly on the draft.

Ramano went to his bank the next day. Officials there realized they had made a mistake in not contacting Ramano before honoring the bank draft. His bank replaced the money in his account. Since then, he has written a statement to his bank saying no one should have access to his account without his permission.

He also contacted the Gallatin County Sheriff's Department.

Don't give out personal information to strangers, advises Detective Rob Christie. Check out the reliability of everyone wanting such data.

That recommendation is echoed by Mark O'Keefe, Montana's insurance and securities commissioner and auditor.

"Part of the problem is everything is on computers these days," O'Keefe said. "If you have one number, you can get others."

Computers offer a wealth of personal information to people who know where to look. Your name, current address, up to two previous addresses, your phone number and sometimes your birth date and your maiden name may be available to anyone with a credit card through a Lexis database called P-Trak.

Individuals' Social Security numbers were formerly available, but that practice was discontinued June 11, eleven days after the P-

Trak database was introduced, said Lexis spokesman John Hourigan of Dayton, Ohio. To remove information about yourself from the P-Trak file, write ATTN: P-Trak, Box 933, Dayton, Ohio, 45401, or fax the request to 1-800-470-4365.

Some local residents may find their name and phone number is listed in various places on the World Wide Web. That may be why some are getting numerous phone calls that originate from sales firms with computer databases. If you answer your phone and find yourself waiting a second or two before someone starts speaking, chances are good that call was dialed up by a computer.

Many people have their Social Security number printed on their checks. O'Keefe advises strongly against that.

"Only put your Social Security number on a check when there is no other option," O'Keefe said. "People give up their Social Security number so easily."

During the Governor's Conference on Aging in Bozeman in 1995, about 90 people indicated they wanted to hear a talk on fraud. On their way into the fraud session, they had to pass two men dressed in business suits. The men said they were detectives with the police force, and they were selling lottery tickets for \$1 each to raise money for a worthy cause. People merely had to fill out lottery tickets with their name, address, phone number and Social Security number.

"Ninety-nine percent of the people did it" O'Keefe said.

Of course, the two "detectives" were there

to illustrate how simple it is to bilk people out of their Social Security numbers.

Christie advises residents to take heed if someone wants to give them an extra good deal. Some scam artists target the elderly, trying, ostensibly, to sell them new roofing or hearing aids. They may only want to get the person's credit card number. If they get it, they may charge items, and the card owner won't know about it until he or she gets the bill.

O'Keefe recently sent out an advisory about a telephone scam spreading across the country that can cost a phone customer money in a hurry.

He advised Montanans not to respond to phone calls or E-mails that may say they can win a prize if they call a phone number with the area code 809. The 809 prefix originates in the Virgin Islands, which does not have the same telecommunication regulations as exist in the United States, O'Keefe said. Someone with a foreign accent may pretend not to understand what's being said to keep people on the line longer. They can charge \$25 a minute, and people will have little hope of getting the charges dropped, the advisory said.

O'Keefe's office has formed a Montana Senior Fraud Protection Network with two partners, the American Association of Retired Persons and the Montana Senior Citizens Association. The network especially warns the elderly about possible Medicare and securities frauds. For more information, call 1-800-332-6148.

Unwary students fall into credit trap

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (U-WIRE) — The university experience offers many firsts for incoming freshmen: a first time living away from home, a first job, and for many a first credit card.

With these changes come fun, excitement, and a new level of responsibility. All too often, however, the financial burden of that first credit card becomes cumbersome, even overwhelming. Recent studies show that the availability of credit cards for students has become seductively easy.

For many creditors, the beginning of a school year is a great opportunity to seek new customers. Credit card vendors aggressively solicit many passersby. Students are often enticed into filling out an application with the lure of a free t-shirt or other gift.

Some companies require no work experience and no credit history for eligibility. By simply filling out a one-page questionnaire, students can be awarded a \$500 line of credit redeemable at any merchant that

takes plastic. For University of Arkansas sophomore Kelly Norman, the availability of that first credit card was simply too easy.

"I never had a credit card before I came to college, and all I had to do to get one was apply over the phone," Norman said. "I simply got the phone number for the credit card company from a poster in my residence hall."

For many creditors, the beginning of a school year is a great opportunity to seek new customers.

Some schools, such as Widener University, prohibit credit card companies from marketing their cards on campus.

"A few years ago, we had a problem with credit card vendors that were aggressively soliciting credit card applications on campus," Krista McJunkins, a Widener official, said. "The vendors were very aggressive to the point that we asked them to leave."

These schools recognize the increasing number of debtors that

credit card companies are helping to create, and school officials think this is detrimental.

Perhaps one of the most critical issues is many first-time student applicants are unaware that the interest rates are so high, or that the interest continues to accrue with each unpaid balance.

According to the National Foundation of Consumer Credit in Silver Spring, Md., the average interest rate on a credit card is 18 percent.

If a student only makes the minimum payment on their invoice every month, only 25 percent of that payment will be applied to reducing their overall debt. According to the foundation, it would take a student eight years to pay off a \$1,000 bill.

"The credit card company never once counseled me when I was applying, and it only took me a few months to get into serious debt," Norman said.

"Credit cards can really get you into a lot of trouble."

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Carcinogen in aquifer that supplies Pocatello's water

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Solvent contamination at a key location in the aquifer that supplies Pocatello's drinking water has increased to its highest concentration measured so far.

And frequent sampling of wells continues to show that a plume of the carcinogenic trichloroethylene (TCE) solvent is traveling north. It is creeping closer to the main well field beneath Pocatello.

"We don't want the whole system to become contaminated," said Fred Ostler, Pocatello Water Superintendent.

That is why the city is going ahead with an expensive method that will make sure water is safe to drink, even though it will not correct the source of the problem.

Crews are installing two new wells. The wells, costing the city about \$300,000, will provide safe water for the south side of the city.

The wells are being drilled strategically into the aquifer at spots directly in front of the northwest-flowing, underground trichloroethylene plume.

The city, county and state have studied trichloroethylene pollution in the aquifer since 1989.

Research indicates most of it originates from past dumping at an old section of the county landfill south of Pocatello.

Officials know barrels of industrial solvents were dumped into the landfill in the 1960s. They suspect some of those barrels are now leaking.

Health officials try to determine flu season severity

BOISE (AP) — For the first time, Idaho public health officials will use death certificates and school absentee rates to help gauge the flu season's severity.

State epidemiologist Dr. Jesse Greenblatt wants to find out when the flu season is starting, the best time to get immunized and the scope of this year's outbreak.

"We're expecting Influenza A to be particularly bad this year, thanks to a nasty new strain called Nanchung A that was a late addition to this year's flu shot," said infectious disease specialist Dr. Steven R. Mostow, chairman of the Department of Medicine at

Rose Medical Center in Denver.

In the past, Idaho health officials tried to track the flu mainly through anecdotal reports of illness and the doctors who sent patients' respiratory secretions to a state laboratory for testing.

"We're trying to beef up our surveillance a little bit," Greenblatt said. The change is recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Now, no one is sure how many Idaho residents get ill or die each year from influenza.

Most victims are ill only a few days with fever, chills, cough,

body aches and pains.

But nationwide, 10,000 to 40,000 people die each year of pneumonia and other complications from influenza, which is caused by a highly infectious virus.

Although anyone 6 months or older can receive a flu shot, vaccinations are recommended only for people at high risk of serious complications. That includes anyone with heart trouble, lung problems or other chronic illnesses.

Idaho residents at moderate risk include healthy people 65 or older and patients who, during the past year, have regularly seen a

doctor for treatment of such diseases as cystic fibrosis, diabetes or anemia.

During last year's flu season, 75 cases of influenza, all type A, were confirmed in Idaho. But that number is likely a tiny percentage of the total outbreak.

The flu hit early last year, with the first case confirmed in November, said state virologist Roy Moulton.

"Last year was very unusual," he said. "We usually don't see activity until mid-December."

Flu usually peaks in Idaho in January, he said.

Reform council opts for barring legal aliens on medical care

BOISE (AP) — Idaho will slap its wallet shut on government-supported indigent medical care for many legal immigrants, if the governor's Medicaid Reform Advisory Council has its way.

They recommended Friday that most legal aliens be barred from Idaho's Medicaid and catastrophic health coverage for the indigent, possibly next year.

The panel's recommendation takes some of the most stringent Medicaid reform options available to the state. It also adds limits on catastrophic coverage for the indigent, paid by the counties and the state.

Refugees and people granted political asylum would be exempt for the first five years. Immigrants needing emergency health care would also be exempt.

Idaho spent \$7.5 million in Medicaid for 1,386 legal immigrants for the year ending in September. Idaho's Medicaid case load is about 83,000.

The council's proposal is subject to change before it issues a final report.

Gov. Phil Batt will make the final decision. Extending the ban to county and state indigent care programs, however, would require legislative approval, committee member Blake Hall said.

The proposal is aimed at forcing people who sponsor immigrants to accept responsibility for their welfare and to keep Idaho from becoming an oasis for benefit seekers.

"There's a sentiment that we don't want people to come here for the welfare programs," Hall said. Hispanic groups were angered by the recommendation.

"It flies in the face of what America stands for, which is generosity and opportunity for those who can't help themselves," said Maria Salazar with the Idaho Migrant Council.

Health care professionals say the council's proposal will deny basic care to the poor.

"It is depressing," said Erwin Teuber, administrator of Terry Reilly Health Services, which serves low-income people. "Why do we have to become so mean? There really is a select bias against immigrants from Mexico."

Cutting off legal immigrants will likely produce more people going to hospital emergency rooms, he said.

Batt will not discuss recommendations until the committee's work is done. But his press secretary, Julie Pipal, said the governor is not simply looking to cut people off.

Curtailing Medicaid to legal immigrants is part of a nationwide downsizing of welfare benefits. Legal aliens are also being denied food stamps and Social Security disability. Many sponsors have reneged on their promise to keep legal immigrants off public assistance, Hall said.

Sponsors must provide for immigrants' benefits, even purchasing health insurance coverage if necessary, he added.

The panel could have chosen an option making Medicaid available to some legal immigrants after five years, but chose to extend the time until they become citizens or are eligible after having worked in the county for 10 years.

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Rain kills 113 people in India

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — Heavy rains and flooding have killed 113 people and left thousands homeless in southern India, a news agency reported Sunday.

Worst hit was coastal Prakasam district, where rescuers found 70 bodies on Sunday, four days after the heavy rains began, Press Trust of India news service said.

Most of the dead drowned when an embankment on a reservoir collapsed. Other deaths

occurred when people were buried under the debris of homes or drowned while trying to swim to safety.

In Hyderabad, capital of Andhra Pradesh state, thousands of villagers are marooned, officials said.

The death toll could rise further because many bodies were still to be found.

The rains were expected to continue through today.

Demos raise big bucks, GOP raises more

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the help of 33 donors who kicked in six-figure contributions, the national Democratic Party received \$46.5 million over three critical months leading up to the elections.

But what sounds like an amazing amount of money isn't nearly enough to catch up with the Republican National Committee, which reported larger receipts — about \$63 million — for July and August alone.

Those figures include loans and transfers from other committees, as well as fund-raising.

The Democratic National Committee's quarterly spending report, covering July through September, was made public by the Federal Election Commission on Wednesday. The Republicans, who file monthly, will report their September fund-raising this week.

The Democrats raised \$23.9 million in "soft money" — sky's-the-limit donations from corporations, unions, and wealthy individuals that come through a loophole in federal election law.

