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King for a day?



David Camden-Britton

Saturday marked the start of a new reign in the kingdom of An Tir for His Majesty Darius and Her Majesty Morgaine, members of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Financial aid deadline fast approaching

Forms should be mailed by end of month, director says

Robert Hall
Staff

Financial aid forms have arrived, but there's not much time to get them filed.

"All applications for financial aid should be in the mail by January 31 in order to meet the priority deadline of February 15," said Daniel Davenport, director of Student Financial Aid Services.

A shipping problem at the department of education delayed the arrival of financial aid forms at the University of Idaho until late December.

To meet the priority deadline, applications must be in the federal processor's office by Feb. 15. There is now just over two weeks to complete the forms.

Davenport said whether or not the student meets this deadline makes quite a difference.

"Making the deadline gives the student a chance for supplemental grants, work study, Perkins Loans, needs-based scholarships

and other funding opportunities. Missing the deadline will offer the student only the Pell Grant and Stafford/Ford Direct Student Loan," he said.

Financial Aid is offering a variety of ways to seek help with the aid form.

"Later on this week, the financial aid office will be setting up help tables and as of Tuesday, students can call 885-6312 or come into the financial aid office if they have any questions," Davenport said.

This year, only one form is needed for aid consideration. In the past there have been two forms. The necessary form is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

If a student has received a renewal FAFSA form in the mail, it is only necessary to com-

plete that form. The renewal form replaces the use of the original FAFSA form.

If the student completed a FAFSA form for 1996-97 by Nov. 1, 1996, the renewal should have arrived in the mail in late December or early January. The student must review all information to assure it is still valid for 1997-98.

Mark "yes" in Section H of the renewal application for the University of Idaho to receive the results of the application.

In order to be considered for need-based and merit-based scholarships, the student must follow the same procedures as when applying for federal financial aid.

Those with questions may call Financial Aid at 885-6312 or stop in at the office.

Local man leaps to death

A Moscow resident and Washington State University student died Thursday after jumping from the roof of a grain elevator at 6th and Jackson.

Moscow police responded to a report of a possible suicide attempt at the elevators at 5 p.m. Thursday. They observed a male subject, later identified

as John M. Jorgensen, 25, on top of the elevators.

At about 5:20 p.m., Jorgensen jumped from the roof and fell 115 feet onto the gravel below.

CPR was initiated and the Moscow ambulance transported him to Gritman Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Faculty petition against GPA changes

Michelle Kelbeitzer
Staff

Over 30 faculty members have signed a petition against Faculty Council's move to change the grading system.

The council voted in December to change the current grading system to include all Ds and Fs in the Grade Point Average, regardless of whether or not the class was repeated for a better grade.

The University of Idaho faculty were given until Dec. 19 to petition the proposed change in grade point average calculations.

If the Faculty Council chair did not receive a petition within the allotted time, the regulation would have been forwarded to UI President Bob Hoover for his approval. With the president's signature, the changes would be in effect for fall '97.

In response, 32 opposing faculty members signed a petition. Only five faculty signatures were needed for the new regulation to gain further consideration.

The petition stated, "We oppose the recently passed regulation regarding the calculation of grade point averages for repeated classes using all previously

reported grades." The petition also requested "the adoption of the regulation be subject to a majority vote of all faculty."

Faculty Council Chair Bill Voxman was not surprised by the faculty's response.

"No one on council, including the student representatives, were in favor of the current system," he said.

Voxman plans to call a faculty quorum. He said he would "like to see the whole faculty involved in these kinds of decisions where there is a lot of debate."

Chuck Harris, associate professor, department of resource recreation and tourism, signed the petition to preserve the drive for students to persist in understanding the course work.

"What is important in education is students mastering the material. If it takes three years to master a course, then you should have it," Harris said.

Faculty who signed the petition were also concerned about the various factors in a student's life that may contribute to failing a class, such as deaths and marital problems.

"I think it's silly not to recognize there are many reasons why a student might have problems with a course," said Professor Ed Krumpke of the department of resource recreation and tourism.

However, he did not agree that students "should be allowed to have an unlimited amount of Fs. But it makes sense to allow students to repeat a course at least once where it doesn't count."

A few of the faculty suspect the "one shot" deal was defeated because the administration argued the new computer system, Banner, "couldn't handle keeping track of whether they were repeating the F just one time," Krumpke said.

"That's baloney," he said. "A computer can be programmed to handle whatever we need it to."

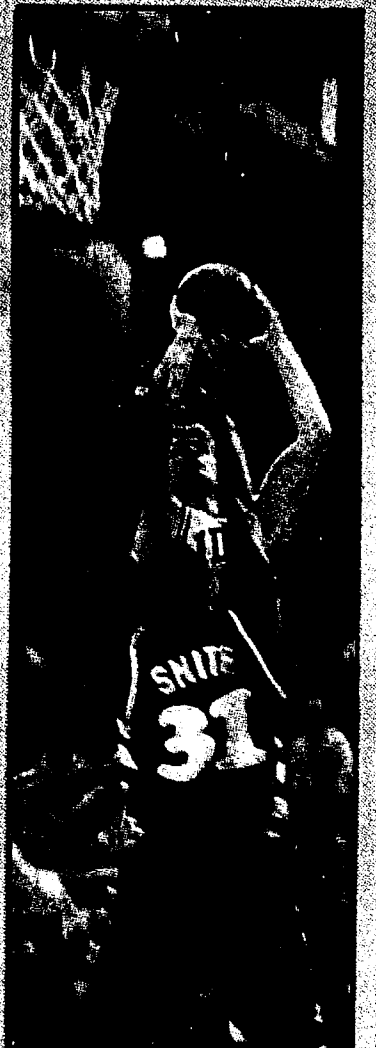
The debate over amending the current GPA system will continue within the Faculty Council, in addition

The Vandals basketball team almost grabbed an important Big West Conference win.

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Erin Siemers

Announcements:

Today:

Lean about internships

Cooperative Education Orientation will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in Education 103/104. Discover how you can find paid work opportunities which provide practical experience related to your major. For information contact Coop Ed at 885-5822.

Wednesday:

Study Grizzlies

"Brown Bears of the Kenai Peninsula," a slide and lecture presentation by WSU grad student Grant Hilderbrand, will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Moscow Community Center on the corner of Third and Washington Streets. Hilderbrand has spent three summers in Alaska studying the bears. The program, sponsored by the Palouse Audobon Society, is free and open to the public.

Ongoing:

Get a Scholarship

Board of Directors of Pacific West Cancer Fund has announced a \$1,500 scholarship for those diagnosed with cancer. Call Financial Aid at 885-6312 for further information.

Change your major

Sign up for Interdisciplinary Studies 204, "Changing Your Major: Career Decisions Across the Lifespan" for 2 credits this semester. This brand-new class will be taught by three psychologists from the Student Counseling Center. Call 885-6426 for more information.

Play in the cold

Moscow Parks and Recreation's winter brochure is now available and registration is open. Activities include youth basketball, league volleyball, dog obedience, tone and stretch, jazzercise and downhill ski school. For more information, call 883-7085.

Win \$24,000

Seniors and grad students who intend to become secondary school teachers of American history, American government or social studies are eligible for fellowships of up to \$24,000 for graduate study. Contact Judith Doerann at 885-5727 and ask about the James Mason Memorial Fellowships.

Upcoming:

Make an announcement

Graduation announcement orders will be taken at the Alumni Office Jan. 29-31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 885-6154.

Milos Forman subject of Master Director Series

The Network Event Theater Master Director Series, featuring two-time Academy Award-winning director Milos Forman, will be shown Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Borah Theater.

Forman will be the subject of an in-depth interview focusing on his career and achievements. Some of Forman's films include *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Hair*, *Amadeus* and his newest film *The People Vs. Larry Flynt*.

The interview will be broadcast live via satellite from the UCLA campus. Afterwards, students are invited to participate in a question and answer discussion with Forman.

Also invited to attend the discussion are Larry Flynt, Woody Harrelson, Courtney Love and Ed Norton.

The series is a presentation of the Network Event Theater and ASUI Productions. Admission is free.

Moscow Food Co-op asks for newsletter masthead

The monthly newsletter for the Moscow Food Cooperative needs a new masthead; and artists, illustrators and designers are asked to help.

A new design is needed for the top of the newsletter, and the Co-op is holding a contest to find the right one. The winner will receive a T-shirt and a \$15 gift certificate from the Moscow Food Co-op.

Everyone is invited to submit a design, which must be on black and white paper and the size of the present masthead, 10 inches by 2 1/2 inches. Also, the design must incorporate the month and the year of the publication as well as the words "Moscow Food Co-op Community News, free, please take one."

The present masthead was designed four years ago by Ed Clark, who is now a visiting professor of art in New York.

Designs are due March 1 and can be dropped off at the Moscow Food Co-op or mailed to 310 West Third Street, Moscow, ID 83843. Entries should be placed in an envelope marked NEWSLETTER.

Copies of the newsletter are available at the Moscow Food Co-op. Contact Bill London, newsletter editor, at 882-0127 for more information.

Martin Luther King Jr. Week activities are as follows:

Jan. 13-30:

Recognizing African American Concerns in Education (R.A.A.C.E.) members will visit residence halls, fraternities and sororities to raise funds for seeds and blankets for Rwandans.

Jan. 15:

Martin Luther King Jr. birthday will be celebrated with a candlelight march leaving the Administration Building at 6 p.m. Tom Hebert will give a motivational speech at 7 p.m. at the Admin. Auditorium. Listen to KUOI for Dr. King's speeches.

Jan. 22:

Unity exhibition dance and potluck, SUB Ballroom, 6 p.m.

Jan. 23:

"Our Young Black Men are Dying," a play, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom.

Jan. 24:

The video *Black Panther* will be played at 6 p.m. in the Vandal Lounge with a discussion and food provided by R.A.A.C.E. after the show.

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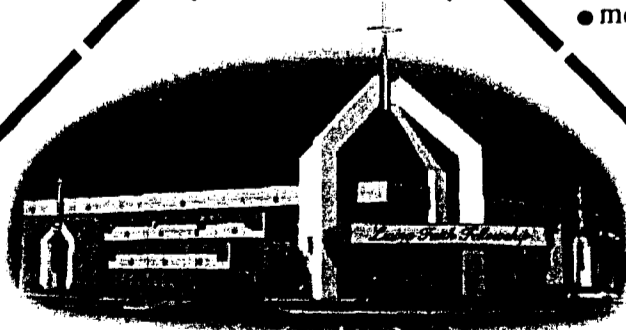
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Spring, summer internship opportunities available

Margaret Donaldson
Staff

There are many spring semester and summer internships still available for University of Idaho students through Cooperative Education, said Director Alice Pope Barbut.

Cooperative Education, located in Education 204, works with about 400 companies who are looking for interns from UI and other colleges and universities. Most of these companies are recruiting in the Northwest and some nationwide, but Barbut said recently companies have been showing more interest in UI students.

"We have more on-campus interviews scheduled at this time than we did last year," Barbut said.

She said the fact that companies are coming here is very positive. Not only does it show they have a lot of interest in Idaho students, but a face-to-face interview is better than one over the phone or none at all.

"Getting a chance to interact is important," Barbut said.

The staff at Cooperative Education is busy keeping up with all the internship postings that come in and all the students they want to help find the ideal internship for. They encourage students to come in and talk and they try to keep things one on one.

If students are interested in finding an internship through Cooperative Education, they need to register by attending one orientation and bringing in a resume.

Orientations are held every Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Once a student registers, the staff will actively look for an internship specifically for the student's major and interests.

The office will e-mail each registered student the full text of announcements specific for their major, as well as the announcements which request all majors.



Students Chad Nelson (left) and Patrick Montgomery (right) check out the internship listings board in the Student Union.

If a student has a specific geographic region they are interested in, they just need to tell Cooperative Education.

"If a student wants to go to D.C. or the Bay Area, we will help them to build a strategy," Barbut said. They can also help students open doors to more information.

Cooperative Education uses the contacts they have with UI alumni and businesses in Boise. Dianna Gibney is their Coordinator/Job Developer in Boise who helps connect business in Boise with the UI campus.

Barbut emphasized the impor-

tance of internships for students in finding a job after graduation.

"The single most important factor is relevant work experience," she said about getting a good permanent position. Cooperative Education has the resources to give students that experience.

Internships can give students a chance to understand the organizations they work for, and can help get them an assured position. "Some opportunities can lead right into the workplace," Barbut said.

Now is the height of the recruiting season for summer internships, so Barbut encourages students to

register now. Local businesses are also still looking for spring interns.

Blevins Enterprises in Moscow has one or two positions for software developer interns this spring, and Latah Health Services, Inc., is looking for a community accessibility research intern.

Some recent announcements Cooperative Education has received for summer positions are from Tektronix, Inc., in Portland, Ore., Boise Cascade Timber and Wood Products Division in Kettle Falls and Yakima, Wash., and Russ Lively Architects in Twin Falls.

New law yanks licenses of non-paying parents

A state law that could mean the loss of personal licenses to drive, work and play for thousands of Idaho parents went into effect Jan. 2.

Idaho's License Suspension Law affects parents who are 90 days or \$2,000 behind in child support payments. Approximately 11,000 parents owe more than \$100 million to Idaho's children.