The party received another \$22.4 million in

contributions from individuals or political action committees, which raise money from corporate employees and members of unions or other groups with common interests. PACs have a \$15,000 ceiling on what they can contribute to a party organization.

The biggest soft money donation came from labor — \$400,000 from the Communications Workers of America.

And the National Association of Letter Carriers gave \$200,000. Other big union contributions included \$175,000 from the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, making its total \$340,000 for the year, and \$100,000 from the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League.

The Association of Trial Lawyers gave another \$100,000, pushing its total for the year to \$200,000.

Miramax Film Corp. contributed \$232,500, one of a string of donations to Democrats from Hollywood this year. Former MCA chairman Lew Wasserman, a Democratic donor who was invited by President Clinton to spend a night at the White House, gave \$100,000 during the last quarter.

A 'cymbal'ic dream come true



Peter McKinney
Walt Lokteff, owner of the Perch, joins the Vandal Marching Band for their performance at Saturday's football game. Lokteff is making his rounds in the UI music department to spice up his life here in Moscow.

Americans turning to alternative medicine in increasing numbers

KENT, Wash. (AP) — Once a week, Edwin Thompson settles into a comfortable reclining chair at the Tahoma Clinic near downtown Kent.

He relaxes for about an hour while receiving what nurses call an "IV push" an intravenous injection of a solution containing magnesium. He also receives regular injections of B vitamins. It keeps his heart beating at a regular rate, he says.

Thompson sought treatment at the Kent clinic, which specializes in alternative medicine, after his cardiologist diagnosed an irregular heartbeat and recommended he have a pacemaker implanted in his heart.

"It scared me to know I'd be dependent on a small electronic device like that for my life," said Thompson, 65, a retired Boeing Co. engineer.

While the magnesium infusions "solve the problem," he still sees the cardiologist. "I'm the type who's willing to take whatever helps me, from either side," said Thompson.

A White Center resident, Thompson is one of increasing numbers turning from conventional Western medicine to a wide range of practices called "alternative" or "natural medicine."

Studies have found that about one-third of all Americans use some type of alternative health care, including naturopathy, acupuncture or chiropractic. And many are choosing vitamins, minerals or herbal remedies as "natural healers," shunning traditional prescription medicines that are more costly and may cause side effects.

At Minkler's Green Earth Nutrition, a health foods store in Renton, owner Bob

Minkler says he's seen a steady increase in the number of customers seeking mineral supplements and herbal remedies to improve their health or treat a variety of symptoms.

"A lot of new studies are validating what people said we should be using years ago," said Minkler. "We sell a lot of herbal products."

At Highline Community College, non-credit extension classes on herbal remedies fill quickly. Students often include area residents educating themselves in an alternative treatment for themselves or a family member, said Karta Khalsa, the herbalist who teaches the courses.

"Over the last 10 years, we're seeing more scientific investigation of plant medicines, and more and more doctors are getting interested," Khalsa said.

He and others point out that remedies many Americans would view as alternative care are the most commonly used throughout much of the world.

"The herb elderberry was used for centuries as a food supplement. Now we're seeing studies from Israel showing its value for treating colds and flu," Khalsa said. "And the Chinese herb, ginko leaf, is the leading prescribed medication in Europe to improve blood circulation."

In Kent, the King County Natural Medicine Clinic opens later this month. It's the nation's first publicly funded clinic offering both conventional and alternative medical services for low-income persons, immigrants and refugees.

Family physicians provide traditional care, while two naturopathic doctors, an acupunc-

tourist and a nutritionist offer naturopathic medicine, massage therapy, acupuncture, chiropractic care and dietary counseling.

Dr. Jane Gultinan, chief medical officer for the Natural Medicine Clinic, said practitioners of alternative medicines believe changes in lifestyle or diet often can do more to improve or restore health than medications that simply treat the symptoms.

"We believe the body is smart, and if we give it help, it can heal itself," said Gultinan, a naturopathic physician.

A number of private clinics offer patients both traditional and alternative services. The Tahoma Clinic in Kent has specialized in alternative medicine since it was founded in 1973 by Dr. Jonathon Wright, a nationally known advocate of alternative care.

The Tahoma Clinic will schedule more than 15,000 patient appointments this year, Wright said, many of them for people from out of state who come seeking treatment they can't find elsewhere.

"Most of the people that come here have seen an average of eight to 10 practitioners or clinics," Wright said. An M.D. (doctor of medicine), Wright made headlines when police and federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) agents raided his clinic in 1992 and seized medical equipment and vitamin supplements. Agents said the supplement vitamins failed to meet FDA standards.

Federal authorities virtually accused Wright of bogus treatments, but after more than two years of investigation announced last year they were returning most of the seized materials and wouldn't take any further action.

The publicity didn't deter the numbers of patients seeking treatment at the Tahoma Clinic. On a recent afternoon, Edwin Thompson and other patients sat in reclining chairs in a room at the clinic receiving intravenous therapy.

Several were receiving chelation therapy, an alternative treatment to heart bypass surgery. It includes a series of weekly infusions of a solution with minerals and vitamins said to remove toxins and calcium plaque from the arteries, thereby improving blood circulation and decreasing the chances of a heart attack or stroke.

Several patients said their doctors, or former doctors, were skeptical of the therapy. Anetha DeBoer, 75, said she's undergoing chelation therapy to prevent future cardiac problems. She suffered a stroke three years ago, she said. It's a lot cheaper than bypass surgery, DeBoer said, and she's beginning to feel better since starting the treatments.

"And there's no side effects," she said, echoing the sentiments of other patients who said they had problems with multiple medications prescribed in the past. That's a common complaint of those seeking alternative remedies.

Many doctors are more than a little skeptical of some natural medicine remedies, including a reliance on vitamin or mineral supplements. One Auburn doctor noted the body can absorb only so many vitamins and minerals, and taking large numbers of dietary supplements may do little more for some people than produce "nutrient-enriched urine."

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Older students becoming larger presence on campuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of American college students over age 40 has more than tripled over the past two decades, rising from 477,000 in 1970 to 1.6 million in 1993, according to a new study.

People over 40 made up 36 percent of the U.S. population in 1970 but 40 percent in 1995, according to the study released Wednesday, which relied on Census figures.

"By sheer numbers, the baby boomers are revolutionizing our educational worlds, as they've been doing all along," said Ted Freeman, president of the Education Resources Institute, which co-sponsored the study.

But demographic shifts cannot explain the entire boom in older students, said Jamie Merisotis, president of the Institute for Higher Education Policy, the other co-sponsor.

"People over the age of 40 are going back to college to be retrained," he said. "Lifelong learning is becoming a reality for Americans."

Two-thirds of the older students are women, and some have returned to

school after a divorce or after their children get older, giving them time to develop a career, he said.

Others are just looking for a career change or are trying to keep up with an increasingly competitive marketplace.

Others findings:

—Students 40 and over make up 10 percent of undergraduates, 22 percent of graduate students and 6 percent of students in medical, law or other professional programs.

—Most 40-plus students — 79 percent — are part-time. More than half of the part-time students attend two-year public schools.

—Most older undergraduates are white (82 percent) and married (59 percent).

—57 percent of 40-plus undergraduates work at least 30 hours per week, compared to 25 percent of students aged 18 to 24. Older students work an average of 38 hours per week.

—Older students do better, with 44 percent reporting "mostly A's" in their coursework compared with 9 percent of 18- to 24-year olds.

Mountain Home Air Force Base declared heavy bomber facility

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho (AP) — A team of ten inspectors from the Commonwealth of Independent States arrived at Mountain Home Air Force Base Saturday night along with members of the United States On-Site Inspection Agency.

With the arrival of the 34th Bomb Squadron, the United States declared Mountain Home Air Force Base a heavy bomber facility under the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

The teams will conduct a new facility inspection in support of START, a multilateral arms control agreement between the United States,

Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and the Ukraine.

The breakup of the Soviet Union delayed START being enforced for nearly three and a half years until Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Ukraine, which had inherited nuclear weapons from the Soviet Union, ratified START and joined the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as non-nuclear states.

The On-Site Inspection Agency was formed in January 1988 to organize the on-site inspection, escort and continuous monitoring provisions of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Gorbachev pledges support for democracy

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev pledged his support for democracy and continued to criticize his successor Sunday as he gave the closing speech at the International Symposium on Human Rights.

"Russia needs immediate firm and responsible democratic leadership," Gorbachev said. "In the interest of Russia, the president should step down."

Gorbachev, who is credited with streamlining and decentralizing the Soviet system, was forced to resign after a coup in 1991. Boris Yeltsin went on to become Gorbachev's successor and president.

Gorbachev spoke to an audience of about 2,500 as part of a University of Connecticut symposium

that capped the school's human rights program. The "Fifty Years After Nuremberg: Human Rights and the Rule of Law" program began a year ago with the dedication of the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center.

Gorbachev warned against further Russian military involvement in the breakaway republic Chechnya, which had been at war since 1994.

He said such action "would result in a lot of trouble for Russia and I believe that could end this current regime."

The Nobel Peace Prize winner also commented on the international role of the United States.

He said that during his travels throughout the United States, he noticed a kind of intellectual rebirth.

Sharp divisions arise as Nicaraguans elect new president

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Voters waited in long lines Sunday for a presidential election that showed democracy is sinking roots in this impoverished country after decades of repression and civil war.

The two top contenders depicted each other during the campaign as throwbacks to the past — the rightist Somoza dictatorship that fell in 1979 versus the Marxist Sandinista regime of the war-torn 1980s.

But while the candidates mainly looked backward, Nicaragua's next president will have to confront severe economic problems that have left the country the second-poorest in the Western Hemisphere, after Haiti.

President Violeta Chamorro, whose historic victory in 1990 planted modern democracy in Nicaragua, is not seeking re-election.

About 2,000 elected posts were at stake in Sunday's vote. Some polls opened hours late because of

delayed ballot deliveries and other problems.

All of the 9,000 polls across the country were to have opened at 7 a.m. Like many others sites, the precinct at the San Gabriel school had not opened by 8:30 a.m. because ballots were late.

"I am dying of hunger," said Jeanette Colson, the first person outside the school. "But I want to be the first to vote."

The front-runners for president among 23 candidates are former President Daniel Ortega of the leftist Sandinista National Liberation Front, and conservative businessman and lawyer Arnoldo Aleman, of the Liberal Alliance.

If no candidate gets 45 percent of the vote, a runoff election will be held between the top two. Whoever wins faces the difficult challenge of bringing Nicaragua out of the morass of unemployment and poverty that has plagued it for decades.

Voters began lining up at 3 a.m. at the La Paz nursery school, one of several polling spots visited by former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker, invited as election observers.

Carter said his initial impression was that "the election is being properly held, open, honest and fair." He said the only foreseeable problems were delays in the arrival of voting materials and possible voter confusion because there were six different ballots to mark.

The delays happened despite the efforts of election officials who used every possible means — from canoes to helicopters — to get ballots and other materials to remote areas.

Because of delays in delivering voter registration cards, the Supreme Electoral Council told poll workers to let voters use other identification. Poll workers check the documents against a list of regis-

tered voters and mark voters' fingers with indelible ink to prevent repeat voting.

Nicaragua faces many pressing troubles after decades of turmoil: not enough jobs, too many empty stomachs, government corruption and crumbling roads and utilities.

But aside from vague promises of work and a better life, the presidential front-runners concentrated instead on the darker days of the past and fears that those times could return.