Some parents have already made arrangements to pay off their debt; others need to make payment plans immediately; still others may be unable to pay because they are disabled or legitimately unable to pay.

Parents who make arrangements to pay off past-due child support, and who continue to pay current support obligations will avoid losing their licenses. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is urging parents to call their child support officer and make arrangements if they have not already done so.

Two letters have been sent by the department to those who owe more than \$2,000 in child support. The letters warned parents to make arrangements to pay their debt or face suspension of state-issued personal licenses, including driver's licenses, hunting and fishing permits, and occupational certificates.

"Regional Health and Welfare offices are open today and ready to help parents set up payment agreements to pay off their child support debt," said Shannon Barnes, chief of the department's Bureau of Child Support Services.

"We really don't want to take any licenses, but time has run out on those who owe child support. They need to take action today."

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Deans remind seniors to file applications

Janet Spencer

News Editor

Seniors planning to graduate in May must submit their degree applications within the next two weeks, said Tom Bitterwolf, associate dean of the College of Letters and Science.

"Degree applications are due January 27," he said. With so little time left to get the forms completed and signed, Bitterwolf is making an extra effort to get the word out to students. "It's really critical that we get their attention."

Seniors may pick up a degree application and senior survey from their dean's office. They must complete the application and get their advisor to verify departmental requirements, courses left to be fulfilled, substitutions and courses waived.

Additionally, the departments of art, chemistry, music, physics, philosophy, political science and theatre arts require the signature of the department head or chair.

After getting the necessary signatures, the student must take the form to the Controller's Office and pay a \$10 filing fee. The student then returns the completed, signed form to their dean, said Judy McPherson, Letters and Science senior

secretary.

She pointed out that seniors who don't get their applications submitted to their deans are not eligible for awards for graduating seniors.

"Awards can't be given out to students unless we know they're graduating," she said.

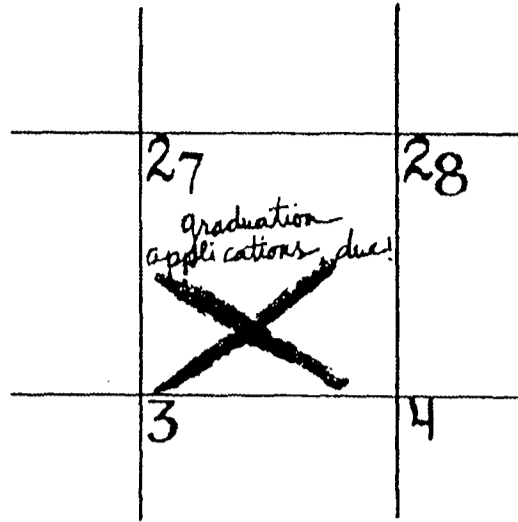
Applications submitted after the due date require a letter of petition, McPherson said.

Cap and gown information and a senior survey are attached to the degree application.

The senior survey is a confidential questionnaire about the student's experiences during his time at the University of Idaho. The student writes his ID number on the front of the form, and that section is torn off before the form is read so the source remains anonymous, McPherson said.

A commencement excuse form is also included with the degree application. Seniors who will not take part in graduation exercises must complete this form.

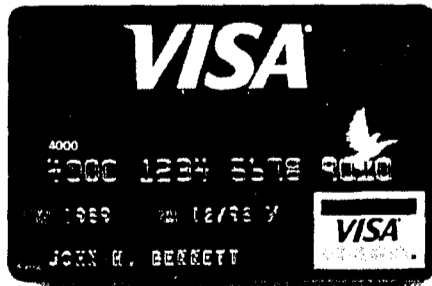
Students who are within six credits of graduation may walk in the graduation ceremonies in



May, but they must complete their course work during the summer session, McPherson said.

"Students wanting to walk through early must have approval from their dean," she said.

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New sculpture shows building connectors

Janet Spencer
News Editor

A new sculpture at the University of Idaho provides a hands-on learning experience for engineering students.

"The sculpture shows most of the different ways that structural steel can be assembled to create a building or bridge," said Ed Schmeckpeper, associate professor of civil engineering.

The sculpture, which was erected last month, depicts the building connectors which hold steel buildings together.

"McClure Hall is a framed steel building. The teaching sculpture shows all the different steel connections that were used in McClure — but without taking the building apart," Schmeckpeper said.

Students often have a hard time visualizing the three-dimensional character of the connectors unless they have been around construction sights. Liability problems make some construction managers leery of having a group of students around.

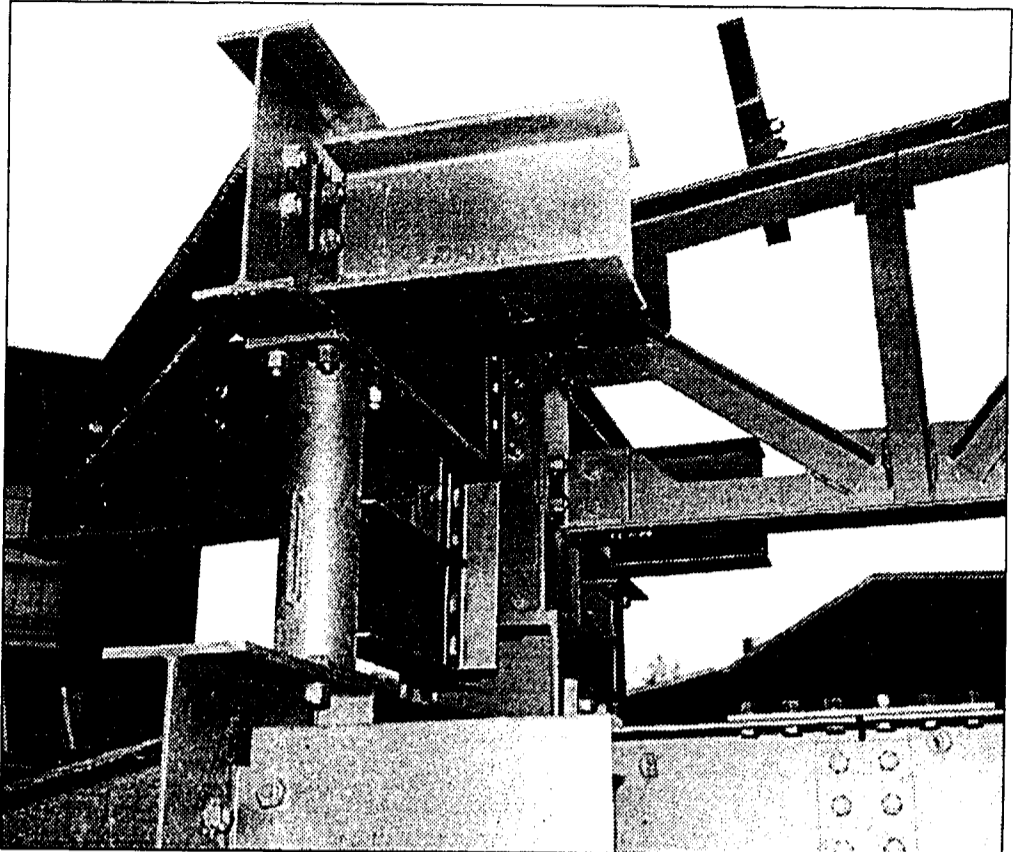
The American Institute of Steel Construction designed the sculpture to provide students with access to full-sized connectors, which would otherwise be difficult to store. Other universities have requested a copy of the plans from AISC and have built similar structures.

Schmeckpeper said the sculpture will be used by the Civil Engineering 444 Steel Design class, which has approximately 40 students per year. It will also be used by the Civil Engineering 342 Theory of Structures class, which has about 60 students each year.

The sculpture was donated by K & T Steel Corporation of Twin Falls, Western Steel Manufacturing Company of Boise, Metals Fabrication Company, Inc., and Red Iron Corporation of Spokane.

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—Ed Schmeckpeper



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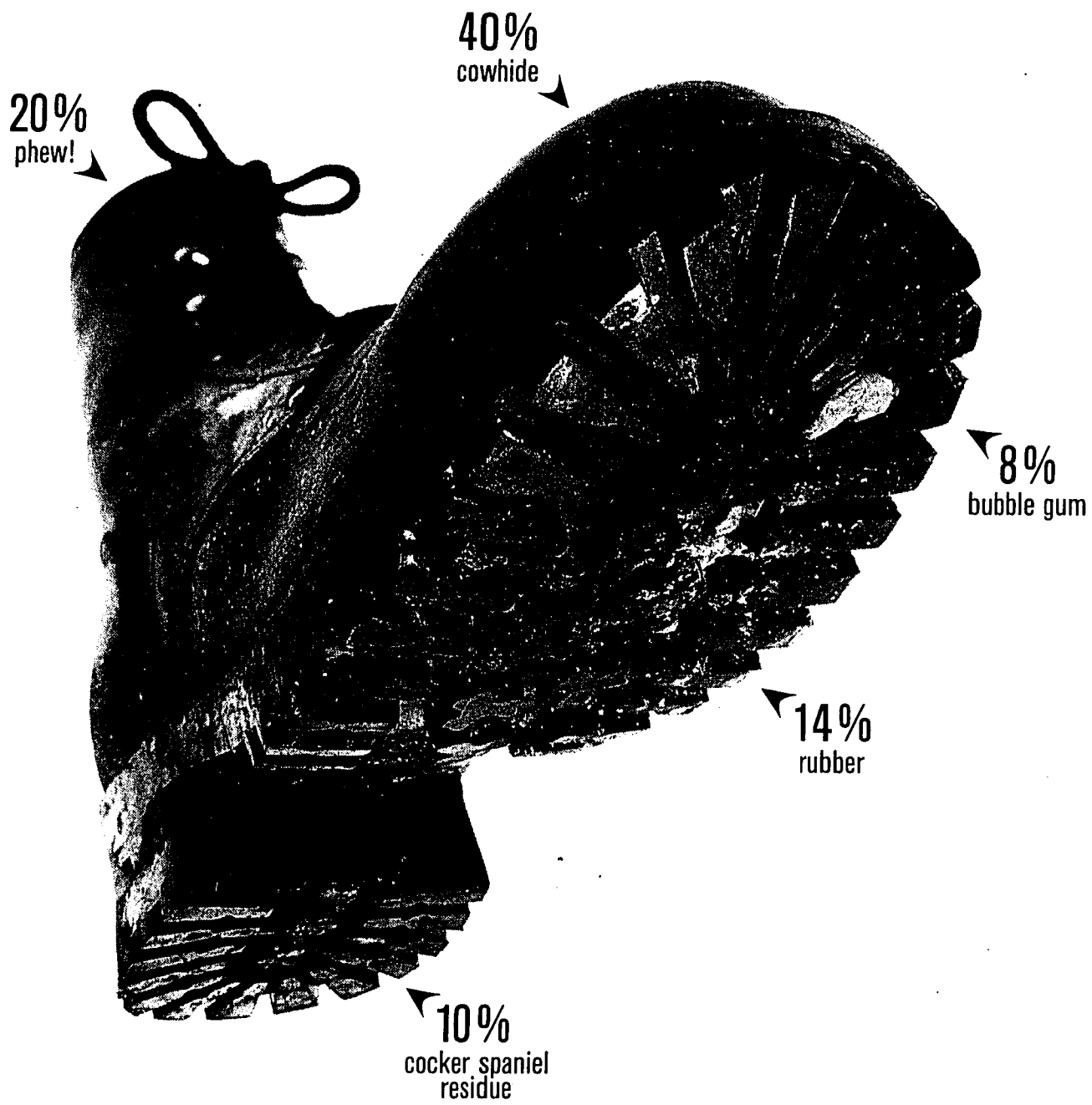
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Students stand in line to pay their fees and pick up residual checks at the Kibbie Dome yesterday.



New magazine boasts Palouse art

Associated Press
 SPOKANE — Like so many good ideas, the art magazine High Ground was born over a glass of cheap wine. That's how Ross Coates recalls it.

The event occurred several years ago in Los Angeles. Coates, a Washington State University professor of art, was attending the opening reception for an art show. An exhibition of his own work was just the week before, and he was with Marilyn Lysohir, his longtime companion.

So, he recalls, he's standing there with his glass of wine in hand when a stranger walks right up to him. "Where are you from?" she asks. "Well, um, I'm from Pullman," Coates answers. "What the hell is going on up there?" she says. Taken aback, Coates manages to croak out a question of his own, even though "What?" is all he's able to say. "Well," the woman says, "you're having a show. I just saw your show. This person is from Pullman, and she's having a show here. And then

there was this other guy, he was from Pullman, who had a show last month. And there's somebody else who's going to have a show next month, and he's from Pullman. So, what the hell is going on up there?"

And just that fast, Coates had an insight, a thought that began to crystallize for both him and Lysohir when they returned home and started looking around at what was going on in the Moscow-Pullman region. "We began to realize that in this whole plateau area, there's all kinds of good stuff happening," Coates says.

And almost that fast, the two of them decided that they needed to help get the word out. Which is how High Ground came to be.

Two issues of the art magazine have been published so far, one each in 1995 and '96, and a third is on the drawing board. Coates and Lysohir, who act as co-editors/publishers, work with a budget that wouldn't match a typical magazine's expense allowance (after printing 600 copies of the '96 issue and pricing them at \$31 apiece, Coates and Lysohir expect to "break even" if they sell some 450).

High Ground meets its artistic goals by boasting elements of a glossy magazine blended with sections that resemble an imaginatively made children's book. It introduces artists and explains what they stand for, but it also allows artists to tell their own stories.

It is a record of creative endeavor, and it is a creative endeavor all by itself.

Above all, it affords Coates and Lysohir the opportunity to have some fun, do something important and flex their own artistic imaginations all at the same time.

"The really interesting thing is that it is this weird mixture of journalism, art, sort of documenting and leaving a historical legacy," Coates says. "So it allows us to wear a whole bunch of hats."

Both already sport a number of hats.

Lysohir, 46, is a noted ceramic artist who's earned a measure of fame for her oversized installation pieces, such as a 24-foot-long ceramic battleship that was exhibited at WSU in 1990. She's working with a Seattle dance troupe on a performance-art piece titled "Tattooed Ladies and the Dinosaurs," and will be teaching at Ohio State University during winter quarter.

Coates, 64, served as chairman of WSU's fine arts department for eight years and has been teaching at the school for 20. A native of Ontario, Canada, he also does installation pieces, typically combining drawings and various kinds of found art. A piece he created on hunting was exhibited in Salt Lake City, Texas and Alaska.

Neither Coates nor Lysohir originally planned to put out High Ground by themselves.

"It started with two or three people sitting around, leaning up against a pickup truck, talking about it," Coates says. "Saying, 'Oh, that would be cool to do.' It was like those old Shirley Temple movies. 'Let's put on a show. My uncle has a barn.' Then they all dropped out except for us. And by that time we had already asked people to write."

Yet while clearly not a money-making project, High Ground does boast a mailing list of about 250. More to the point, it strives to fulfill an aesthetic objective: to be an effective hybrid of form and function. High Ground may be about art, but it also is art.

"Exactly," says Coates.

"It's also about artists writing about art," Lysohir adds, which is another way of saying that High Ground is about artists working hard to define themselves for anyone willing to listen.

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Clinton asks to delay harassment suit

WASHINGTON — Hoping to head off a major embarrassment until he leaves office, President Clinton is asking the Supreme Court to delay a lawsuit that accuses him of sexually harassing a woman in 1991.

Just one week before Clinton's second-term inauguration, the justices Monday were weighing whether Paula Jones can pursue her claim now or must wait until the president becomes a private citizen in four years.

"What's at stake here is reputation," said Joseph Cammarata, a lawyer for Jones. Appearing Monday on ABC television, broadcast nationwide, he said: "She wants her good name and reputation restored, and if she dies or the president were to die, then her claim for defamation would be extinguished."

Clinton is arguing that more is at stake.

"The president, unlike any other federal official, has the sole responsibility for an entire branch of the federal government," Clinton's lawyer, Robert S. Bennett, said in court papers seeking to delay Jones' suit.

"Even if a president ultimately prevails, protracted personal damages litigation would make it impossible for him to devote his undivided energies to one of the most demanding jobs in the world," Bennett said.

An attorney for Jones, Gilbert K. Davis, said in court papers that the former Arkansas state employee is entitled to her day in court now.

The Constitution's framers "did not intend to place the president above the law, and thus did not confer upon presidents any person-

al privileges akin to those of a monarch," Davis wrote.

The crowd of people who braved frigid temperatures for a chance to be one of about 100 admitted into public seating was larger than other highly publicized events.

The court bans television and radio coverage of its courtroom proceedings. Only morning eight news trucks were permitted to facilitate from-the-scenes.

The justices are expected to decide by July whether Clinton — already enmeshed in Whitewater and fund-raising investigations — also must answer Jones' lawsuit while in office.

Jones says Clinton propositioned her in a Little Rock hotel room in 1991 when he was governor of Arkansas. She says he exposed himself and that she can identify

"distinguishing characteristics" of his private parts.

Clinton has denied her allegation and cannot recall ever being sued in 1994. Jones' lawsuit seeks \$100 in damages.

Jones' lawyer tried to negotiate a settlement but was rebuffed.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1982 that presidents cannot be sued for damages involving their official duties, even after they leave office. The prospect of such lawsuits could harm a president's decision-making, the court said.

But the justices have never said whether a sitting president can be forced to answer a lawsuit over acts unrelated to his official duties.

Clinton's appeal argues that a trial could jeopardize the constitutional separation of powers

between the judicial and executive branches. A judge should not have the power to evaluate the president's official priorities if a conflict with the trial schedule should arise, his lawyers say.

Jones' lawyers say the trial should be held now because witnesses' memories could fade or evidence could be lost by the time Clinton's term ends in 2000.

A federal judge in Arkansas ruled that the case should be delayed until Clinton left office but that pre-trial fact-finding could begin while he remained president.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in January 1996, however, that the case could go to trial during Clinton's presidency. It said the trial judge should manage the case to avoid interfering with the president's official duties.

Families hope for missing pilot's return

CLINTON, Conn. — The brother of a missing Connecticut pilot has made a plea for Connecticut and New Hampshire to continue their search for a missing Lear jet until the aircraft and its pilots are found.

"We're very frustrated and perplexed, but that doesn't give us a reason to stop (searching)," said Jay Hayes, of Old Lyme. "We can't stop the search, it must go on until they're found."

Hayes' brother, Pat, of Clinton and Johan

Schwartz, of Westport, disappeared Dec. 24 after the two men aborted a landing at Lebanon Municipal Airport in New Hampshire. The two men had taken off from Sikorsky Memorial Airport in Stratford and were on their way to pick up passengers in New Hampshire.

Search crews spent two weeks searching for the men in the mountainous terrain near the Lebanon airport.

On Saturday, the family and friends held

separate services in the hometowns of the two men.

More than 300 people attended services at St. Mary's Church of the Visitation in Clinton. Friends and family pinned on yellow bows, an allusion to "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree," a song about homecoming.


The 30-year-old Pat Hayes had been married for only seven weeks when he disappeared.

In Westport, a similar scene took place as more than 300 people gathered at the Inn at Longshore's main ballroom to remember Schwartz, 31.

"I don't want to talk about him in the past tense, because I still hope he's alive," said John Querillo, a friend. "Johan's time is not up. His memory will live on in our hearts forever."

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D'Amato: Nazi gold shipped to Spain

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Swiss National Bank shipped 280 truckloads of Nazi gold to Spain and Portugal as part of a World War II money-laundering operation, according to newly declassified documents released Sunday by U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and Jewish leaders.

Also Sunday, the Swiss interior minister said her government should act quickly in compensating elderly and destitute Jews who lost assets in the Nazi Holocaust, the clearest sign yet that the country is bowing to international pressure to set up a reparations fund.

The gold, estimated to be worth between \$250 million and \$500 million, was carried in trucks bearing the Swiss national emblem and insured by Swiss companies, according to the papers.

The documents do not indicate where the gold came from. D'Amato says the gold was taken from banks in occupied countries, but also alleges it included gold melted down from the belongings of murdered Jews.

The Swiss National Bank acknowledged last week that it had profited from business with gold looted by Nazi Germany, but said it had not dealt with any gold from concentration camp victims.

"These documents demonstrate that Switzerland was the international banking and laundering center of Hitler's Germany," said World Jewish Congress executive director Elan Steinberg.

The documents include a 1946 U.S. intelli-

gence memo outlining evidence of the gold shipments and the transcript of a 1945 military interrogation of the Nazi official who headed Germany's wartime gold department.

They were declassified at the National Archives in October and December and unearthed last week by an archivist working for D'Amato and the World Jewish Congress.

D'Amato said the papers lent further credence to charges that Swiss bankers and the Swiss government knowingly helped Nazis launder gold they had plundered from occupied Europe and Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

"This washes away those who would say this was a myth, it really didn't take place, you have no evidence," he said.

D'Amato, who chairs the Senate banking committee, has taken a leading role in efforts to trace looted Jewish assets and has repeatedly demanded that Swiss officials release information on Nazi accounts held by Swiss banks during and after the war.

Jewish organizations have accused Switzerland of sitting on up to \$ 7 billion of assets of Holocaust victims. The Swiss banks say they have identified just 37 million Swiss francs (\$27 million) in 775 unclaimed accounts — although not all of this is believed to be from Holocaust victims.

The Swiss cabinet last week indicated it favored using unclaimed accounts to help elderly and destitute Jews, but said it wanted to await results of investigations into Swiss

wartime collusion with Nazis before deciding on compensation.

But since then, the Swiss banks and government have appeared to soften their stance on a government donation that Jewish groups have demanded as a goodwill gesture. They want \$ 250 million now for elderly and destitute Jews as they continue pursuing their claims.

"It is now clear that something must happen quickly," Swiss Interior Minister Ruth Dreifuss said in an interview with SonntagsZeitung newspaper.

"We can't wait for years and accept that people who are already 80-years-old are suspended between poverty and hope," said Dreifuss, who is of Jewish origin. "We must recognize what has happened and that we cannot keep what does not belong to us."

Dreifuss' words may help soothe the anger of Jewish organizations who have threatened a boycott against Swiss banks if the government does not disown remarks by Economics Minister Jean-Pascal Delamuraz. The former president said demands for the \$250 million fund amounted to "blackmail."

The cable D'Amato released Sunday, from U.S. intelligence agents to the director of the Office of Strategic Services, describes a "high level Swiss" source who had reportedly discovered 280 truckloads of gold shipped from Nazi accounts at the Swiss National Bank in Bern to banks in Madrid and Lisbon in 1943 and 1944.

The source was "willing (to) give full

details" to intelligence officers, according to the cable. Swiss drivers and border officials were also willing to corroborate the story, which included allegations that Swiss companies had insured the Nazi shipments and that the "Swiss national emblem appeared on every truck," the cable said.

The second document, the transcript of a 1945 military interrogation of Karl Graupner, who headed the Nazi foreign exchange department's gold division, also implicates Swiss bankers and insurance companies.

"The Swiss National Bank transported the gold from this deposit (in Bern) to Lisbon at every opportunity through Swiss transport enterprises by trucks," Graupner told U.S. military officials, according to the transcript.

"According to instructions of the Reichsbank directorium, the Swiss National Bank took care of insuring these transports in Swiss insurance agencies," he reportedly said.

Graupner also told the interrogators that Nazi gold was also sold to banks in Sweden, Greece, Romania and Turkey, the transcript said.

The documents do not indicate what role officials in Spain and Portugal might have played in the laundering operation.

D'Amato criticized Swiss officials for failing to cooperate with his investigation, and said he had sent a letter to Swiss President Arnold Koller demanding a response to the new information.

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Chenoweth heads to Israel

Associated Press

LEWISTON, Idaho — Idaho Rep. Helen Chenoweth is planning a fact-finding trip to Israel next week through the American Israel Educational Foundation.

The U.S. House will not be in session next week. Chenoweth will travel overseas with other lawmakers to meet with Israeli officials, leaders of the Arab community and peace process negotiators, Chenoweth spokeswoman Khris Bershers said.

The foundation is privately funded by Americans, she said.

Meanwhile, Chenoweth joined numerous other members of Congress Friday in co-sponsoring the "Drug Importer Death Penalty Act" bill reintroduced by House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

It would lower the amount of imported drugs necessary to impose a sentence of death or life in prison, and require tougher minimum sentences for convicted transporters.

"This bill will punish those individuals who cross the American border with a quantity of drugs meant for distribution to a minimum sentence of life in prison, even if it's their first time," Chenoweth said. "Repeat offenders will get a death sentence."

Under current law, the amount of drugs necessary for such sentences are too high to have any measurable effect, she said. The bill would lower the quantity to 100 individual doses for heroin, cocaine, marijuana or crack cocaine.

Critics call aquifer cleanup a failure

Associated Press

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — For 20 years, federal operators pumped wastewater and sewage contaminated with radioactive and cancer-causing chemicals directly into the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

The result is a 1 1/2-mile plume of solvents in the aquifer 200 feet below the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. Cleanup of the mess is under way, but critics have called the effort an expensive failure so far.

Despite setbacks, however, federal officials say the \$30 million project still is on budget. And pumping has halted growth of the "hot spot" — the most contaminated area of the aquifer.

The contaminated wastewater came from reactor research operations from 1952 to 1972. Cleaning up the mess has turned out

harder and more complex than officials expected.

The "pump and treat" plant that was to pump out the well and treat the water ran into trouble with contaminants more concentrated than expected and with faulty welding and poor construction. The groundwater contamination is significant, and one reason the INEL made the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund list of the nation's most polluted industrial sites.

State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, called the groundwater cleanup and a project to dig up buried radioactive waste expensive failures.

Both projects are expected to be subjects of legislative hearings this session.

Envoy warns that Serbia's economy nears collapse

Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Carl Bildt, the top international envoy in Bosnia, Sunday warned that Serbia's economy was near collapse that could drag Bosnia's Serb republic even deeper into postwar economic gloom.

"I think Serbia is on the border of financial disaster," Bildt told reporters at the end of a one-day Economic Policy Forum in Sarajevo. "It is important to protect the Republika Srpska (the Serb republic) from the collapse of Serbia."