Aleman's alliance maintains that an Ortega victory will mean a return to the Sandinista years of the 1980s, marked by shortages, ration cards, a heavy-handed, military-led central government, censorship and suppression of the church and private sector.

Ortega has admitted to mistakes and but has said they will not be repeated. He now says he espouses a market economy and a tolerant government. He also has proposed

better relations with the powerful Roman Catholic Church and the United States.

He has accused Aleman's Liberal Alliance of having ties to the old Liberal Party of the Somoza family dictatorship toppled by the Sandinistas in 1979.

Ortega was jailed and tortured by Somoza for seven years in the 1970s and Aleman was jailed and had his property confiscated by the Sandinistas in the 1980s.

Since Nicaragua is likely to continue to depend heavily on foreign aid and investment in the near future, it is unlikely that either would risk that help by doing what his opponent says he would.

The United States, which waged an undeclared war against Ortega and the Sandinistas in the 1980s, has said it was nervous about a possible Ortega win.

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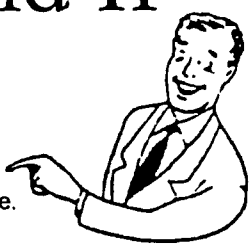
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OPINION

The election of my discontent

If you picked up the Argonaut last summer you may have read my column on my exciting trip to go register to vote.

In my story I related how easy the whole process was, and how I was slightly disappointed. Disappointed because the reason I had waited so long was due to the fact that no one ever told me just how easy it was, and disappointed because I couldn't write any interesting things about something that was in itself so uninteresting and simple. Little did I know that my life was about to get as complicated and confusing as a political debate the week before elections.

So here I am waiting to vote for the first time in my life, and like a lot of people I was excited to have recently received my Idaho Voters' Pamphlet. Finally I had something to educate myself on the various options available to me in this, my glorious premiere voting year. I read my voter's text carefully and thoroughly, learning all I could about this year's propositions. Actually, I had to read it several times because all of the propositions were so poorly worded and confusing that I really couldn't understand what they were trying to say.

After several hours, here is what I gleaned from this pulpy mountain of electoral wisdom:

Proposition One: Apparently if I vote yes my plans for an education go straight down the crapper. But if I vote no I can look forward to paying property taxes that exceed my yearly income.

Proposition Two: If I vote yes it's the beginning of the end of hunting. If I vote no hunters run around killing bears willy nilly.

Proposition Three: According to both sides of the argument, no matter how I vote nuclear waste will still be shipped into Idaho. Either I can vote to have it put over a huge aquifer that all of southern Idaho depends on, and a volcanic fault line that has showed recent activity, or I can vote to open up the entire state for the government to dump as much waste as they want.

The way I see it there ought to be a proposition that requires all proposition writers to tell the truth always upon penalty of death and to write things in a clear and concise manner so that those of us who do not yet have our PhD's can understand them.

People will say that the facts are simple, people will say that the effects are clear, but they're NOT. Just read the actual text. Not the interpretations of various political groups, but the actual text. It's very hard to interpret exactly what this will mean to the average Joe Citizen.

So I really have no other choice than to make a guess based on a partially informed decision purported by a group of individuals that may or may not have my best interests in mind. Then I hope that my education isn't at jeopardy, my way of life not at risk, and my water not contaminated because someone cared more about convenience and money than the health of Idaho's citizens.

—Corinne Flowers

Smashing pumpkins is harmful fun

Freakin'



Dayna Derrick

It's almost that time of year again. Time for all the little kids to dress up as ghosts, superheroes, princesses and witches, ring every doorbell within a five-mile radius, yell "trick-or-treat" and stuff themselves sick with candy.

Time to carve up pumpkins into funny, scary faces, hang white sheets with black faces painted on them, and time to make caramel apples.

Yep, that's right. Fall is in the air and that means it's time for Halloween. And as history has shown, Halloween is the time for people to come out of their shells and do abnormal things. Abnormal things that often turn harmful and dangerous.

What was once a safe, meaningful holiday has turned into an excuse to commit acts in ways most people have never even thought of.

On the lighter side of abnormal things, people come up with the funkiest costumes to disguise themselves, from the simplest mask to a full-body, plastic-surgery look. For that one night a year, people have the opportunity to not be themselves, but to fulfill their dreams of what or who they have always wanted to be. Supermodels, heroes, sports stars or the average Joe Blow, people have never been given such a plethora of things to be.

However, there, too, is the flip side — the side that is not so light.

People also use Halloween as an excuse to party a little too hearty. I know I've been off my prohibition kick for two weeks, and I'm not going back on one, but just hear, or read, me out on this one.

It is not so much the partying, it is the amount of partying. People are going to do what they are going to do, but with the higher-than-normal amount of kids running around the streets, the last thing needed is drunk drivers out on the road.

Too many kids are hurt that way every Halloween. Costumes they and their parents worked so hard to make are torn, hanging on the fender of a drunk's car.

Then on top of that, because of how Halloween is now taken, drunk people deciding to do those abnormal things are just plain stupid. In fact, more often than not, it's going to be dangerous.

Two of those dangerous things that come to mind right away are pumpkin smashing and candy stealing. Smashing pumpkins (no, I am not talking about the band) is often seen as harmless fun. But it is harmful and hurtful in ways not always thought about or considered.

Little kids and their families work hard to make those pumpkins

look scary, funny or just plain wacky. Can you imagine how it would feel to walk out onto your front porch to find your hard work smashed to smithereens?

Nobody wants to hurt kids' feelings, but smashing their artful creations is a guaranteed way to do just that. What happens more often than should, also, is the harm done to people during pumpkin smashing. Whether it be from the pumpkins being smashed by car tires, bats or being thrown, flying pieces all too often find someone's head as a stopping point.

Anyone that has ever carved a pumpkin knows that the shells are dense and could easily hurt someone, especially the little trick-or-treating kids too easily. So what is seen by many as harmless fun, is really harmful "fun."

From my little sheltered hometown, I learned just how cruel big bullies can be to kids younger or smaller than them. How full your bag is of candy, the more likely you are to be targeted by the bullies. These bullies are too lazy or too old to get their own candy the honest way —



Instead, they hunt down the small kids with the bags that are bigger than they are and swipe the candy. Sometimes the kids hand their treasure over in fear of being knocked around with a pumpkin shell. Others wait until the shells are flying before reluctantly giving up their hard earned rewards.

Why is it that a holiday today meant for kids to have fun is now being turned against them? Their hard work that was once proudly displayed on porches is now laying out in the road, smashed beyond recognition. The most candy a lot of them will have had all year is stolen by jealous, lazy bullies.

Halloween should be a time of good, safe fun. Kids should feel proud of their carved pumpkins and their scary, funky costumes. They shouldn't feel they have to stay home, sadly looking out their living room window, wishing they could be out trick-or-treating. They should be out begging for candy until they can't pronounce trick-or-treat. And they should have no fear of flying pumpkins.

Students in peril from 1 Percent Initiative

Guest Commentary
Associate Professor, Business Law

Jerry Wegman

your college would be like (assuming it survives) if 25 percent of the professors were gone: some classes offered only once every year or two, with enrollment caps so that if you missed your chance you would have to wait another year, or two, to graduate. That's what happened in Oregon after they adopted a similar initiative. Could you afford double or triple the current tuition? Then you may be one of the many to leave. And where to go to? Out-of-state colleges cost even more. You may be deprived of a college education. That will cost you for the rest of your life.

The 1 Percent will hurt others, also. Those same massive 33 percent budget cuts will hurt most state agencies. Crime will go up because the prisons will have to be downsized, putting dangerous criminals on the street. Abused or neglected children will go unprotected because the social work agency has been cut. These massive cuts will not be phased in gradually, but will impact all at once. This is really bad news for Idaho. How did it come about?

Property taxes have risen dramatically over the last few years. Many people are

frustrated. The Idaho Legislature should have dealt with the problem and reformed our tax system to make it more equitable. But it didn't. Still, it's not too late. Next year the Idaho Legislature can and will do tax reform, if we demand it. But the 1 Percent is here and now. It must be confronted. It must be defeated, so that the Legislature can do a proper job of tax reform without wrecking this university, the economy, and other state agencies. Here is what you can do:

1. Vote against the 1 Percent Initiative.
2. Educate yourself about the problem, then talk to your parents, friends, neighbors. They probably don't know about the harm the 1 Percent will do.
3. Write a letter to the editor of your local or hometown newspaper. They give preference to letters from local residents.
4. If you have a yard, put up a yard sign against the 1 Percent. You can get a sign at the ASUI office at the SUB.
5. Support the planned walkout and rally against the 1 Percent. The media will cover it.
6. You can contact me at home in the evening, 882-5254, for more information. I will help you in any way I can.

The latest polls show that the vote is evenly split between the pro, and anti-1 Percent supporters. That means every vote counts. If you fail to act now, and are hurt later by the 1 Percent, you will have only yourself to blame. Act now, before it's too late.

Record shows Clinton should go

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE)— In 1980, Ronald Reagan challenged President Carter's record, asking Americans if they were better off than they were four years before. This year, Americans face a similar choice between an incumbent Democrat and a Republican challenger. Are we better off now than we would have expected four years ago? Facts and figures from several important areas illustrate we are not.

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• The economy — In 1992, Clinton decried the nation's 3.7 percent economic growth rate as "the worst economy in 50 years." Today, he praises his stewardship of an economy growing at a meager 2.4 percent. His weak economy has led to stagnant family income and shrinking wages. Adjusted for inflation, the 1994 median household income is almost \$100 less than in 1992. Women's wages have dropped 3 percent, and 1996 may be the first year in history in which more than a million Americans declare personal bankruptcy. Most telling, more Americans live in poverty now than at any time during the Reagan/Bush era.

Despite these dismal figures, Clinton takes credit for higher family income and more jobs. By raising taxes, Clinton produced an economy wherein citizens need second jobs, and where both spouses must often work to meet the federal government's demands.

• Taxes — In 1992, candidate Clinton proposed a middle class tax cut and pledged not to raise taxes to pay for his programs. He didn't deliver. Clinton's 1993 retroactive tax increase was the largest in history. It forced millions of small businesses into higher tax brackets and mandated Social Security tax increases on 5.5 million retirees. Clinton also hiked the gasoline tax to its highest rate ever.

Since Clinton took office, the average per-capita federal tax burden has increased 26 percent. Americans now spend more on taxes than food, clothing and housing combined. Visiting Texas last year, Clinton even admitted he may have raised taxes too much.

• The budget — Though Clinton feigns support for a balanced budget, his record illustrates his dedication to government spending. He vetoed the first balanced budget in a generation and twisted arms to thwart passage of

the Balanced Budget Amendment. Had Congress not defeated his economic stimulus package and health care plan, the deficit would have skyrocketed.

He submitted six different 1996 budgets before the Congressional Budget Office certified one as balanced. Considering Clinton's tendency to forget campaign promises, might he forsake his sixth budget and return to those projecting \$200 billion dollar deficits for the next seven years?