Bildt singled out the Serb republic because it continues to use Serbian-led Yugoslavia's currency, the dinar, as its own. Bosnia's Serbs refuse to recognize the Bosnian dinar issued by the Muslim-Croat federation as legal tender.

The value of the Yugoslav dinar

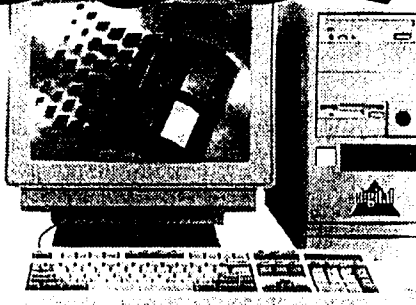
plunged by one-third in the past week, hurting both Serbia and the Serb republic, Bildt said. Serbia's economy was ruined by international sanctions and mismanagement during the Bosnian war.

Bildt urged the Serb Republic to cooperate with stalled plans for a true Bosnian currency that would be accepted in both entities to lessen its dependence on Serbia's economy.

"With a stable monetary and currency policy on offer for all of Bosnia, this possibility should be utilized," said Bildt, who is in charge of implementing the civil aspect of the Dayton peace agreement.

The conference was called to brief Bosnian officials on the results of a meeting of donor countries in Brussels this week on economic aid for shattered Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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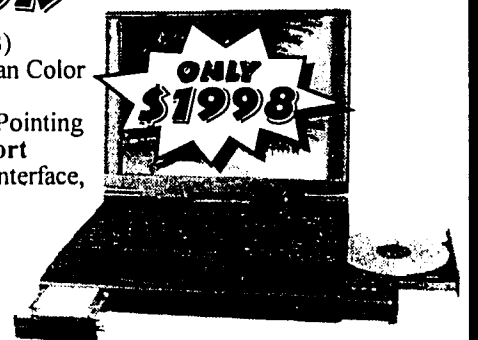
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OPINION

Finals schedule due for a

makeover

This will not be easy, but admitting stupidity rarely is. Finals Week Tuesday, last December. I waltzed into one of those cavernous lecture halls in Renfrew anticipating a bone-head Art 101 exam. I sat down smugly, glowing with the knowledge that even if I hadn't studied all that much I was pretty good at faking this type of thing. The room was abuzz with many students, all eagerly studying their notes. Their notes. Something wrong, here. This is an art exam and they're studying chemistry notes. Huh. Maybe they're all anxious for their upcoming chemistry final; anxious enough to study for it before their art exam. Huh.

With all the calm of a rabbit being set upon by ferocious weasels, I fled the room and spent the next half hour flitting like some sort of tree spirit, visiting every location where we'd had class, including the ceramics lab and the spot on the Administration Lawn where we watched the lunar eclipse. No final.

I careened home and consulted the handy-dandy finals schedule in the course catalog. Whew. Final's not until Thursday.

Finals Week Thursday. I sit in the same cavernous lecture hall in Renfrew waiting for someone to drop a pin so as to mask the sound of my harried breathing and frantically beating heart. It's time for the final and I'm the only person there. Maybe I'm just here early. Maybe the clock is off. Huh. Maybe I'll get a hari-kari kit for Christmas.

Back At home, I consulted the handy-dandy schedule once again. Exam was Thursday, but in the time slot before the one I'd thought.

Bummer. I hope I am the only one dumb enough at this school to misread, not once, but twice, our handy little finals week schedule which as far as I'm concerned may as well have been written in Swahili. If I'm not, it might be time for a change.

Many thoughtful professors who are intelligent enough to interpret the schedule — written in grimy small print — in moments of calm and include information on times for final tests on their course information sheets. Others trust the intelligence of their students and leave such simple tasks in their hands.

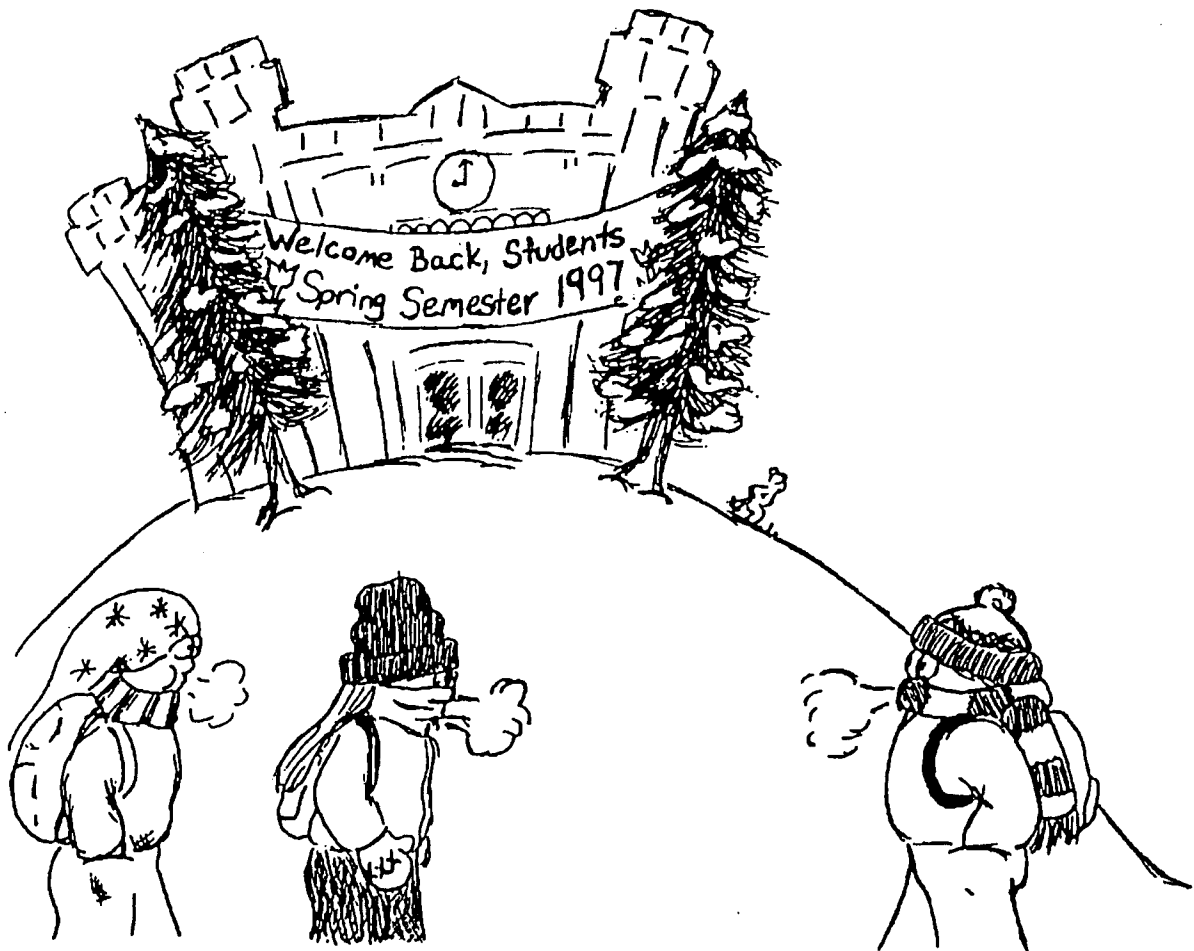
The task would be made simpler if the schedule were printed in larger type and if it were organized in a fashion to prevent a frantically searching finger from slipping down a line or over a column. Professors could also take the effort to interpret the schedule themselves and announce finals time prior to finals week. Some students may cringe at the redundancy, but there would be a few who would gratefully latch on to that extra safety net.

Students, of course, should double — and triple — check their finals times to make sure neither they nor their professors have made a mistake. In fact, I've already got my finals for May figured out.

—Brian Davidson

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Plotting to become TV-free

Opinion gap



Tim Lohrmann

I have a confession. During the break, while you were deep into the seasonably appropriate convivial mode, I became enmeshed in a shocking conspiracy. A conspiracy that if allowed to fester and spread will shake this nation to its foundation and transform our American way of life radically and unalterably. For the better, at least to my new way of thinking. You see, I'm a willing co-conspirator and there's no turning back.

It all started innocently enough. I'm sure this kind of thing always

does. I saw a mention in a regional publication of an outspoken proponent of these dangerous ideas, and since he happens to be local, I gave him a ring. He seemed friendly enough. We chatted. He was convincing. I took down a number for a national organization with headquarters in our nation's capital and soon was in possession of their propaganda. It was a gentle nudge down a slippery slope. That's how I became a pawn of this treacherous grand design.

So just what's the name of this ominous national organization, who is this affable local cell leader I spoke to, and just what are our fiendish goals? The group is called TV-Free America, and even as we speak they're organizing their annual National TV-Turnoff Week. The fellow here in Moscow is Mr. Bill London, a local writer who has been television-less for over 20 years. And the goals aren't to further the ideas of European anarchists or South American revolutionists. No, the official line is that TV-Free

America's goals are to "encourage Americans to reduce, voluntarily and dramatically, the amount of television that they watch in order to promote richer, healthier and more connected lives, families and communities."

Doesn't sound way out to me, you might be saying. But think about a hypothetical situation — your life. How much tube-time to you log? If you have average TV viewing habits, you watch more than four hours per day. That means at the end of a 65 year life, nine years will have been spent in a vacant stare at a screen. Nine years. Where were you nine years ago? How much has happened in your life? Where will you be nine years from now? That's a lot of time.

So let's assume you have an occupation. You know, school, a job, that sort of obligatory stuff that usually eats up a minimum of eight hours of your day. Then let's allow about seven and a half more hours for that mysterious unconscious

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P.C. throws education a curve

Pas d'andouilles ici



Brian Davidson

With all the politically correct wrangling going on in schools and society today, it's not a wonder at all that Johnny still can't read.

For instance, the Oakland school board voted unanimously on Dec. 21 to recognize Black English — Ebonics (from the words ebony and phonics) — as a second language and thus recognize all speakers of

that language as bilingual. The vote, according to the Associated Press, principally creates a program to train teachers to understand Black English in order to help them teach students proper English.

The American Speech, Language and Hearing Association classifies Ebonics as a social dialect with its own grammar, syntax and semantics. Linguists have traced Ebonics' origins to African languages which have distinct patterns, especially the absence of forms of the verb to be and the common use of double or triple negatives. Ebonics is part of a family of over 1,000 distinct English dialects spoken in America alone.

Oakland's proposal has admirable aims. Black students make up 71 percent of special education enrollments and have a combined grade point average of a D+. Educators hope their study and use of Ebonics

will help them understand how the language comes together and point towards methods of using Ebonics as a bridge towards teaching proper English.

Perhaps what I find most puzzling in this matter is that educators, journalists, politicians and ordinary people instantly praise or attack the program's "political" agenda rather than focusing on the potential social and educational benefits such a program could have on Oakland's students.

White America has an often skewed ideal of the concept of equality. Mainstream thought still is that if an African-American benefits from affirmative action or is taught by a teacher at school who understands Ebonics, there is a white man somewhere who can't get a job and talks like they do on "Hee-Haw." Reality states that after hundreds of

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Not your regular party animals

Wine, women and song. These are the three central attributes of living in a fraternity on the University of Idaho Campus, right? Wrong.

So many of you seem to think the fraternal system was founded on partying, partying, partying. Do you really think that five or so drunks all got together one day several years ago and decided they would make a fraternity? If so, maybe you need to do a little more investigating.

The Greek System was founded on brotherhood/sisterhood, scholarship, philanthropy and many other things that would take the better part of this column to write about. Therefore, I will have to make this shorter than I would like.

To begin with, many claim that we, as greeks, only "band" together whenever a letter condemning us is published in the Argonaut. True enough, we only respond when such letters like these are published yet we are always here and are always together. You see, we come together to do such things like raise money for charities such as Links to Literacy (Pi Beta Phi Arrow Challenge) and the Children's Miracle Network (Sigma Chi Derby Days). We have also been known to do such things as volunteer as crossing guards so children walking home from school may have a safe trip. As a matter of fact, it seemed that a request was going to be taken before the Interfraternity Council to see if more

Steve Schmidt guest columnist

volunteers could be requested from fraternities on campus. It has also been seen that many fraternities and sororities hold quite high living group grade point averages on the semester grade reports. So far, for a bunch of alcoholics this doesn't seem too bad.

On a community note, remember those floods a while back? You know, the ones they closed the school for, the ones that threatened the homes of many Moscow citizens? Well, guess who was there to help sandbag those homes and many of the roads: members of the Greek System. I myself, along with many members of my house, logged over 10 hours in the plight against the waters.

Now for the big one: the alcohol policy. All of us know the campus will be dry before we know it, so be it. All we will be doing by instituting this policy is following the law. Yet along those same lines I feel that many members of fraternities want the same rights that other people already have, the right to drink alcohol, if of legal age, in the confines of their own home. This does

not mean the Greek System is held together by alcohol alone.

We, as greeks, have not been fighting the fact that the campus will go dry; rather we are trying to create a policy which gives us the same rights as other home owners. If there is to be no alcohol in any of the houses or even on the property, leave that up to the fraternity national offices to decide, not the campus.

As far as our sidewalks are concerned, I have walked by many houses and seen the members out shoveling their walks on numerous occasions. I have shoveled the walks by and around my house several times this winter. Sure, you may find one or two that get overlooked every now and then but if you look around campus hard enough you can find a few that the university forgets about. Homeowners in Moscow are required to shovel their own snow, while dorm residents depend on the university for that chore.

I just feel that many people are all too eager to condemn the Greek System when in fact we do bring a lot to the campus as well as the community. If we are going to hold the whole system accountable for the actions of a few people are we going to hold the City of Moscow accountable for the actions of a few of its members? Sure, the Greek System has had its ups and downs and a few people have made mistakes, but haven't we all?

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years of civil rights struggles and legislation, the majority of African-Americans still do not enjoy the societal benefits the average white person takes as given.

Black America, conversely, seems to suffer from an overblown inferiority complex. Rather than seeing Ebonics as a chance to help better educate their children, many see the use of the language in schools as an affirmation of their fears. "[Ebonics] cuts to the heart of the issue," said Steven Gooden, who served as honorary youth chairperson at the Republican National Convention in San Diego, "I think defining us as genetically deprived."

"Every African-American," said Barbara Boudreaux, a member of the Oakland school board, "has some kind of dialectical pattern that is laughed at by others."

So do we all, Barbara. There are whites who speak with a southern twang and they're rarely heard on national television outside of reruns of the "Dukes of Hazzard" because their accents are often equated with stupidity. Canadians have that funny way of pronouncing the letter O, and I can assure you that even after having lived in France for nearly two years my French still made me sound like I'd just fallen off the turnip truck.

It is true, as linguist Henry Higgins claimed in *My Fair Lady*, that an individual's use of language causes another to immediately make value judgements on that person's education and intelligence. The Oakland school board's proposal to use Ebonics in the classroom to guide students towards the use of proper English makes perfect educational sense, no matter in which direction the present politically-correct vapors may be whispering. Ebonics may or may not work, but as board member Toni Cook pointed out, "Whatever we are using now is not working at all." Any effort, even one with dubious political strings attached, is better than doing nothing.

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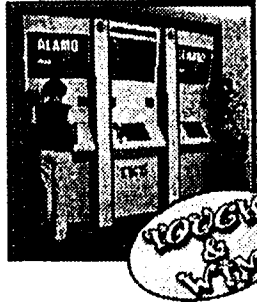
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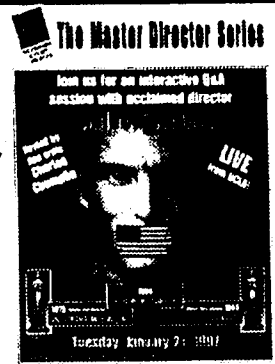
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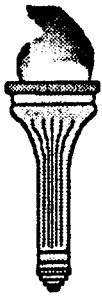
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time we all crave — sleep. Then if we add about two and a half hours for all those semi-necessities like bathing, eating and walking to class, that leaves us six hours. So unless my second grade math experience was completely wasted, if we've gotta take more than four hours of television from those pitiful six hours, we've got less than two for everything else. Is the TV world worth the investment?

A growing number of folks are saying no way, the cost is just too great. And those costs are everywhere. In our families, in our schools even in our form of government. For example, how much time do you spend interacting with your family members while the television's blaring? Does communication happen only during commercials? That's reality in many households. It's no wonder that family members sometimes can't communicate. There's just not time for it during the average station break.

As a matter of fact, it was a real-life moment similar to this that provided Bill London's motivation to trash his TV. Bill told me he was seated in a living room attempting to visit with several adults who happened to be engrossed in an old episode of "Huckleberry Hound," of all things. The animated antics of this fruity canine proved to be so compelling that the entire room was

entranced. Except for Bill. Bill was not only frustrated, he was amazed. He began to wonder just how widespread this mass hypnosis was. And lo and behold, this ridiculous "Huckleberry Hound" incident removed the scaled from his eyes. Everywhere he went he saw the glow of the tube and the gaping, transfixed faces. He got rid of his television soon thereafter, and he says it's good riddance and good for his family.

As far as the problems in the school system go, it doesn't take too much thought to see that TV screens aren't exactly improving that picture. TV-Free America provides abundant statistics as to why. Just name an academic problem. Lower educational standards? The chances are only one in 12 that an American parent required their children to do their homework before watching TV. So in many cases, of course, it isn't done at all. Violence in the classroom or on school grounds? The average child seen 200,000 violent acts on TV by age 18, and 8,000 murders just by the time they finish elementary school. That's allowed in spite of the fact that 79 percent of Americans believe TV violence causes real-life mayhem.

Let's talk about the other problem area I mentioned; that TV doesn't exactly provide positive input to our

system of government. That's almost too easy to explain. What's the number one influence on the politicians who make our decisions? Did I hear money, big money, huge money? That's right. But why is so much money needed anyway? To get elected or re-elected. How is that accomplished? Why, on television, of course. Plenty of 30 second ads are your only prayer in big-time politics. And so, of course, that's where all the money goes. Not to discuss issues. No, that would require some knowledge, some background, an informed electorate. We're much too busy to inform ourselves. Busy watching TV. Busy making momentous political decisions based on these 30-second paid impressions.

Well, we could go on and on, but the truth is we're all short on time. So I'll just boil it down to simple terms that any TV user has heard a thousand times. What TV-Free America, Bill London, and now this columnist are telling you is: Get a life. So listen up because the movement is growing and this is your first and only warning. Keep your eyes and ears open in the real world because the revolution won't be televised.

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Letters to the Editor

Abstinence does not make the heart grow fonder

As a member of the UI HIV/AIDS Task Force, "organizers of the week's shallow pseudo-events," I must share with you and illustration of how abstinence does not always make the heart grow fonder.

Brian Davidson's column of Dec. 13, "Chalk up another example of man bites dog," made no mention of the biggest program of AIDS Awareness Week, "Living with HIV/AIDS, One Woman's Perspective," a presentation by a member of the HIV/AIDS Speakers' Bureau supported by the Spokane County Health District and Spokane AIDS Network and sponsored by the UI HIV/AIDS Task Force. At the sardine-packed Women's Center, Julie spoke to about 40 people, and another 400 at Moscow High School, and another 100 at the UI Auditorium. Yet, I didn't see Mr. Davidson there. Andrea Vogt covered the story in a thoughtful article published Dec. 4 in the Lewiston Morning Tribune.

Julie is HIV positive, a minister's wife, and the mother of three children. Following the birth of her first child in 1983, she hemorrhaged and required a blood transfusion of three units of blood. She had two more children before learning that one of the blood donors had AIDS.

Although Julie and her husband had unprotected sex for several of the intervening years out of which additional children were born, remarkable no one in Julie's immediate family has ever tested HIV-positive.

Her oldest daughter, almost 13 years old now, accompanied Julie. Her daughter also spoke before each of these crowds and has chosen abstinence for herself, until marriage, as Mr. Davidson suggested. (It's never too early to

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make these decisions.) However, Julie and her husband had to deliberate about whether to take a calculated risk. Unlike most people who are HIV-positive, Julie knows she is.

Although condoms do not absolutely prevent the transmission of HIV, they reduce the risk considerably. Julie and her husband love each other deeply and had choices before them. After tremendous consideration, they chose to express their mutual love by having protected sexual relations. They did not take their decision lightly. They knew the risk.

Julie's husband faithfully gets tested for HIV every six months, as should anyone whose behavior is even remotely at risk. But Julie and her husband, like countless others, do not choose abstinence. Her message was, if you are going to engage in at-risk behavior, choose to do it as safely as humanly possible. Know the risks.

Abstinence works for Julie's daughter, but not for Julie and her husband. Mr. Davidson belittles the complexity of human relationships by casting a universal dictum that all should make the same choice you make.

The week's events that you choose to mock were warmly received by all who actually participated by attending Julie's programs, displaying luminaries on World AIDS Day, wearing red ribbons and memorializing ones we've lost. A heartfelt thank you to my fellow organizers and the myriad volunteers.

—Susan Palmer
Education Programming
Coordinator
UI Women's Center

writing process and at the defense. The reason this is an unusual case, (I think everyone, including LaVoie, acknowledges this) and the reason this is of concern is because of the time at which the degree is being denied — after passing a defense.

Every major professor, and indeed every committee member, must sign off on a form prior to the defense acknowledging that they have at least examined the dissertation and are satisfied that the candidate is ready to defend. Although it would be better otherwise, one can understand how committee members, who have not put as much time into the review of the project as the major professor, could be caught unaware or be unsatisfied by some aspect of the research and vote not to pass a candidate at the defense. However, that a major professor would advance a candidate to the defense and then refuse to sign the dissertation after the candidate has passed by majority vote is odd, to say the least, and appears inexcusable. At this late stage in the game, too many of us who have recently completed degrees or are going through the process, it seems that the professors involved (particularly the major professor) have some obligation in the name of fairness to come up with reasonable conditions that allow the candidate to complete the degree. If this is not resolved, one suspects whether a) negligence and major bumbling of the graduate student process by the major professor or b) that Mr. Van Deventer's allegation that he is being denied for personal/political reasons rather than professional reasons has merit.

My experience in graduate school had been a positive one, and I am glad to recommend our department to prospective graduate students. Jack Van Deventer's case sounds like a nightmare.

—Paul D. Brown

Criticism of fisheries program unwarranted

I was greatly disturbed when I read of the University of Idaho fisheries and doctoral student, Jack Van Deventer, who may not be granted his degree due to problems with his research. Having been

through the graduate school process in the past few years, I can sympathize with his plight and can only guess at the stress level he must currently be experiencing. However, when I read the article on Dec. 9 where two former students attacked the UI fisheries program, I felt compelled to respond. I cannot sit quietly and let this program be attacked with innuendo and one-sided reporting. Having received both my master's degree and Ph. D. from the UI fisheries program during the '90s, I may be the best qualified person to express an opinion.

First, while neither Drs. (Mike) Scott, (Kirk) Lohman, or (Ted) Bjornn served as my major professor or as a committee member, I have nothing but the utmost respect for them as people and as natural resource professionals. I got to know all three men well and know many of their current and past graduate students. I believe the vast majority of these students will be outraged when they hear these allegations and the attacks on the program.

Secondly, while the only details I know is what has been printed, I see no reason to get all excited about having to make "over 160 changes" to a dissertation. My major professor made that many changes in my first draft. Knowing the faculty involved, I speculate the changes were all warranted. I complained and grumbled while writing and editing my dissertation too, but the effort and the process are what make you a professional in your field.

Finally, public agencies and private companies throughout the Pacific Northwest continually choose UI fisheries graduate students over those from other institutions. Graduates from the UI fisheries program will tell you they owe their careers and success to the education they received. I assure you I could mount a small army of wader-clad, successful fisheries biologists who would refute most of the contentions being verbalized. We may be a silent majority of ex-students, proud of our education and the UI graduate program in fisheries, but I assure you we are a majority. Please don't attack my program based on the opinions of very few.

—James W. Garrett, Ph.D

Graduate professors under obligation of fairness

With regard to Jack Van Deventer being denied a degree, Bill LaVoie asks, "Do grad students think they are guaranteed a degree?" Of course not. His arguments miss the point. There are plenty of opportunities to end graduate student progress — during coursework, preliminary exams, prior to the defense, during the

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Derrick Elliott was hoping to spark the Vandals in Sunday's conference loss to Utah State.

Charity stripe proves lethal for Vandals

Byron Jarnagin

Staff

Old Idaho basketball roots, established back in the late 1980s when the Vandals were under the direction of Tim Floyd, emerged during Sunday's match-up against the Utah State Aggies with the reunion of UI coach Kermit Davis and USU coach Larry Eustachy.

Fighting off a tough Big West contest to Nevada, the Vandals exploded out of the blocks Sunday against the Aggies. The Vandals played aggressive ball on the floor and on the offensive and defensive boards; however, UI fell to the visiting Aggies 55-52 behind some last second free throw shooting.

Jon Harris, Jason Jackman and Kris Baumann led the way for Idaho in the first half.

The Vandals stunned the Aggies holding them to few shot attempts, but the numbers themselves don't tell the story. Approaching the half way point, the Aggies built some momentum behind aggressive defensive boards and Vandal mistakes.

At the half, Eustachy's Aggies had drawn within three points of the Vandals. Leading the way for the Aggies was Marcus Saxon, who found nylon net and scored a game high 15 points. His efforts gave Utah State a chance to come back in the second half. In the second period, the Vandals could not find the harmony that had kept them slightly ahead of the competition in the first half. Missed reads, broken plays and off balanced shots told the story of the rest of the game. Mistakes killed what hopes the Vandals had of a victory.

The Aggies had Idaho chucking the leather from the cheap seats while they had time and patients to find the easy lay-in. However, the gallant effort of Kris Baumann from inside and outside bought the Vandals a couple more shots at a win. Baumann, named the Vandal player of the game, shined for 13 points throughout the course of the game, but his connection with the rim seemed to come when Idaho needed it most. Also pacing the Vandals was Troy Thompson, who added 12 points of his own.