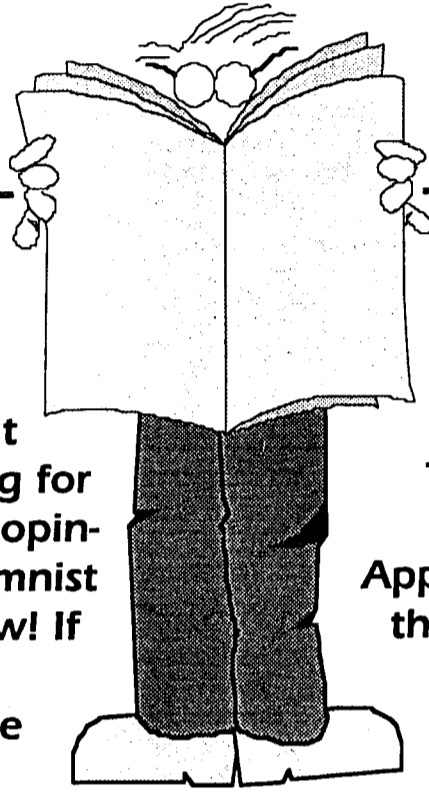
In all, Clinton has proposed 484 new federal spending initiatives costing \$2 trillion. His 1997 budget includes \$379 billion more in spending than Dole's plan.

• Big government — Had Clinton succeeded in nationalizing one seventh of our economy, his health care plan would have suffocated Americans with 50 new federal bureaucracies, more than \$1.5 trillion in new federal spending, and 17 new taxes. Most reprehensibly, his plan would have robbed Americans of their right to choose their own doctor.

The health care bill isn't the only example of Clinton's fervor for big government. Siding with trial lawyers, he vetoed product liability reform aimed at helping small businesses and discouraging frivolous lawsuits. By vetoing the Balanced Budget Act of 1995, Clinton nixed estate-tax reform, capital-gains tax reductions and increased deductibility of health insurance. Last year, he vetoed a measure cutting Congressional Committees by 30 percent and the overall Congressional budget by 10 percent.

In Clinton's eyes, bigger government is the answer. As America approaches the 21st century, our political leaders must discard the discredited ideology of the welfare state. In four years, Clinton has increased the size and the scope of the federal government. He must not be allowed to continue.






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Racism is a two-way street to nowhere, you know

LINCOLN, Neb. (U-WIRE) — All whites should go back to Europe. That's a racist statement. Plain and simple. If I uttered such a comment, most people would be shocked, and others might berate me for such a racist remark. Some, though, might be bold enough to tell me to go back to China with my fellow "gooks" — although, like I told the racist rednecks who drove past me one day in their 1940s Ford pick-up truck with the bumper sticker that screamed "Friends don't let friends ride on Jap bikes," I'm not from China. I don't know what pissed me off more, that these idiots referred to me with three different distinct racial/national slurs, or the fact that I didn't get "medieval" on their asses.

But minorities have used racial statements on me too. (I must be a magnet for ignorant people to express their opinions.) In Boston, during my freshman year, I was walking with some friends in Harvard Square taking in a nice autumn afternoon. I accidentally bumped into a black man walking into HMV music. He snarled at me, saying "Watch where you're going dink."

It's not like my entire life has been made up of solely racial episodes. If I think about

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it, I can only count maybe four instances of racism. But this isn't about me and my adventures with racists.

It's about racism. Racism is a two-way street, you know. If I truly ever felt that whites should go back to Europe I'd be the first to declare myself a racist. And I'm so sick and tired of hearing minorities get away with racism. Everybody's got the politically correct stick shoved up their you-know-whats.

Oh no, some say, racism is an issue of power — power of one group over another — and since minorities aren't in the power structure of America, they can't be guilty of racism. The subtle racist — OK, maybe not racist, but misguided individual — states that it's just a levelling of the playing field.

Hold up. It's one thing to be equal with your fellow human in all aspects, but another thing to be treated specially, at the expense of

others. Webster's Dictionary (Encyclopedic edition) defines racism as "the assumption that the characteristics and abilities of an individual are determined by race." Nowhere is racism defined as determining abilities and the like when holding the reins of power.

Perhaps power is needed to implement some tools of racism, but is power even really necessary? Isn't it conceivable that non-whites have power? I mean, if I have a large corporation, and I only hire other Asians, even if they're less qualified than white, black, or Hispanic applicants, aren't I being racist? Unless there is overwhelming evidence that Asian applicants are needed for a particular task — there's no justification for this. But I could get away with it in America. I could just say Asians are under-represented in the industry of making Elvis cheese blocks and that my company would fill a niche for such a market. Of course this sounds ludicrous, but a lot of companies get away with such justification. Especially when they hire less-qualified applicants to fill a demographic imbalance.

Even in a classroom setting we no longer have the strength to argue against racist statements. If I made a joke about being

oppressed or how whites' mannerisms were strange, I might get a few laughs (as long as I did it in a lighthearted way). Now if you sat in a class of 97 percent whites (like here at the University of Nebraska) and in one of those less-serious moments a student said something about Asians in response to my statement, I'd bet not many people would be laughing if I didn't laugh. The pendulum has moved too far to the other side now. We should never be cloaking racism under the mantle of public policies.

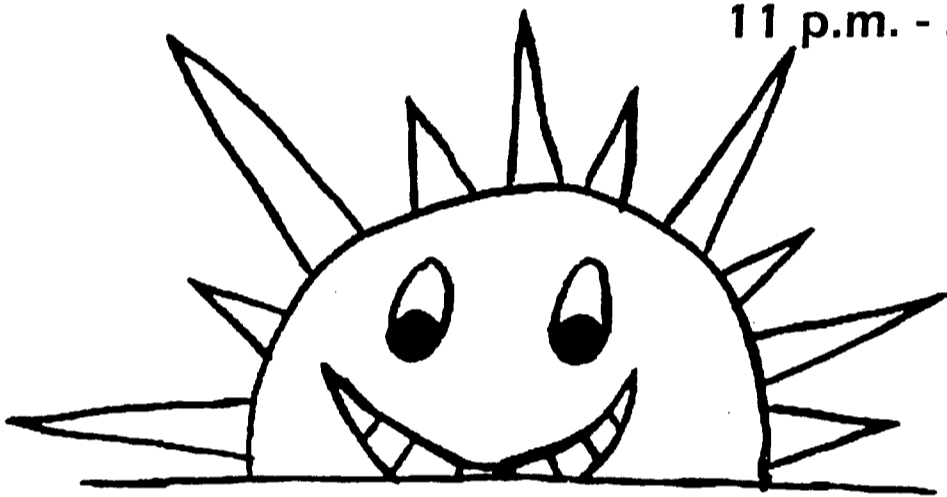
There are those who concede that it is wrong to use past actions to support current policies, but cite that racism still exists and we need to correct the imbalance. But how do you go about correcting an imbalance with an imbalance into the opposite direction? Racism is racism, regardless of any other actions.

I've never really understood why, when someone who is a minority says something racist, some people are more willing to forgive or justify — because of past actions of whites. I can't stand it when this is the reason for it being "OK." Any way you look at it it's wrong. Just plain wrong.

There is no "good" racism, just bad racism.

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Letters to the Editor

Characterization of Minnick lacks truth, research

In these days of political labels and politicians accusing each other of being extremists or radicals, Brian Davidson decides to attack a candidate who is a moderate. God forbid if we actually have a moderate candidate for once.

I am referring to Mr. Davidson's commentary that appeared in the Oct. 11 issue of the Argonaut accusing Walt Minnick of being a Republican in a Democrat disguise. The fact is Walt Minnick is an independent, and successful, businessman who is disenchanted with the state of Idaho's representation in Washington. The only reason he is tied to the Democrats is because the Democratic party decided to join his cause in defeating Larry Craig in the upcoming election.

Mr. Davidson accused Minnick of proposing ideas without specific solutions for cutting the deficit, supporting corporate responsibility, and proposing alternative places to store nuclear waste besides Idaho. Well, the fact is that Minnick has been giving suggestions on exactly how to do all of these things during his entire campaign. With a little research, and some Internet surfing, Mr. Davidson would have found out that Minnick has been outlining a budget cut every week of his campaign that would help to reduce the deficit and save tax payers' money. At last count these cuts have combined to \$63,326,786,000 in taxpayer savings. I think that is pretty specific.

As far as corporate responsibility goes, Minnick was the CEO of TJ International for 21 years. During Minnick's tenure, the company was widely acknowledged for its innovative products, outstanding financial management, and progressive approach to business. He instituted programs that gave a bonus to executives and managers who took a day off from their normal duties and went to work in the production plants. Once in the plants, executives would actually work the production line jobs and sales jobs, in order to understand the company better.

Minnick even cut his own pay when the company faced recessions. Davidson's charge that Minnick panders to North Idaho, claiming he wants nuclear waste out of Idaho, and then turns around and coddles the interests of East Idaho, and those at INEL, is the most disturbing of all his erroneous claims.

Minnick has purposed that the president should create a non-partisan board of scientists to advise the government on the safest and most feasible place to store nuclear waste. At the same time Minnick has recognized the Idaho Nuclear Engineering Laboratory (INEL) as the world's foremost authority on nuclear research. A function that INEL was originally created for. INEL was never designed with the intent to become the world's nuclear waste dump — a plan that seems likely if Gov. Batt's deal is enacted to its full extent. Instead, Minnick plans to fight in the Senate to urge the government to fund research at INEL for the development of better ways to use nuclear technology.

Furthermore, Gov. Batt's waste deal is not what you think it is Mr. Davidson. When Batt signed the deal he sealed the certainty that Idaho will become the world's nuclear waste dump for eternity. The federal govern-

ment has even described the deal as "unenforceable." I for one am not prepared to hand over control of Idaho's future to our governor, who not once consulted his constituents before signing Idaho's fate.

With a little research Mr. Davidson you could have learned the true Walt Minnick but instead you decided to attack him as being a political cross dresser even though he is, in reality, a rational, and moderate candidate that will look out for the best interests of Idaho, and Idaho's people

—Mark McEnaney

Minnick is against 1 Percent Initiative

Gov. Batt, most legislators and the leading Idaho businesses all agree: Passage of the 1 percent property tax initiative will be a disaster, especially for higher education. Tuition will sharply increase and the quality of education will likely decline.

The latest polls show that the 1 percent now has a very narrow lead. Just a few thousand student votes to kill it could make all the difference. New voter registration in the county is way up, so maybe on-campus efforts to register new voters are working. But these new registrants will also have to get to the polling places and help kill this disaster.

When you are voting against tuition increases, it also might be worth remembering that U.S. Senate candidate Walt Minnick has helped lead the effort to kill the 1 percent. Walt believes that Idaho's economic future is tied to a good system of education, something that we will lose if the 1 percent passes. Walt strongly opposed the 1 percent even before he decided to run for the Senate, and he is still fighting to stop this education killer.

—Dennis Baird

Support Vera White for Senate

I am writing today to encourage the voters of Legislative District 5 to support Vera White for the Senate.

Vera is the best qualified candidate to represent the small businesses in District 5. Her tenure as Business Editor for the Daily News has brought her in contact with most of our businesses and has given her a very strong background in the issues and challenges facing small business. She understands that small business is the backbone of Idaho and will work to support our interests, and will not allow the breaking of that backbone.

As for education and the University of Idaho, again Vera understands what makes District 5 tick, and that is in part the university. Those who would try to dismantle the flagship of Idaho education will meet with a real Pitbull when it comes to taking programs and reducing money for our university.