This game was a battle to the finish as the Aggies and the Vandals traded the honors of the lead frequently in the second half. No matter who had the upper hand, each team tied and took the lead in turn like clock work. In a game like this, turnovers and last minute mistakes could spell certain doom for either team.

On this day the Aggies would claim ultimate victory playing off Idaho mistakes inside the last four minutes of the game.

With exactly 4:00 left on the clock, Utah State's Duane Rogers found the range from downtown knocking down an equalizing three points to tie the ball game at 49. Following an immediate Idaho turnover, Rogers put up another bucket to give Utah State a 52-49 lead. To the rescue of Vandal fans and players alike, Baumann found nylon from behind the arch, and regained the lead for the Vandals.

Utah's Maurice Spillers capitalized on a couple of free throws, and the lead changed hands again. With the possession in Idaho's court and :25 left on the clock, the Vandals charge the hoop only to turn the ball over. Elliott then got called for a traveling violation with the clock winding down and his team caught behind by one. Baumann tries to work some last second magic, but the last shot of the game from 30 plus feet wouldn't find the bottom of the net, and Utah State would walk away victorious.

Both teams held each other off in a game that was dominated by the Vandals in the first half, and up for grabs in the second half. The lead changed hands seven times in the second half, as neither the Vandals nor the Aggies were able to pull more than five points away from each other.

The Idaho Vandals currently carry a record of 7-8 this season, which includes Sunday's heart breaking loss to Utah State. The loss to the Aggies gives Idaho an 0-2 record in the Eastern Division of the Big West Conference.

Prior to Sunday's game against the Aggies, Idaho was coming off a tough opening conference loss to the Wolf Pack from Nevada, another Eastern Division team in the Big West.

Despite their loss, Baumann shined in one of his best games, sparking his team with 19 points, including 5-12 from the three-point line where he proved to be very effective against Utah State. Looking to the veterans, the Vandals continue to find strength in Jackman who laid down 21 points versus Nevada, and Eddie Turner whose aggressive play on the boards has given his team some backbone.

UI guard Reggie Rose will be sorely missed on the court as he is out due to an injury. Rose had a partial tear of a ligament in his left knee sustained against Lewis-Clark State College during the Christmas break.

Despite the loss of Rose, Idaho thumped the NAIA Warriors by a score of 80-60.

The Vandals take the court again this Thursday at Pacific, but return to the Kibbie Dome Saturday, Jan. 18, to take on the Boise State Broncos, who were upset 73-60 in an over time match-up with the Utah State

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Vandals bitten by Pack

Kindra Meyer

Staff

The University of Idaho women's basketball team came up fruitless last Friday as unforgiving time halted their hopes of claiming victory in their opening Big West match.

"On the Road Again," seemed to be the theme of Christmas break as the Vandals traveled to four destinations in their month off. Their final stop was the bright lights, flooded city of Reno, Nev., where they met the Nevada Wolf Pack, their first ever Big West rival.

"We were lucky and got in there when the weather was perfect," coach Julie Holt said.

Although the victory pendulum swung toward Idaho's opponent 75-64, the Vandals put out an extreme effort to heat things up after a cold first few quarters. In fact, they outscored the Pack in the second half, and nearly doubled their first half numbers.

"We dug a pretty deep hole by shooting 28 percent in the first half. What you do in the last five minutes of the game isn't always enough to get you back in it," Holt said.

Idaho's attack was balanced as Kathryn Gussett led with 13 total points, followed by Alli Nieman and Kelli Johnson with 10 a piece. Ari Skorpik and Melissa McDaniel rounded out the offense with nine points each. True freshman Amy Lemm also made her mark, scoring six points and grabbing four rebounds in only five minutes court time.

Although Nieman was one of the top scorers for the team, her numbers were far below her standard, shooting merely 4-15.

"That's not her usual performance," Holt said. "I think she missed some baskets by rushing the shot that she could have otherwise made."

Gussett and Nieman headed the board attack coming up with eight rebounds each, and Skorpik led in both steals and assists with four in both categories.

Idaho shot a 37 field goal percentage under Nevada's 51 percent, but led free throw accuracy by a slim margin of 70 to 64. This however, may have been one downfall for the Vandals as they sent the Wolf Pack to the line 39 times in which Nevada capitalized on with 25 points.

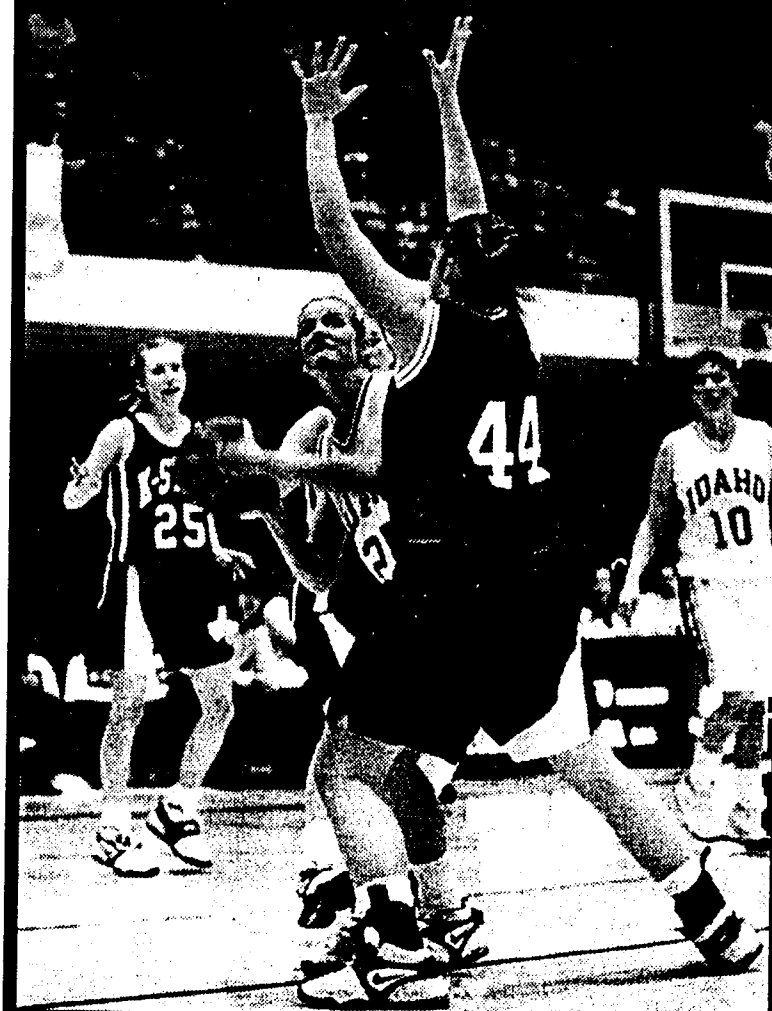
Nevada's offense was led by junior guard Shawna Franceschini who brought down the curtain hitting 7 of 11 shots for 15 total points. Following close at her heels was center Iesha Donadelle, whose 14 points were mainly attributed to her time at the free throw line, where she sank 8 of 14 attempts. Other high scorers were Amy Branch with 11 points and freshman Jasmyn Huntington adding 10.

Idaho coach Holt looks to the next Big West match-up against Pacific in order to redeem themselves and show what the Vandals are really made of.

"Our main focus now is Pacific. We can't change what happened in Reno but we can control our own destiny," Holt said. "It's a brand-new year and our first game at home in over a month. This is a good opportunity for us to get back on track and do the things we are capable of doing."

In order to beat Pacific, Holt believes that the key is focusing on not only setting up solid plays, but following through and capitalizing on them.

"It doesn't do any good to execute our offense and get a wide open shot if you don't put the shot in." • SEE VANDALS PAGE 17



Peter McKinney

The Vandals look to boost their record this Friday at home against Pacific, a Big West Conference foe.

Jags, Panthers can't hide from the free agency they built on

What may have been the biggest Cinderella story in sports history — the Jacksonville Jaguars and Carolina Panthers' dreams for a Super Bowl appearance — was shattered last Sunday under the mighty weight of the Green Bay Packers and the New England Patriots.

With free agency, second-year expansion teams Carolina and Jacksonville showed that anything is possible, even in the highly predictable NFL.

Or should we say, what used to be the highly predictable NFL.

In their freshman year, both teams found unlikely success compared to that of the last expansion teams, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Seattle Seahawks. The Bucs were 0-26 during their first two seasons of 1976 and 1977. The Jaguars were 4-12 last year, and the Panthers were remarkably 7-9.

While the Green Bay Packers and the New England Patriots were likely favorites to win their conferences, it was the Panthers who beat defending Super Bowl champ Dallas, and it was the Jaguars who pulled off the stunning upset over Denver to reach the divisional title game.

You can look at the situation of either team with legitimate scrutiny, however, for the simple fact that the Bucs were given nowhere near the opportunity to build their team into a contender compared to the situations of Jacksonville and Carolina.

What Jacksonville and Carolina

got, and what the Bucs sorely needed, were 28 extra draft picks the past two years plus full room under the salary cap for free agents.

So each team through their own ingenuity in evaluating and incorporating talent, drafted and dealt until they had a complete team with the fire power to compete with anybody on any given day.

While Jacksonville and Carolina built, the rest of the NFL suffered

head coach, Carolina made the move to build their defense with the ability to stop teams such as Dallas, San Francisco and Green Bay. Through free agency, Capers put together the NFL's best set of linebackers by attaining Kevin Greene from Pittsburgh, Lamar Lathon from Houston, and Sam Mills from New Orleans.

Now the future of the Panthers rests on the shoulders of their franchise quarterback Kerry Collins who they drafted out of Penn State two years ago. They are still lacking the fire power of a Green Bay, Dallas or San Francisco, but they have shown in the playoffs that they can beat them.

As Carolina built its dominating defense, Jacksonville — on the other hand — has put together one of the most potent offenses in the league. Beginning with the free agency acquisition of quarterback Mark Brunell and running back Natrone Means.

Brunell led the league in passing this year and also led all quarterbacks in rushing. The last quarterback to do that was Johnny Unitas. Means also enjoyed an all pro-season, rushing for over 1400-yards this year.

With their potent offense, it remains to be seen whether they can put together a defense that can take them to the Super Bowl. Coach and general manager Tom Coughlin will stay busy this off season building his team. However, he and Capers are soon to find out that the free agency market can

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Nate Peterson

from the increased free agency market. Many top NFL teams were diluted to the point of mediocrity. San Francisco went from being a nearly invincible Super Bowl champ two years ago, to being bounced in the second round of the playoffs by Green Bay.

The reasons were the losses of star players like running back Ricky Watters and corner back Deion Sanders. The San Francisco defensive back field was further decimated by the losses of defensive backs Toi Cook and Eric Davis to who else, but Carolina.

Surprisingly enough, the Panthers have beaten the 49ers in three of their first four meetings, on their way to taking command of the NFC West.

With former Pittsburgh defensive coordinator Dom Capers as their

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Holt said. We need to finish what we start. That means we need to play hard and put the basket in when we have open shots, control the ball and make sure that we get a shot attempt off before we turn it over.

It was a working break, if you could call it that, for the Vandals who had a busy traveling schedule the whole while. On Dec. 20 they faced the Eagles of Eastern Washington who were defeated 66-61 with the help of Nieman's 16 points and nine rebounds and Skorpik's 17 points and five assists.

Following that journey the team bundled up to trek to Gonzaga on Jan. 2, where the Vandals lost a heartbreaker 55-57. Nieman was once again heading the statistics, racking up 19 points and six rebounds. In addition to the freshman talent, Michelle Greenwood shot over 50 percent for 16 points.

A few short days later on Jan. 4, the weary Vandals were crushed by Portland in a high scoring game that resulted in their opponent breaking the 100-point margin 74-104. Nieman and Johnson's 19 and 16 point efforts were not enough to stop the rain in Portland, as two of their players scored over 20 points each.

"It was a good learning experience playing on the road and getting put in several different situations. Every time you're playing you're learning something, and I know we learned from both the positive and negative things we did," Holt said.

The Vandal women take on their next Big West opponent, Pacific, at home on Friday in Memorial Gym at 7 p.m. so get into the game and show some support for Vandal hoops.

IDAHO (6-4)

Kathryn Gussett 6-10 0-0 13, Alli Nieman 4-15 2-2 10, Michelle Greenwood 1-4 1-2 3, Kelli Johnson 3-14 2-2 10, Ari Skorpik 3-11 2-4-9, Jill Ortner 0-0 0-0 0, Melisa McDaniel 4-7 0-0 9, Lauren Newman 0-1 0-0 2, Amy Lemm 3-4 0-0 6, Jennifer Stone 2-4 0-0 2. Totals 26-70 7-10 64.

NEVADA (7-5)

Brenda Owens 0-1 0-0 0, Shawna Franceschini 7-11 0-0 15, Jelena Zrnice 2-6 4-6 8, Carissa Meyer 1-2 0-0 2, Jasmyn Hungington 2-4 6-6 10, Kristen Grebing 0-0 0-0 0, Noelle Gable 3-5 2-2 9, Tory Clark 0-0-0 0, Tameka Caldwell 0-2 0-0 0, Ieesha Donadelle 3-6 8-14 14, Amy Branch 5-7 1-3 11, Shalci Valentine 1-2 2-2 4, Monique Washington 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-47 25-39 75.