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—Jerry L. Schutz



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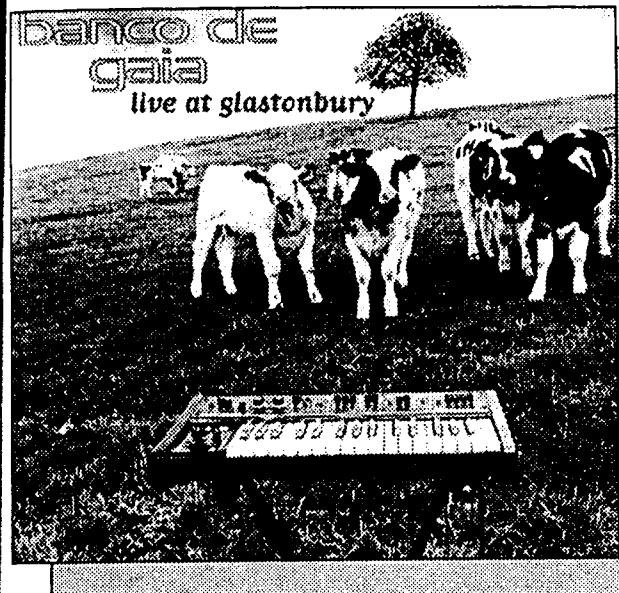
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DIVERSIONS

Banco de Gaia frightens cattle with strange sounds



Banco de Gaia, synonymous with trance-inducing ambient grooves, releases a live album from their show at the Glastonbury music festival.

For new listeners unfamiliar with their work, these gents mix ethnic samples from Tibet and India into a tasty arrangement of layered noises and rhythms. Add to this a smooth bass line and some floating keyboard work, and you have most of their works to date. *Last Train to Lhasa*, their previous album, was well-received in the United States as well as England and is worth the import price to get (it's a double-disc album, by the way).

Live at Glastonbury highlights several of their more popular tracks along with crowd yells and screams as their set opens and closes. A brief moment of cheering and crowd noise interrupts the flow a bit, but seems to mark the end of their set and the beginning of their two-song encore.

Favorite tracks on this disc include "Data Inadequate," with its many *Lost in Space* samples. The thumping bass line also has much to do with my love of this CD and if I had a car, with a CD player, and good speakers, and somewhere to drive to, this is what I'd play.

One disturbing moment on this disc occurs when you read the liner notes and notice that there is a note to the effect that they couldn't clear a sample for this CD and had to remove it. Not having the original track on hand to compare, I'm not sure what is missing. However, it is distressing to note that they have had to change their music

because someone wouldn't give them "rights" to use a sample.

Due to the suffering of the group Negativland, and 2 Live Crew and their related court cases, the United States has started to reform its copyright legislation in order to permit this. This coming under the heading of the Fair Use doctrine. Of course, all of these laws are being examined with glacial slowness, and until a concerted effort of artists and citizens concerned about the frightening state of the recording industry, change will be a long time in coming.

There, now that wasn't so bad was it? Nicely segued and everything. As a final note, Banco de Gaia can be found on several compilations with various tracks not on their major release. Check out the One A.D. series of ambient dub compilations for more of their style of tripped-out grooves.

—David Camden-Britton

Marvin's Room won't bring you up if you're feeling down

Amy-Marie Smith
Staff

This play, written by Scott McPherson wasn't written to cheer anyone up; clearly the opposite. The motto of the play is: "Laughing-Hard-Through the Pain!" *Marvin's Room* deals with death and dying, the less sick taking care of the more sick.

There are times in this play, many of them, that the audience is just tearing up — with laughter. Outweighing these humorous moments is the feeling the play leaves you with, one of death's inevitability. Depressing.

There is a beneficial aspect of this kind of theatrical work, however. I think we as a society try to not focus on the reality of death, until forced to. Living life every day obsessing about death isn't a realis-

tic proposal. Mentally preparing oneself for this predestination we all have — to die — isn't a bad idea.

Regardless of how depressed I was upon leaving this play, as a dramatic presentation, it was expertly done. Veteran University of Idaho director Forrest Sears gave us a professional quality play. It is still hard to believe that this production was done by students.

The lead role: Bessie, was portrayed by Kelly Quinett. Quinett's character discovers she has tuberculosis and is faced with the challenge of finding a bone-marrow match. Bessie already has a full load of responsibilities, however. Her Aunt Ruth, and father, Marvin, are both quite elderly, and under her constant, loving care. Quinett conveyed to her audience the burdens taken on by Bessie and the

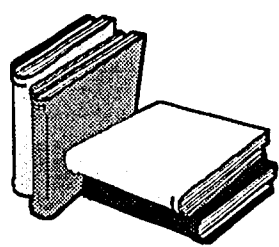
dominating attribute of her character — an extremely loving woman who takes on everyone else's problems, leaving no time for her own. Emotions resulting from the disease, as well as some pretty complex family issues, were masterfully illustrated by Quinett. We see her character progress through the play, experiencing dramatic weight loss, as well as the loss of her hair, all the time carrying on as if everything were going just fine.

Sarah Hanson played the role of Aunt Ruth. Hanson was the highlight of this cast. Until recently, you see, Aunt Ruth had been afflicted with constant, intense back pain, but now has her "cure." Apparently some electrode-type devices have been surgically placed near the base of her skull, and

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Peter McKinney
Aunt Ruth (Sarah Hanson) frets as Bessie (Kelly Quinette) chides her for her forgetfulness.



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6. *To The Hilt* Dick Francis
7. *The Celestine Prophecy* Shel Silverstein
8. *Legend* James Redfield
9. *The Law Of Love* Laura Esquivel
10. *Falling Up* Shel Silverstein

Top Ten Non-Fiction Bestsellers

1. *The Dilbert Principle* Scott Adams
2. *The Run Of His Life* Jeffrey Toobin
3. *How Good Do We Have To Be* Harold S. Kushner
4. *Angela's Ashes* Stephen Ambrose
5. *Slouching Towards Gommorrah* Robert H. Bork
6. *James Herriot's Favorite Dog Stories* James Herriot
7. *Love Lucy* Lucille Ball with Betty Hannah Hoffman
8. *The Sea Hunters* Clive Cussler & Craig Dirgo
9. *Unlimited Access* Gary Aldrich
10. *Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil* John Berendt

The Argonaut's Handy-Dandy Guide to Local Drink Specials

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The Corner Club \$1.75 32 oz. tubs of Rainier \$2.75 pitchers M-F	The Garden Lounge \$1 wells and drafts, \$1.35 micros	Chasers \$4.00 pitchers Comedy Night	Cadillac Jacks Ladies' Night (no cover) \$1 drafts and wells	Cadillac Jacks \$5 Bottomless Drafts (8:30-11)	Casa de Oro \$1.90 Tequila Sunrise
The Garden Lounge** Blue Monday \$2 drinks from drink list	Mingles \$2.50 any drink from list	The Garden Lounge \$2 shots from list (8-10)	Shakers \$1 pints for Ladies, free peanuts for everyone	Casa de Oro \$1.50 Tequila Sunrise	Chasers \$4.00 pitchers Comedy Night
John's Alley Happy Hour (2-7pm) daily	Das Rathaus 50 cent drafts (Ramer, Lucky)	Das Rathaus - Pullman 9:30-11 \$1 wells for Ladies	My Office Tavern \$4 pitchers Henry's, Bourshead, and Red	\$3 Iced Teas (Long Island, Long Beach, Electric)	Das Rathaus \$1.50 wine coolers
Mingles \$2.50 Margaritas \$3 tequila shot & Cornua	West 4th Bar and Grill Happy Hour 4-6 daily	Mingles \$1.75 jumbo domestic beers	Das Rathaus - Moscow 75 cent drafts	Das Rathaus - Pullman Karaoke	Xenon \$2 pitchers domestic, imports, and micros
Das Rathaus - Moscow 75 cent cans Rainier and Keystone	Shakers Power Hour 8-9	My Office Tavern \$1.25 domestic cans and bottles	Treaty Grounds Palouse Moose mugs \$2.50	Garden Lounge \$2 Bloody Marys	Das Rathaus - Pullman Karaoke
My Office Tavern \$1 Domestic drafts	My Office Tavern \$2 Micros	The Plantation Henry's Pitchers \$4.25	The Plantation \$3.75 pitchers Rainier, Keystone	Xenon \$2 pitchers domestic, imports, and micros	Das Rathaus - Moscow \$1.50 wine and coolers
Shakers \$1.25 Domestic Pints during Monday Night Football	Plantation \$4.25 Coors, Bud, and Bud Lite Pitchers	Das Rathaus - Moscow 75 cent cans Rainier and Keystone	The Garden Lounge Happy Hour until 10	Mingles \$3 Ice Tea night - Long Island, Electric, Long Beach	John's Alley*
Treaty Grounds*** \$5 Micro-brew pitchers, \$3 domestic pitchers	Shakers Pitcher Club	Shakers Pitcher Club	Das Rathaus - Pullman \$1 wells	Das Rathaus - Moscow \$1.50 bottles	
Das Rathaus - Pullman \$1 wells 8:30-10 all week			Xenon Bigass Beer \$1 drafts domestic and imports		
Plantation \$4.25 Bud Lite Pitchers			Mingles \$2 Kamikazies		

*Happy Hour from 2-7 daily. Beer specials daily.

**Happy Hour from 4-6 daily. \$1.25 wells, \$1 drafts

***Happy Hour from 4-6 daily. \$1.00 off pitchers, 50 cents off pints and mugs

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whenever the pain gets to be too much, she has a little dial on a remote-control sort of thing that zaps a little electricity down her spine, relieving the pain. This was the funniest thing in the play.

Every time someone hugged Aunt Ruth too hard, she would have to turn up the juice, and the garage door would go up. Aunt Ruth also had a kick-butt wardrobe, typical polyester stuff, very colorful, just like the character.

Costume designer Michelle Stakelum Ney deserves credit for that. We also see a strategic sort of progression of Bessie's wardrobe. When the play begins, Bessie wears a dress and is a proper lady. As the play and her disease advances, she begins to wear much more casual clothes. Lee, Bessie's sister (Carolyn Hitt) also has a wardrobe helping the audience decipher her character. Lee wears real flashy, tight stuff, some with rhinestones, to illustrate how unlike her sister she is — it appears.

Upon word that Bessie is stricken with tuberculosis, Lee must travel from Ohio, to Florida. This is tough, financially, for her, as she is homeless due to one of her two sons, Hank (Paul Erwin), burning down their house. Lee, Hank, and Charlie (Justin Cegnar) make it to Florida, to all be tested to see if any of them match to be a bone-marrow donor to Bessie, whom Hank and Charlie have never met. Hitt's character, besides being reunited with her estranged sister, is having problems raising Hank, age 17. Hank was put into a mental institution, or the loony bin, as Lee calls it, not only because he burned the family's house down, but also because of other issues this character has faced.

Hitt does a superb job in her portrayal of Lee. The two sisters

slowly reacquaint themselves and even find some love between them they never knew they had. Lee slowly learns some ways to deal better with her problematic sons and takes on some of Bessie's caretaking duties.

Make-up artists Nancy Grubbs and Tina Goff-Illingworth did an outstanding job. Aunt Ruth came off as 80-something — it looked so real! Hitt's character, Lee, seemed to be in her mid-40s: Hitt is a UI junior. Very impressive make-up work.

Scene designer David Wlodarski accomplished so much in the play as well. *Marvin's Room* requires many different scenes, as it was written by Scott McPherson. The middle half of the stage was the main set, a kitchen, and half of the living room, upstairs was Marvin's room, which you could see through some blurry glass tiles. At either side of the main stage were two elevated cubicle sub-stages that revolved open and closed throughout the production.

Every time one of the two cubicles rotated around, a new set appeared. This had to take a lot of planning and was pulled off extremely well by Wlodarski and crew. Not once could I hear any props moving around on or off of those cubicles throughout the play from the audience.