Halftime — Nevada 36, Idaho 22. 3 point — Idaho 5-9 (Gussett 1-1, Nieman 0-1, Greenwood 0-1, Johnson 2-9, Skorpik 1-5, McDaniel 1-2), Nevada 2-5 (Franceschini 1-1, Huntington 0-2, Fable 1-2). Fouled Out — Newman. Rebounds — Idaho 41 (Gussett 8, Nieman 8), Nevada 37 (Franceschini 5, Zrnice 5, Fable 5). Assists — Idaho 15 (Skorpik 4), Nevada 12 (Franceschini 2, Meyer 2, Fable 2, Branch 2). Att. — 534.



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However, the boob tube rating system may argue. With Super Bowl XXXI on the horizon, the TV media people would say that the Super Bowl is the biggest television event in the world. True, but....

Here we go again, another blowout football game. True, the NFC will destroy the AFC for the 13th year in a row. Correct, the natives in Green Bay and New England did eat paint chips as adolescents. And finally, yes, I'm right when I say, as much as people complain about each and every Super Bowl, we love it!

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Damon Barkdull

So, will we see a competitive, down to the wire game on Super Bowl Sunday? Not a chance. Though, I'm sure Fox Network commentator John Madden will say enough, "booms" and "pows" to make you think so.

Pats find Super Bowl Shuffle and Cheese Heads similar in many ways

Memories of William "the Fridge" Perry, Sweetness and the 1985 Chicago Bears are long gone, along with but a few flashes of the New England Patriots getting crushed and humiliated in Super Bowl XX.

By the way, it's weird but I really can't recall one player's name on that Patriot team. Does Andre Tippett sound familiar?

Anyway, with great luck and talent, the Pats are here again. Although, this time — wouldn't you know it — the Clam Chowder Crew faces another tough opponent. The Green Bay Packers most likely won't go down as one of the purely dominating teams in football's short history but it challenges New England in a way that no AFC team could do during the regular season.

Brett Favre and the Wisconsin bunch didn't break a sweat in the NFC Playoffs and don't expect the Pats to give much of a challenge. Although, you can bet that New England coach Bill Parcells has his troops believing they can win.

After all, he's probably sporting his two Super Bowl rings he earned while he was with the New York Giants.

My pick is Green Bay by 30, unless something significant happens this week (i.e. Favre dies, Reggie White loses all interest in going to the Big Show or coach Mike Holmgren really believes Drew Bledsoe is unstoppable).

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quickly turn on you.

Since they are both top caliber teams, other teams in the league will be looking to feed off of their talent pool through free agency. Just as the 49ers experienced a loss of talent, either Jacksonville or Carolina will most likely have the same problems.

What goes around, comes around. The two expansion teams have shuffled players for two seasons and nearly reached the Super Bowl.

Vandal news and notes

• Barry Mitchell, a University of Idaho football player, was arrested early Friday morning, reported the Moscow-Pullman Daily News in Monday's edition. Mitchell was charged with battery in an alleged incident of domestic violence.

He was booked into Latah County Jail Friday, and after posting \$5,000 bail was released the following morning. Mitchell plead not guilty to the charge and was assigned a public defender. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Mitchell was arrested at 2 a.m. Friday at the Moscow residence where he resides with his girlfriend and their child. Upon arrival at the scene, Moscow Police reportedly found Mitchell's girlfriend with a swollen eye and bloody lip. The woman reportedly said that Mitchell punched her in the face and whipped her face and stomach with a belt after an argument.

• Junior guard Derrick Elliott, who played for coach Kermit Davis and the University of Idaho Vandals, has been suspended indefinitely from the team.

"Derrick Elliott has been indefinitely suspended because of an attitude that is detrimental to the team's progress," Davis said Monday afternoon.

Elliott, a transfer from Utah Valley Community College, was averaging 6.3 points and two rebounds per game.

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• With the closure of the 1996 volleyball season, there will be a recognition banquet held on Jan. 24, 6:00 p.m. at the University Inn. In their first season in the Big West Conference, the Vandals had more record breaking attendance averaging more than 1100 fans per match.

• First team all-Big West defensive end and former University of Idaho football player Ryan Phillips is looking towards to the college combine as he continues to pursue an NFL career. The combine, which begins Feb. 7, is an essential scouting method where top athletes endure a series of drills and timed exercises. Phillips opted not to play in either the Blue-Gray Classic or East West Shrine all-star games due to hamstring difficulties. Recovery and training was his focus over break as he worked on gaining strength and flexibility for the upcoming tests. At 6-foot-4 and 250-pounds, there have been rumors that he will be drafted as a linebacker rather than a defensive end. He occupied both positions during his college career.

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Idaho (52)

Harris 4-6 0-0 8, Jackman 4-9 4-6 12, Baumann 5-13 0-0 12, Turner 1-5 0-0 2, Elliot 1-4 0-2 3, Thompson 5-8 2-2 12, Wendi 0-0 0-0 0, Byrne 1-2 0-0 2; Totals: 21-47 6-10 52.

Utah State (55)

Rogers 4-10 0-1 10, Spillers 1-5 4-8 6, Smith 4-5 2-2 10, Saxon 5-14 3-6 15, Jones 2-6 0-0 5, Rice 4-6 1-1 9, Stewart 0-1 0-0 0, Isaacson 0-4 0-0 0; Totals: 20-51 10-18 55.

Halftime — Idaho 24, Utah State 21. 3-Point goals — Utah State 5-13 (Rogers 2-5, Saxon 2-3, Jones 1-4, Stewart 0-1), Idaho 4-14 (Baumann 3-9, Turner 0-1, Elliott 1-4). Fouled out — Jackman. Rebounds — Utah State 36 (Spillers, Smith, Saxon 7) Idaho 29 (Thompson, Harris 5). Assists: — Utah State 2 (Jones, Rogers 1), Idaho 4 (Jackman 2). Total fouls — Utah State 13, Idaho 18. A — 2,221

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1996 College football attendance up to just under 36 million

Attendance at NCAA college football games in 1996 totaled just under 36 million, second-best in history.

The attendance for games of the 566 NCAA schools with football teams increased 59,847 to 35,997,631, the NCAA reported Monday. That was short of the record 36,459,896 set in 1994. Division I-A games accounted for nearly 74 percent of the total football attendance with a total of 26,535,520, an increase of 699,051 from the previous year.

In Division I-AA, attendance declined 105,296 to 5,255,033, the division's lowest since 1992. Division II attendance increased

54,449 to 2,514,241 and Division III was up 11,643 to 1,692,837.

To no surprise, Michigan led in team attendance for the 23rd consecutive year, and Tennessee was second for the 12th time in the last 13 years. Michigan averaged 105,932 for its six home games, just a shade better than Tennessee's 105,418, also for six games in its expanded stadium. This was the first time that two teams averaged more than 100,000 per game in home attendance.

Penn State, a top three finisher since 1991, was third with an average of 96,167 for six games, followed by Ohio State, averaging 94,028, also for six games, and national

champion Florida, which averaged 85,401 for five home games.

Rounding out the top 10 were Auburn (82,468), South Carolina (79,535), Louisiana State (79,519), Georgia (79,272) and Wisconsin (77,979). For the fourth straight year the Big Ten was the conference attendance champion, averaging 67,520. The Southeastern Conference was second with an average of 64,632, followed by the new Big 12 with 51,442, the Pacific 10 with 47,604 and the Atlantic Coast with 44,077.

Alcorn State was the attendance leader among Division I-AA schools, averaging 21,536 for six home games. Next came

Jackson State (20,977), North Carolina A&T (20,888), Yale (20,793) and Florida A&M (20,597). The Southwestern Athletic Conference won the I-AA attendance title for the 19th consecutive year, averaging 15,405 per game.

In Division II, Norfolk State averaged 15,676 to win its sixth attendance title since 1990, with North Dakota State second at 14,762. St. John's of Minnesota won in Division III for the second straight time and the third time in four years. It averaged 6,834 fans per game, to 5,399 for Emory and Henry and 4,982 for Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Phoenix trades Horry to Lakers

Robert Horry, who never adapted to Phoenix's offensive system and then tossed a towel in the face of coach Danny Ainge, was happy to be traded to the first-place Los Angeles Lakers.

Horry and center Joe Kleine went to the Lakers on Friday in a four-player deal that sent Cedric Ceballos back to the Suns. Rumeal Robinson also went to Phoenix. Horry arrived at the Forum on Friday night in time to see his new team defeat the Miami Heat 94-85. The Lakers lead the American National Basketball Association's Pacific Division with a 27-10 record, while the Suns (11-24) are in last place.

"I went from the bottom to the top," Horry said. "Now people are gunning for you, where in Phoenix they were kind of laughing at you."

Horry was suspended for two games without pay by the Suns this week for the incident involving Ainge during a game last Sunday.

"Even though it's a situation where I'm very sorry I did it, it opened the eyes of people around the league (who realized) he's not happy with this situation," Horry said. "We just had to part ways."

The altercation occurred when Horry was pulled after missing a 3-point shot. He screamed obscenities at Ainge and threw the towel before being restrained by teammates.

"The incident had nothing to do with this. We

would have made the trade regardless," Ainge said. "Robert was struggling in our system. He just never fit in. Cedric is a good player who can give us some scoring."

"We're not trading Robert Horry because he was a problem here and we're not trading for Cedric Ceballos because he's been a problem in L.A.," he said. "We had Cedric here for a while and he's not a problem. I'm sure he's very happy to be coming back."

Horry saw his minutes reduced when he didn't fit into Phoenix's offensive scheme, and it affected his production. He is averaging 6.9 points and 3.7 rebounds per game this season. He averaged 10.5 points and 5.3 rebounds in three seasons with Houston.

The Suns get Ceballos as part of their second major trade in 16 days. Phoenix acquired All-Star guard Jason Kidd from Dallas in a multi-player deal Dec. 26. Ceballos, activated earlier Friday from the injured list, sustained a torn patella tendon in his right knee during a game Nov. 13 at San Antonio. He had missed the Lakers' last 28 games. Ceballos, who began his NBA career in Phoenix and is building a house there, averaged 10.8 points and 6.6 rebounds in eight games as a starter this season.

College team ends 117-game losing streak

Nearly five years after its last win, a Division III college basketball team Tuesday ended a 117-game losing streak — a National Collegiate Athletic Association record.

Rutgers-Camden, defeated Bloomfield College 77-72. The Pioneers (1-9) last won on Jan. 18, 1992, when they defeated Ramapo College 74-73 at home.

"We're on a one-game winning streak," freshman Dawan Boxley said.

"It's just the beginning. We've been through some tough times," Rutgers-Camden coach Ray Pace said. "I knew it was just a matter of time, and I don't want any credit for this. It was all the players."

Rutgers-Camden could have won a game in the 1994-95 season on a technicality after the New Jersey Athletic Conference ruled that Rowan College used an ineligible player and would have to forfeit its 85-56 win. Instead of taking the handout, then-coach Wilbur "Pony" Wilson decided to keep Camden's record winless, because he didn't want a "gift."



"I'd rather beat a team on the court," Wilson said after the NJAC's judgment. "It was not my decision; it was the conference's decision."

Rutgers-Camden led Bloomfield 40-36 at halftime. The Pioneers' biggest lead was 11 points with 16:13 remaining, but Bloomfield (5-11) scored 10 straight points to climb within 54-53 with 11:15 remaining. The teams exchanged baskets throughout the rest of the game and Rutgers-Camden led 69-66 with just over two minutes left. As the final buzzer sounded, senior Craig Bell, who had 14 points, held the ball before about 100 spectators poured onto the court.

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Player finds deafness an advantage on b-ball court

Richie Pantophlet, deaf since birth, finds his quiet world a competitive advantage on the basketball court.

"I'm lucky to be deaf because I can block everything out and just play," the 6-foot-4 North Hagerstown High School junior said.

His talent speaks volumes. Pantophlet, 18, has averaged 13 points in seven games, guided largely by hand signals from coaches, fellow players and sign-language interpreters.

"He loves the game," Hubs coach Tim McNamee said. "He plays with a lot of emotion and he has very good instincts. He's really helped us."

Pantophlet has 30 percent of his hearing, enough to detect loud noises and shrill tones but not enough to understand normal conversation. He hears a referee's whistle, the signal to start and stop play, and responds when someone yells his name.

Born in Aruba, Pantophlet moved

with his family to New York when he was 2 and to Hagerstown four years ago. He attended the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick until this school year,



We're all the same people. I'm just deaf and I speak a different language.

—Richie Pantophlet



when he decided he wanted a mainstream education. Sign language interpreters from Deafnet of Washington County accompany Pantophlet in classes and at basketball practice and games. On the

court, his teammates help him understand his role.

"The kids tap him and he gets where he's supposed to be. If we want to correct something during a game, we try to pull him out so we can use the interpreter, but that's not always possible. That's when we rely on his instincts," McNamee said.

Teammate Cornell Keyes said he enjoys playing with Pantophlet.

"This has been fun and different," he said. "You have to communicate with him but he understands because we use signals. All this makes me feel lucky I can hear, but Richie proves just because he can't hear doesn't mean he can't play."