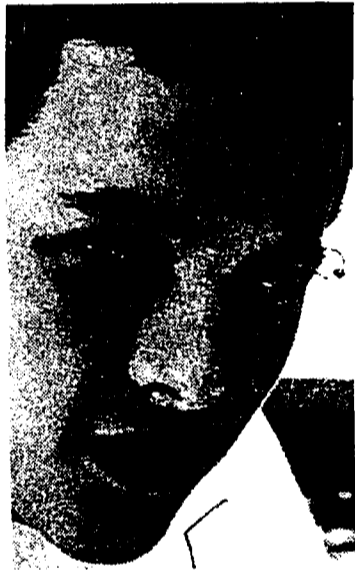
Did I mention how professional this whole production was? The UI's Hartung Theatre, if only from Oct. 15-20, resembled Broadway.

OK, I've never seen a Broadway play, but this production of *Marvin's Room* by the UI's very own Theatre Arts Department was the best play this reviewer has ever seen at a college level. Even if it was depressing.



Peter McKinney
Lee (Carolyn Hitt) and sister Bessie (Kelly Guinette) catch up on lost years.

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Grunge rock center sees just one copycat suicide

Associated Press

When rocker Kurt Cobain's life of artistic brilliance and personal turmoil ended with a shotgun blast to the head, it seemed like the trigger for an explosion of copycat suicides.

But while there was a big jump in suicide crisis calls in Cobain's hometown, there was just one clear imitation suicide, according to a study published in the journal *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*.

More research is needed to determine whether that was also the case nationally, because the local sample was too small to yield meaningful results, cautioned David P. Phillips, a leading scientist on the issue.

David A. Jobs, a Catholic University psychology professor in Washington, D.C., and the study's chief author, was at a conference of suicide prevention specialists when Cobain's body was discovered at the Nirvana singer's home on April 8, 1994.

"We just looked at each other and said, 'This is going to be a disaster.' We were convinced," Jobs said in a telephone interview Friday.

The study cites the response by the Crisis Clinic in Seattle, the way news media covered the suicide and community efforts to prevent a ripple effect as probable factors in preventing suicides.

"We were shocked. We were truly shocked by what didn't happen," Jobs said.

Celebrity suicides spark national suicide rate increases averaging 1 percent for about a month and as much as 10 percent for superstars like actress Marilyn Monroe in 1962, said Phillips, a sociology professor at the University of California, San Diego.

"I would imagine, in the case of Cobain, the effect might be the same size (as Monroe) or

maybe a bit smaller," Phillips said.

In four weeks following Cobain's death, 18 suicides were recorded in Seattle and the rest of King County, including the grunge megastar and an obvious copycat, a 28-year-old man who attended a candlelight vigil a few days after Cobain's body was found.

"I would say it's inconclusive, and it will remain inconclusive until the same study can be done on a national or at least a larger scale," Phillips said.

Jobs said he lacked the resources for a nationwide study but suggested that if any place would have experienced a sizable ripple effect it would have been Seattle, where grunge music originated and Nirvana had its strongest following.

The study cited several possible explanations for the lack of copycats. Reports included Cobain's troubled past, his broken home and severe alcohol and drug abuse. "The general message was, 'Great artist, great music, stupid act. Don't do it. Here's where to call for help.'"

Crisis Clinic involvement. Officials held a news conference stressing "classic warning signs associated with suicide," to make sure its telephone number was widely disseminated.

Community action. City officials and several radio stations organized and sponsored a vigil for thousands of fans at a park. One speaker, by invitation, was the Crisis Clinic director.

Lack of romanticism. Cobain was so badly disfigured that dental records were needed to confirm his identity. Rejecting the image of Cobain as a gifted but misunderstood genius, his mother and widow Courtney Love publicly denounced him for taking his life. Love went so far as to curse him at the vigil.



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Idaho faces Utah State and former head coach John L. Smith Saturday



Nate Petersen

Even though it is only the Vandals' second Big West showdown, a lot is riding on next week's game with Utah State in Logan.

If Idaho should win they will be in the driver's seat on the way to a New Year's Day matchup with the MAC champion in the Las Vegas Bowl.

The game, however, has much more meaning to Vandal coaches and players. Previous Vandal head coach John L. Smith departed after the '94 season to Utah State.

Smith took with him most of his coaching staff but left behind a few coaches. Players of course, were also left behind. Plainly stated, playing the Aggie's and Smith next weekend greatly raises the incentive of victory.

A highly successful coach for the Vandals from 1989 to 1994, Smith captured two Big Sky championships and won more games than any other Vandal predecessor. Smith spent 10 total seasons on the Vandal sidelines.

His roots still run to the heart of the Vandals' nucleus. Almost half of the player personnel remains.

Defensive standouts such as linebacker Ryan Phillips and defensive end Barry Mitchell began their careers under Smith. That should be a scary thought for the Aggie's quarterback.

The Vandals will need everything they can to pull off the win in Logan, especially another stellar performance from its defense.

Just as Nevada was a high-powered offense, so to are the Aggies. Utah State leads the conference in rushing behind running back Abu Wilson. Wilson is a first-team running back for the Big West.

To win the Vandals must shut down Wilson. Allowing him success early on can lead to a long day for the Vandal defense.

In all likelihood, they shouldn't have too much trouble with him. Although he is the best running back in the Big West, the Vandals have the best rush defense in the conference. In Phillips, they have the best defensive player in the conference.

Most importantly is the fact that the Vandals are coming off their most successful game of the season. Beating favored Nevada was their first Big West win.

Many things were finally established, including a strong secondary that has been absent through most of the season.

Since turning the ball over an absurd amount of times this season, the Vandals turned it around by forcing five Nevada turnovers while only giving up one.

In total, the Vandals' defense held a Wolf Pack offense to 388 yards offense and 15 points, which had been averaging 543 yards and 43 points per game.

Throughout the game the Vandals did everything that has been essential to their success the past several years. Including was

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Idaho gets first Big West win

Damon Barkdull

Staff

It wasn't an offensive smorgasbord as previously predicted before Saturday afternoon's matchup. Instead, a starving Vandal defense bullied their way to the table — and got more than enough to eat.

Idaho's swarming defense sacked Nevada quarterback John Dutton four times, broke up seven pass attempts, grabbed one interception and forced four Wolf Pack fumbles in route to a 24-14 win over the defending Big West Conference champions on Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

"Who would of thought it would have been this kind of game — it was really a defensive struggle," said Idaho coach Chris Tormey.

Coming into Saturday's matchup, Nevada ranked first in the nation in total offense while the Vandals solidified a third ranking.

Idaho (3-3, 1-0) next travels to Logan, Utah, to face former Vandal coach John L. Smith and the Utah State Aggies.

Meanwhile, Nevada (4-3, 1-1) travels to North Texas.

A scrutinized Vandal secondary played particularly well, giving Wolf Pack receivers little room to break free.

"As much heat as they've been taking the past two weeks about the way that Cal Poly played against us — the way they responded today," said Idaho coach Chris Tormey. "Those kids were up in the faces of their receivers about 70 percent of the time in straight man coverage with a free safety up over the top. They just responded, and they battled."

With the healthy return of Vandal sack specialists Ryan Phillips and Barry Mitchell, the heated pass rush gave little time for Dutton to throw the ball.

"That was an exciting game," said Phillips, who was double teamed most of the game and still managed to finish with six tackles, two for a loss. "I just can't say enough about the defense. Gosh, everybody played great. It wasn't one or two players, everybody was playing defense."

"Defensively, our secondary and linebackers just came through," said Mitchell.

The senior defensive end finished the outing with 2.5 sacks and played with pain (hamstring) most of the game. "I had it in my mind I



Peter McKinney

Solid defense and tackling led to Idaho's 24-15 victory over Big West opponent Nevada Saturday.

was going to play in this game anyways."

The Dome crowd of 11,104 increased the decibel meter on third down and helped the Vandal defense spoil Nevada's attempt to move the ball. The Wolf Pack converted on only 6 of 17 third-down attempts.

"We had too much pressure without question," said Nevada coach Jeff Tisdell. "They had a good defensive scheme and they defended things well. Part of it was their scheme and half of it was we didn't execute well."

In the first quarter, a driving Wolf Pack offense was held to two field goals, being stopped on third down on the Nevada 27 and 20-yard line by the feisty Vandal D.

Idaho then got the offense rolling, after a flustered Dutton was intercepted by Idaho defensive tackle Tim Wilson on Nevada's 37-yard line. Vandal quarterback Ryan Fien then hit receiver David Griffin for a 39-yard completion. A Jerome Thomas 2-yard run and a Fien sneak into the end zone capped a 5-play, 37-yard drive which put the Vandals up 7-6 with 13:44 left in the first half.

The Wolf Pack again marched downfield, getting great field position on a 51-yard kick return by Nevada's Chris Lemon. An unsportsmanlike conduct call on the Vandals helped the Wolf Pack to move to the Idaho 18-yard line, before the Idaho defense held Nevada to a 17-yard David Shea field goal with 8:25 left in the half.

The Vandals again grabbed a big chunk of yardage on the kick return, as conference-leading Tom Pace returned the ball to the Idaho 47-yard line. The true freshman finished the day with a net of 92 yards on kick returns.

Fien threw a 13-yard pass completion to Antonio Wilson and a 26-yard pass to tight end Andy Gillroy and Joel Thomas rushed for 12 yards before Fien hit Griffin for a 10-yard touchdown pass at the 5:23 mark in the second quarter.

Fien passed for a total of 267 yards on the day and completed 18 of 33 passes and two touchdowns — impressive numbers for a guy who was numerously flattened by the Wolf Pack defense.

"They put some really good shots on me," Fien said.

His counterpart, Dutton, also fin-

ished with 267 yards and went 20 for 38 with no touchdowns.

With 2:11 remaining in the first half, the Wolf Pack took the 15-14 lead after a Dutton 1-yard touchdown run which capped a 7-play, 53 yard drive, highlighted by a 44-yard pass completion to Damond Wilkins that put Nevada on Idaho's 22-yard line.

Idaho got a quick 28-yard field goal in the opening of the third quarter.

After the Vandals took the 17-15 lead, both defenses held their ground, giving the offenses little breathing room to score in the entire third quarter.

Idaho then looked to break the game open. After two Fien incompletions to receiver Robert Scott, the senior quarterback found Wilson open in the end zone and connected on a 16-yard touchdown pass with 14:44 left in the game.

The game ended in a 24-15 deadlock, as neither offense could find a niche for exposing the two dominant defenses.

Nevada's defense held the Vandal offense to just 5 of 15 on third down conversions on the day.

Wilson led the Vandal wideouts with 8 catches for 139 yards and a touchdown.

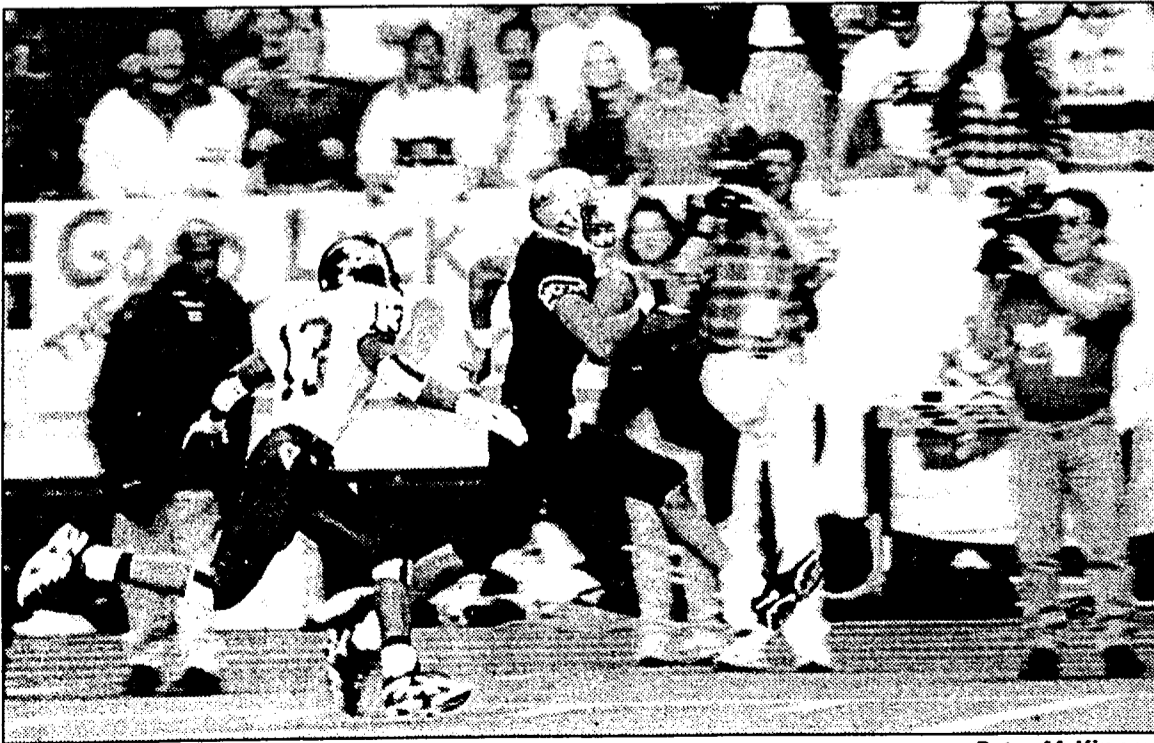
Idaho's Joel Thomas led the Vandals with 20 carries for 111 yards, including a game-sealing 13-yard run where the junior carried nearly eight players on his back to gain the first down.

"If they hold us, they've got their timeouts and they've got another shot at it," Tormey said of Thomas' run. "That's one of the best efforts I've seen in my 18 years of coaching."

"It's hard to take a guy like that down," Phillips said.

The win on Saturday gives Idaho something to cheer about: the Vandals first Big West Conference game is a win, it was against the defending conference champion, and the pass defense looks improved.

"This is a huge win. This is a cornerstone for our program," Tormey said. "I think we can really build on this thing. It shows that we're going to be able to compete with the best teams in this league. It gives us a chance now to compete for the conference championship — we control our own destiny."



Peter McKinney

Idaho used big plays like this to notch its 16th consecutive win in the Kibbie Dome.

Idaho routes UC-Irvine in three straight sets

Kindra Meyer
Staff

The Vandal volleyball team continues to dominate as they demolished Big West competitor UC-Irvine in Memorial Gym Saturday.

Donning one-piece uniforms strongly resembling wet suits, the Anteaters were booted out of Memorial Gym 15-10, 15-11, 15-6.

Jeri Hymas hit tremendously well for the night, hitting .405 with a team-high 20 kills and added seven digs. Jessica Moore and Beth Craig also smoked UCI's defense, Moore hitting .400 with 15 kills and Craig pounded out 17 kills of her own.

Although the match only consisted of three games, UCI hung in the rallies long enough to create extensive Vandal sweat.

Hyland remained consistent to combine for 56 assists, five kills, eight digs, one block assist, and the team's only solo block. Junior Kyle Leonard led the blocking effort with six assisted blocks. She also had four kills, eight digs and four assists.

"I like the leadership of Kyle Leonard. She's very serious and reflects that tone on the court — playing with composure, yet intensity," said Idaho coach Tom Hilbert. Idaho reeled off six consecutive

points in the first game before the Anteaters began chipping away at the lead. With a few stiff-legged defensive moves and miscommunication about where sets were heading, the gap began to close. UI then pulled ahead with Leonard's calm control combined with Moore's menacing swing.

Solid blocking on the part of the Vandals sparked action in the second game, although detrimental net violations allowed UC-Irvine to stay in play. UCI's Jaime Hill came through to stuff a number of hits, but the Vandals refused to be rattled.

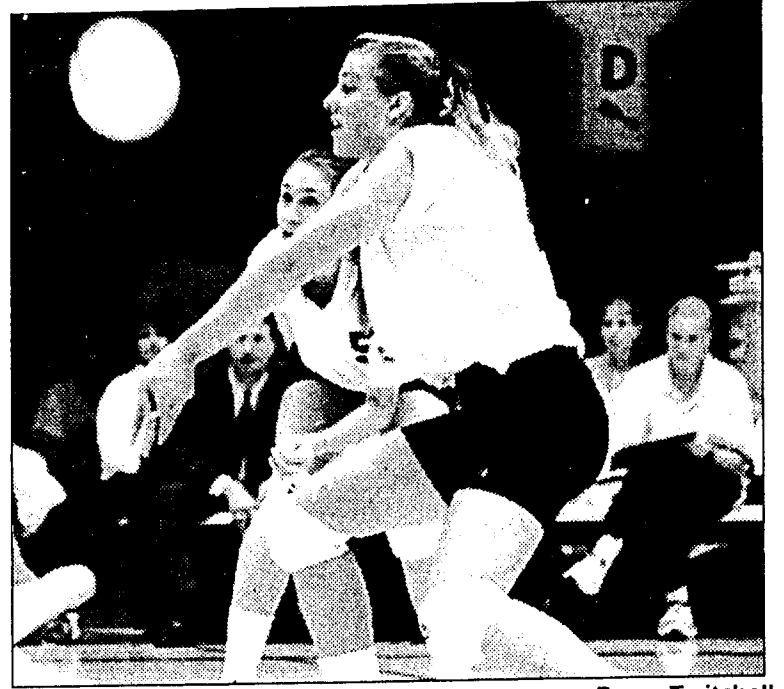
The third game and match winner was all Hymas. Although missing from the starting lineup, she appeared unstoppable, hitting over .500 and smashing down nine kills to help finish off the struggling opponent.

Throughout the match there appeared a "jungle-ball" style of play, as the Anteaters fed the Vandals with so many free balls it resembled a junior high match. This style didn't phase Idaho, who would simply regroup and pull together when the tempo became out of control.

"We made some defensive plays, but we still need to get better," said Hilbert. "Stretching out and making digs like Kyle and Beth did tonight demoralizes the other team."

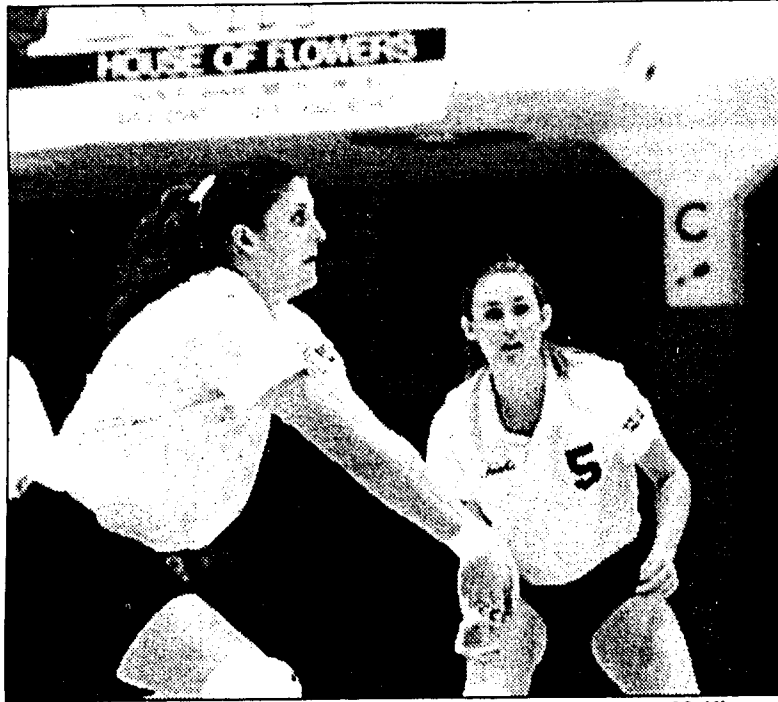
Although both schools recorded 10 total team blocks, the reoccurring problem for the silver and gold was not putting the ball away soundly. Most of the hits were touched, but due to UCI's power and spin, many blocks slipped away from Vandal hands.

"Irvine's good, they were frus-



Bruce Twitchell

Jessica Moore put out another solid performance for the Vandals.



Peter McKinney

Louisa Kawulok and Beth Craig played integral parts in the victory.

trating at times," said Hilbert. "We knew we would struggle blocking Hill and Trotter, they get up and hit hard all the time. We expect the California players to have really good arm strength, no matter what their physical size."

Towering at 6-foot-4, Hill, a freshman, was definitely a presence on the floor and is sure to be a rising star for Irvine. She led the team with 15 kills, four assisted and one solo block. Cynthia Trotter combined with Hill for a deadly force at the net, racking up 12 kills and leading the team with 14 digs.

The Vandals hit much better than the Anteaters, with 69 kills for a .353 average compared to 51 at

.161 for Irvine. Both of these percentages are above their seasonal team averages, which are .265 and .138 respectively.

While Idaho continues to improve their record, currently 18-2 and 7-1 in the Big West, UCI continues on a downward spiral with a 3-17 and 1-7 league record.

Up next for UI is UC-Santa Barbara on Friday, Oct. 25. This Big West meeting on the road gives the Vandals almost a week without a match. Hilbert is glad for a bit of a lull in game action and looks forward to spending some serious time in the gym before taking on the Gauchos.

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Jones' home runs set Yanks back

SMITH • FROM PAGE 15



Byron Jarnagin

Rain-out or not, the postponement of the first game of the World Series didn't seem to stop the onslaught by the Atlanta Braves Sunday in New York. One team looked like they were ready to play, but the fight is not over yet.

The Braves went into last night's game freshly out of the National League Championship series with the St. Louis Cardinals. Does it really make a difference? Well, for a team that had just finished a long series, batters and pitchers were still in a psychological groove (in the ZONE).

The New York Yankees had a week off, possibly losing sight of game pressures and situations. Readjusting to major league pitching in a moments notice seemed to stun the Yankees Sunday. It is not like Atlanta's John Smoltz was throwing the best game of his career. He is noted as being a tough man to hit, but the power and propulsion of the Braves on Sunday came more from the offensive side of the ball.

And the man who silenced New York fans — Andruw Jones. After Jones lit up New

York's Andy Pettitte early in the second inning, the Braves found the beginning of a winning rally that had shown up a few days earlier in the NLCS against the Cards. So the Yanks go to the bullpen and bring out Brian Boehringer. Jones steps up to the mike again and takes control, or rather takes Boehringer downtown planting a shot amongst a bunch of quiet New Yorkers. This home run would put the Braves up by eight in the third.