Pantophlet said basketball, a game he learned just four years ago, renders meaningless the differences between hearing and deaf players.

"We are all the same people. I'm just deaf and I speak a different language," he said. "We are all the same because basketball is a language."

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and piled onto the players. Bell was optimistic the team's winning streak would continue.

"This is not it. We hope to keep this going," Bell said. "I want to tell the guys not to think this is all we need to win."

Bell said the players would most likely give the game ball to Pace. Bloomfield coach Mike Mancino told his players:

"If this is the worst thing that happens to you in your life, you've got a pretty good life. It's only basketball."

Another conference member — in fact the team from the Rutgers-Newark campus — held the previous Division III losing-streak record: 47 straight during the 1983 through 1985 seasons. Wilson returned as coach last season, but stepped down in January, citing health problems. He lost 50 pounds (23 kilograms) and his wife got worried when he would yell out the names of his players in his sleep.

In 18-plus years, Wilson had a record of 187-273 with Camden. He led the Pioneers to NAIA District 31 championships in 1972 and 1976. The losses continued under Pace, an assistant who replaced Wilson as head coach. Pace played for Rutgers in the 1970s, scoring more than 1,000 points over two seasons.

The situation got so bad that university Provost Walter K. Gordon, after calling the situation "demoralizing" and a "lost cause," announced that the school was eliminating the program. A few days later, he changed his mind — with a little push from student leaders and alumni — and reinstated the program. Gordon said one of the reasons he decided to eliminate the program was that the losing team received more notice than the academic program at Rutgers-Camden. The college has about 4,900 students. Rutgers-Camden went 0-24 last season, their fifth straight losing season.

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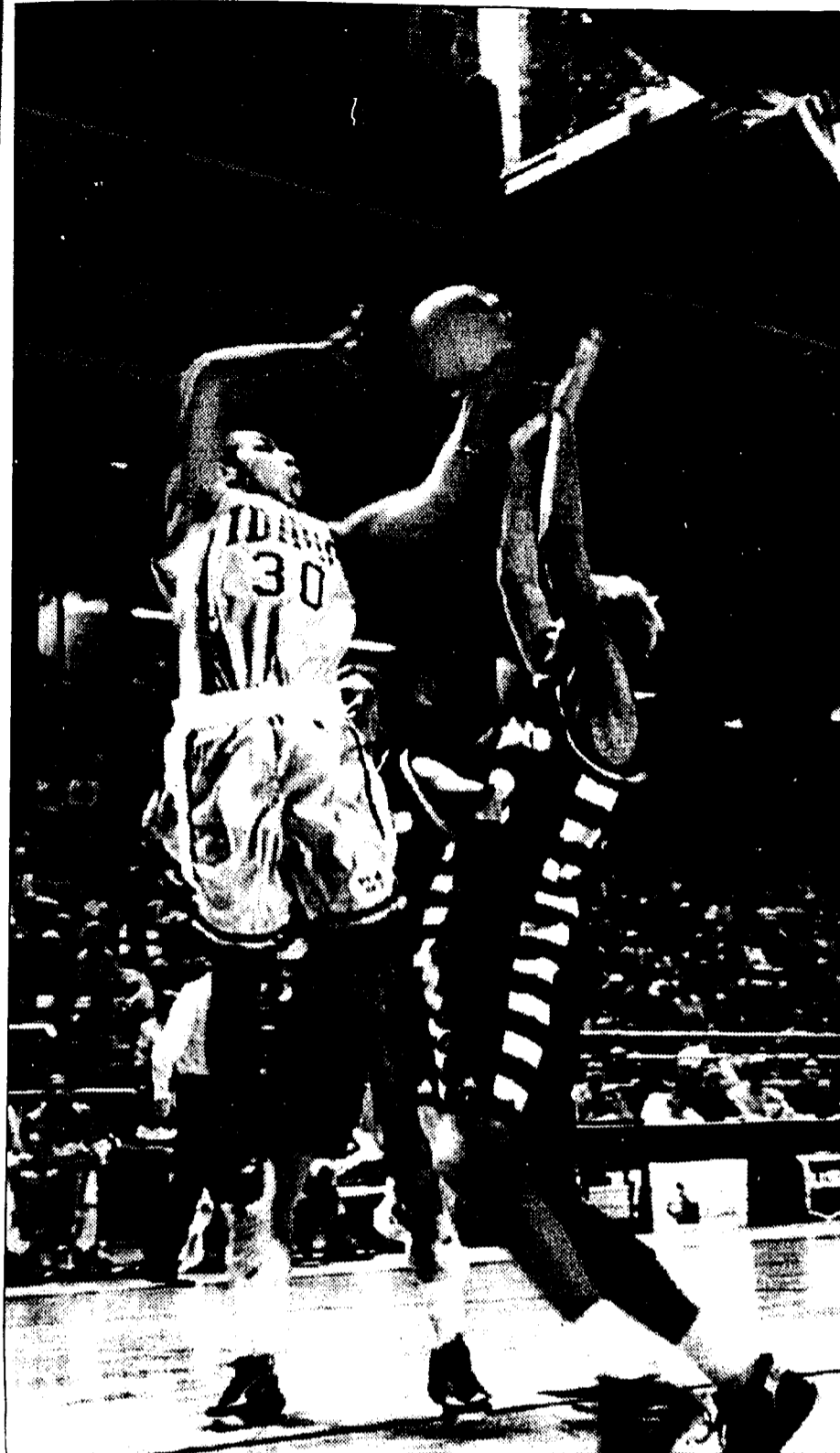
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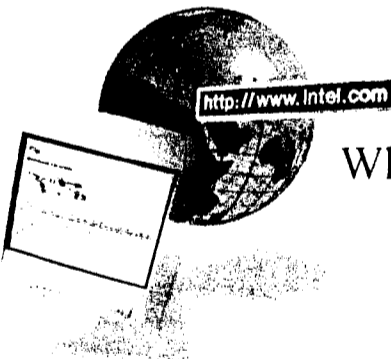
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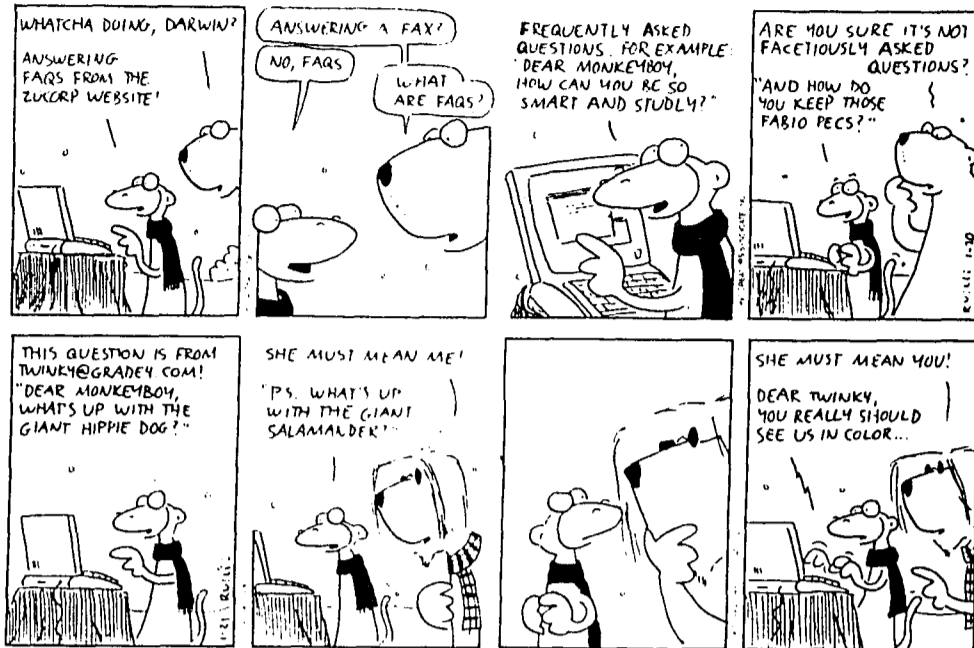


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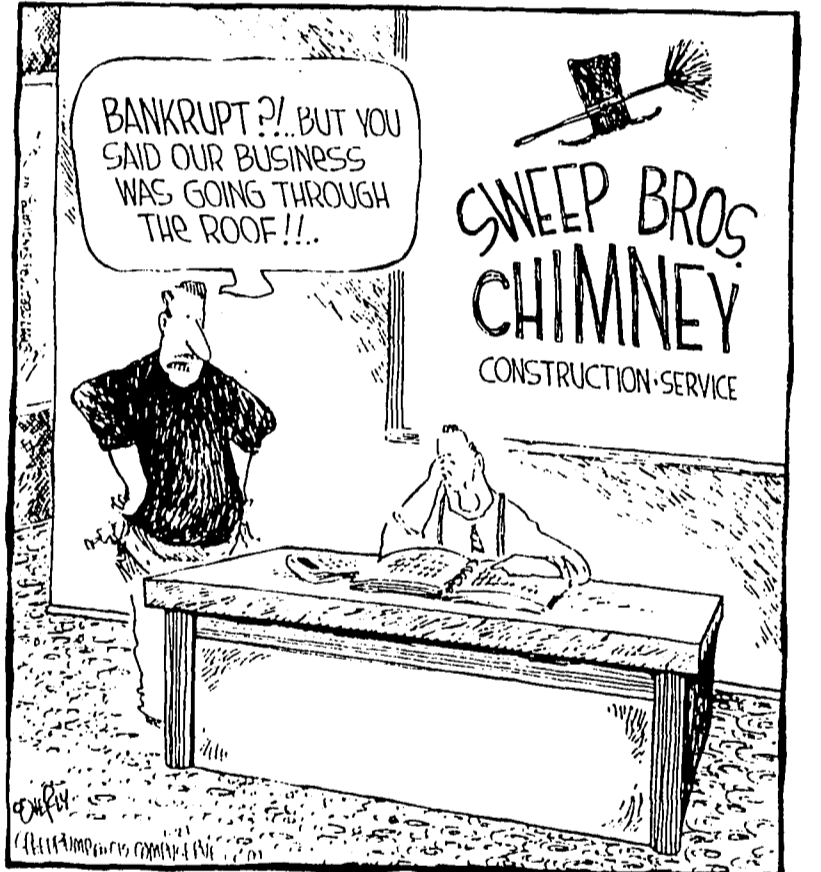
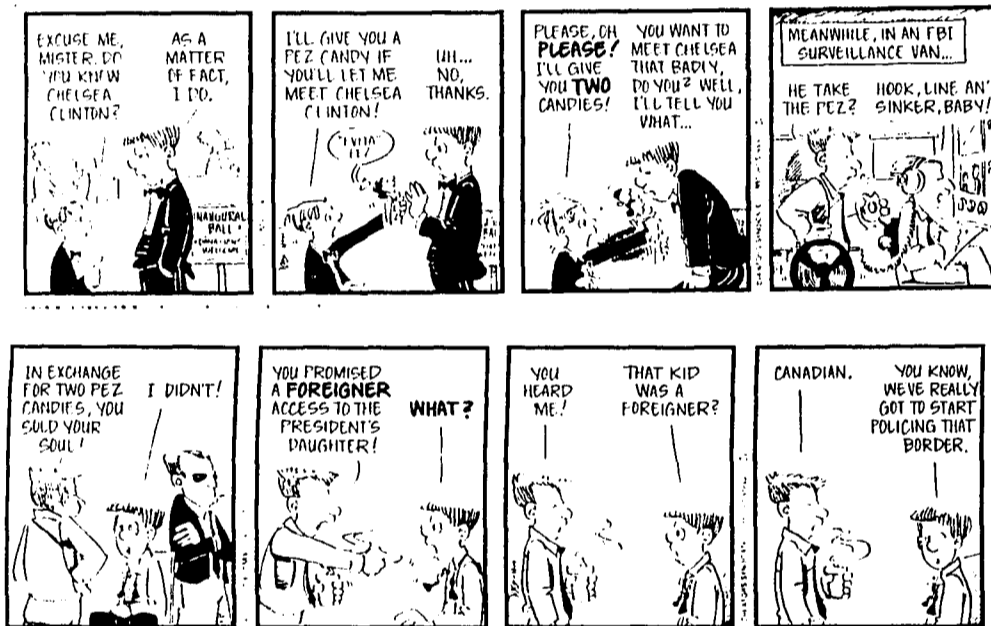
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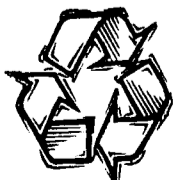
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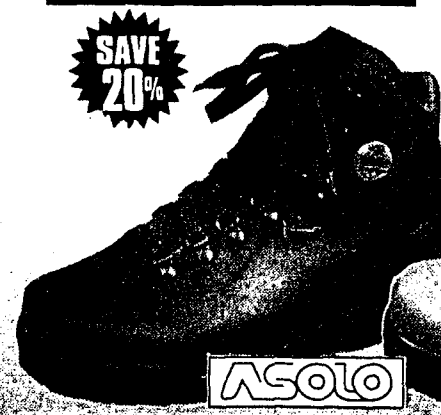





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