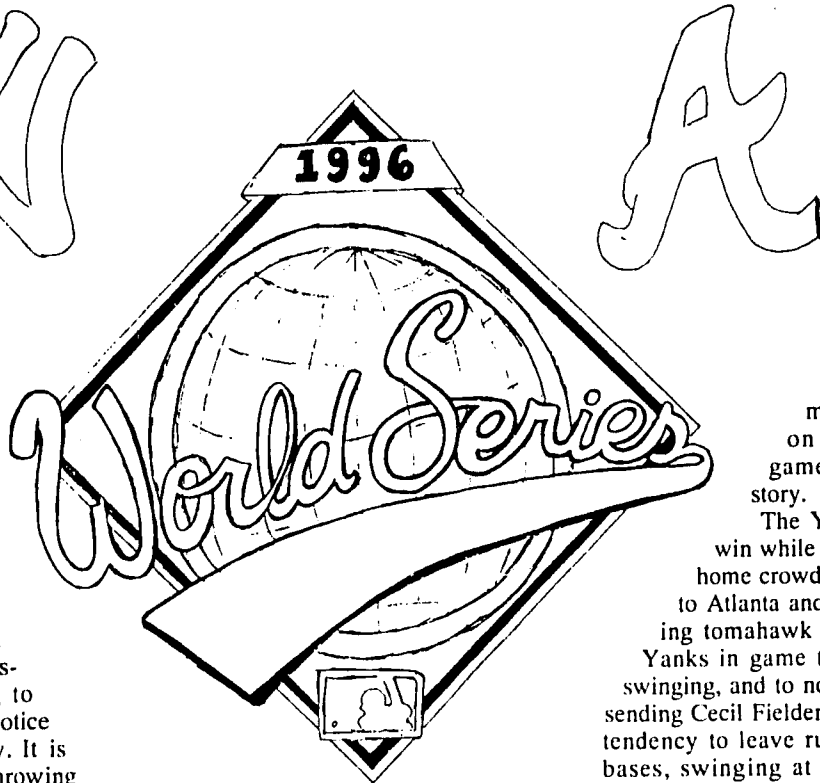
Even though Smoltz managed to walk a five batters, the momentum of the

Yankees will be facing the strong arm of a former multi-Cy Young award winner in Greg Maddux, but how about a prediction? Now that the Yankees have been back through the routine, it is time for them to start connecting with the little, round, white, stitched ball. Of course, the Braves have one of the elite pitching staffs which contains a lot of depth, and this makes the World Series an uphill battle from the jump.

It is obvious the Yankees need to generate some kind of offense, especially if the Braves come out punching shots right and left over the outfield fence. The big power hitters like Strawberry would need to act as more of a counter balance to the Braves run production. Even though the Braves manhandled New York on Sunday, Monday's game could be a different story.

The Yankees need to grab a win while they can in front of the home crowd before having to travel to Atlanta and facing the nerve-racking tomahawk chop. The key for the Yanks in game two — get the lumber swinging, and to not load the bases before sending Cecil Fielder to the plate, who has a tendency to leave runners stranded on the bases, swinging at everything out of the strike zone.

The Braves are going to be tough to beat, having already proven they can whip the Yanks in their home stadium in front of the "infamous" New York fans.



Atlanta Braves could not be stopped on Sunday, as they went on to bring four more runs across the plate.

A different night, a different game. New

100 yards rushing that was reached by the contributions of Joel Thomas, Jerome Thomas, and even a 12-yard bootleg by Ryan Fien.

The game answered many questions. Yes, Idaho is good enough to play Division I football. And yes, Idaho is quite capable of winning the Big West.

But for the Vandals to do it, they must follow a path through Logan this weekend. That path will lead them to their nemesis — Smith.

Smith stands for a brilliant period in a rich Vandal football tradition. Now under a new coach, the Vandals are taking a big leap into the Big West and his imposing domain.

Ironically, Smith will continue to give his former players motivation. Perhaps he will fire them up more than ever for their biggest game in the history of their new existence in Division I.



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Stride for Gold raises \$45,000 over weekend

Mark Vanderwall
Sports Editor

The University of Idaho women's athletic program raised more than \$45,000 to aid in its expenses, Saturday, as they held their annual Stride for Gold.

Around 100 athletes and coaches, and 50 women from the community gathered in the ASUI Kibbie Dome Saturday morning before the football game, to help raise money for

women's athletics.

Participants either walked around the track, or did aerobics on the infield for an hour, while they were working toward collecting previous pledges from throughout the community. Each division of women's athletics participated in getting pledges, along with the 50 or so women from the community doing the same. The money will go toward travel expenses, and other expenses associated to

the different programs.

"Each athletic program put in a lot of time and hard work, and it showed as they raised the most money ever," said Tanya Tesar from the UI marketing office.

Jeanne Stout, who was one of the women from the community who participated, raised nearly \$6,000 by herself, and did a really good job for the program.

This was an opportunity both for the ath-

letes to raise money, and for the community to meet both the players and coaches in a friendly atmosphere. The success can't be measured in monetary value alone, as it was a great experience for all who participated.

Tesar would like to thank everyone who participated, and would really like to thank those of you who pledged money to help raise money for women's athletics here at UI.

Idaho men finish ninth at Pacific

Mark Vanderwall
Sports Editor

The University of Idaho men's golf team finished in ninth place at the Chase Chevrolet International Tournament hosted by the University of Pacific.

Idaho had a three-day total of 900, placing them just one point ahead of 10th place College of Charlton and only one point behind both UC-Santa Barbara and Utah State, who tied for seventh. The University of Washington Huskies won the tournament by shooting a

three-day total of 882 which was directly aided by their final round score of 289. Leading the individual effort for the Vandals was Eddie Kavran who tied for sixth overall, with a three-round total of 219.

Idaho was supposed to play a home and home with Eastern Washington yesterday and Wednesday, but due to an illness in the Eastern coaches family it was canceled. The format was supposed to resemble that of the Ryder Cup matches, in which you play a two-man alternate shot the first day, and

an individual round to finish. This may be made up in the spring, but nothing is definite.

The women will finish up the fall season this weekend in San Diego, as they will travel to play in the San Diego State Invitational. The men will finish Nov. 2-5 at the Long Beach State Invitational in Long Beach Ca.

Other finishers for the Vandal men at Pacific were Brian King in 18th at 223, Jason Stephenson in 28th at 226, Neil Schnider in 45th at 232, and Tyler Sullivan in 58th at 237.

Palouse Turkey Run approaching

November 2, 1996 at 10:00 a.m., is the start of this annual fun run. It is a five mile out and back course, with the challenging Arboretum hill at the finish. Check in is at the UI Golf Course Club House at 9:15 a.m. with the start at 10:00 a.m. on West Palouse River Drive. Groups of 10 or more paying with one check receive a 10 % discount. (Does not apply to day of race entries). Entry fee is \$5.00 if registered by October 31; \$15.00 with

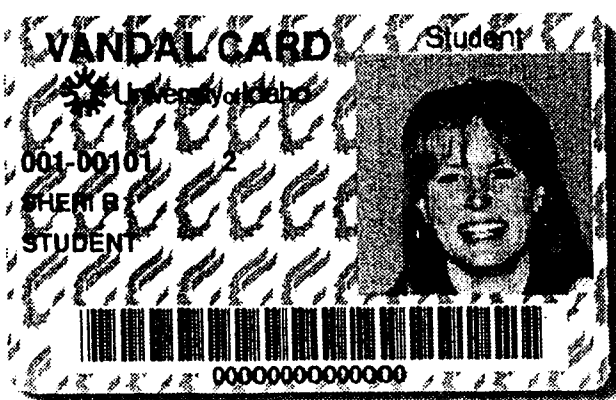
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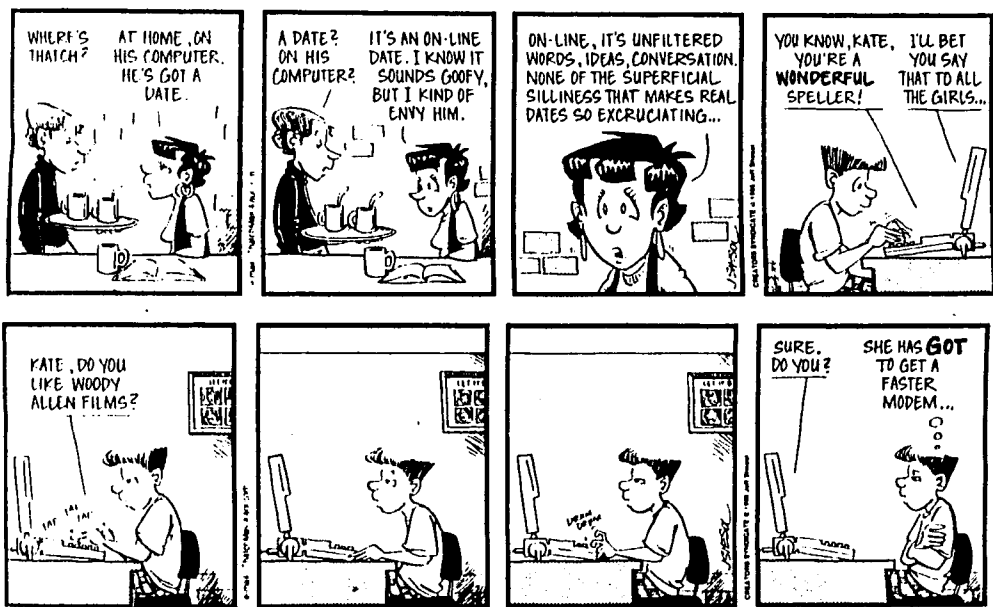
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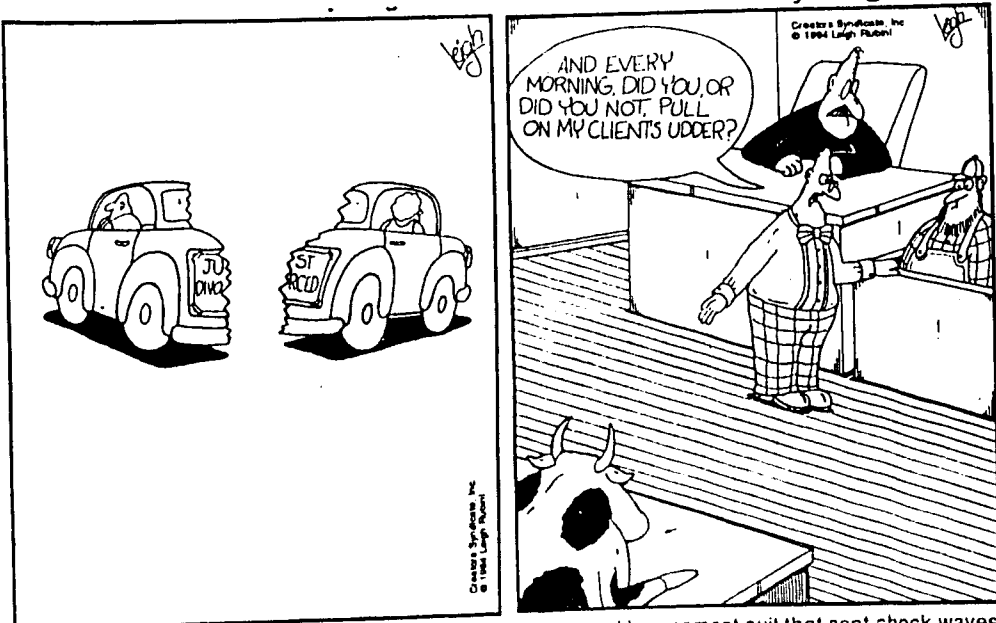
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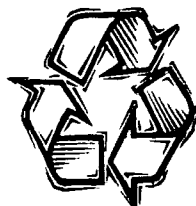
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