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Meeting fails to stir enough faculty

Council's final decision on replacing grades remains unchanged

Michelle Kalbeltzer
Staff

Thursday afternoon's general faculty meeting was the opportunity for faculty members to amend recent decisions made by the Faculty Council. That is, assuming enough faculty had been present to voice their agreement or disagreement on the issues at hand.

"We are again without a quorum to deal with these issues," said University of Idaho President Bob Hoover. The meeting was approximately 30 faculty members short of the 175 needed to con-

stitute a quorum.

The faculty who remained through the duration of the meeting only had the power to discuss the issues, while lacking the votes to change them.

The Constitution of the University Faculty states, "If there is not a quorum at a faculty meeting, Faculty Council actions reported in the agenda for that meeting have faculty approval and are forwarded to the president and regents."

As a result, the council's previous amendments to the grade replacement regulation are sent unchanged to the president and regents for their approval.

The changes exclude the possibility of habitual repeaters continually retaking classes to replace Ds and Fs. Instead, students will be allowed "one free shot" to fail a class. Every repeat thereafter will be averaged into the grade point average.

Accompanying this change is an addition to the UI Catalog which states, "The number of credits that may be repeated to replace a grade is limited to 20 credits

during a student's undergraduate career at UI."

Even though the faculty present at Thursday's meeting could not make changes to the regulations, a few members expressed their agreement with the decisions.

"I like the idea. I think they should be given at least one chance," said Marla Myers, assistant professor of accounting.

Faculty Council Chair Bill Voxman would like to remind students that many graduate schools recalculate the GPA using every letter grade.

The effective date for the regulation changes is still unknown. A motion to set the date for fall 1997 is scheduled for consideration at today's Faculty Council meeting.

In the future, general faculty meetings will only need one-sixth, instead of one-fourth, of the faculty present for a quorum. Ironically, there were not enough faculty present to vote on this issue either.

Video moves students to tears

Black History Month raises awareness of multiculturalism

Erin Schultz
Staff

With eight men of different ethnic backgrounds sitting in a casual circle talking, the video *Color of Fear* seemed to also capture the appearance and emotions of its University of Idaho viewing audience Thursday evening in the Student Union Building.

As part of the activities for Black History Month, students from a university group called Recognizing African-American Concerns in Education showed a video dealing with issues of racism and ethnicity.

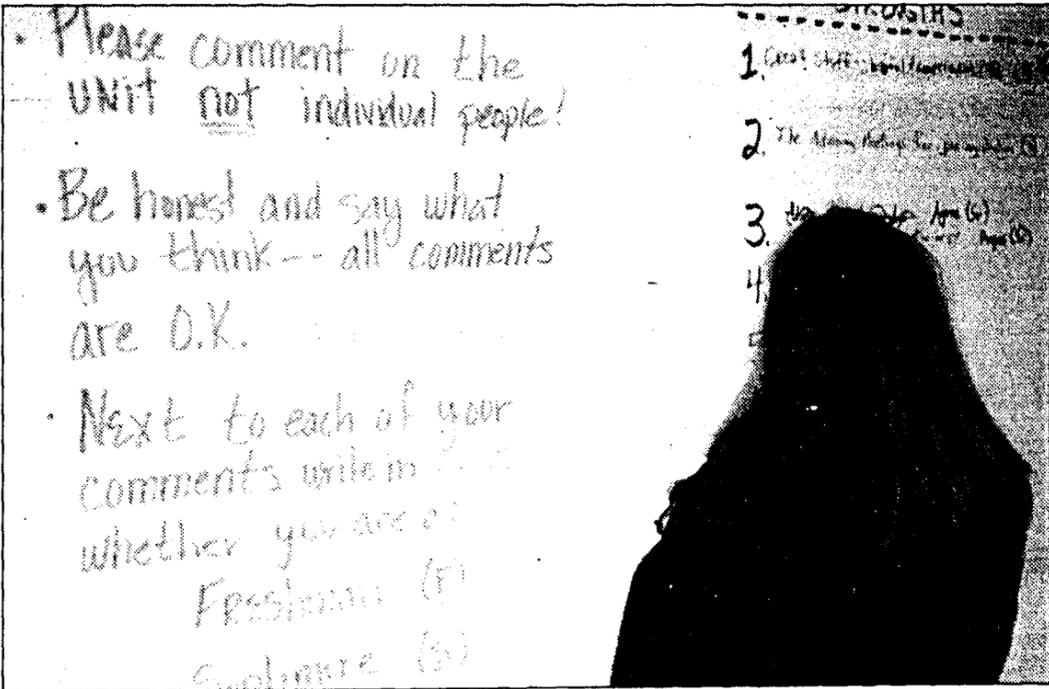
"I saw [this video] last semester and thought it was really powerful," Sarah Penney, president of Multicultural Affairs, said as she introduced the video *Color of Fear*.

Participants in the 90-minute video talked over feelings of fear, anger, ignorance and naiveté related to differences of ethnicity in modern America.

Men from backgrounds such as Japanese, Mexican, African-American, Chinese and Cherokee contributed to the making of the film. The intense emotions portrayed on the video were

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Forestry students help plan college's future



Resource recreation and tourism student Margaret Donaldson writes her thoughts for the College of Forestry.

—Contributed Photo

Margaret Donaldson
Staff

Students in the College of Forestry at the University of Idaho have taken on a new role. Graduate and undergraduate students have become the teachers and information providers.

The college is in the process of gathering information to use in developing their strategic plan. The plan will outline what the college will emphasize as far as teaching, research and other college activities for the next decade.

Gathering information about the college and its services is where students become an important part of

the process.

"In some ways we see them as partners," said Bill McLaughlin, professor of resource recreation and tourism. "It's really the interaction between faculty and students that makes learning happen."

McLaughlin's job is to coordinate the effort for gathering information about the college from within, as well as information about how it is viewed from outside.

A section of hallway in the basement of the College of Forestry is lined with giant sheets of paper labeled according to the information they are looking for from students. For example, "dept. of forest resources, strengths," is written on the top of one sheet.

The intention is for undergraduate students to critique and give ideas about their own departments, as well as other services the college provides (copy services, computer labs, job placement, etc.).

The papers have been placed in a high-use part of the college, outside the student lounge and a large lecture room, so as many students as possible will see them and write down ideas.

The large sheets of paper are only for the undergraduates to comment on. The graduate students decided to have a meeting where they gathered in small groups to discuss and list college and department strengths and weaknesses.

"When we talked to undergraduate leaders they said, 'Oh no, not another meeting,'" said McLaughlin. They decided the large paper method

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Weather

Today — mostly cloudy with snow flurries and highs in the 30s.

Tomorrow — more snow likely, with highs around 35.



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no less real for UI minority students, as many responded to following discussion questions with tears and deep-rooted concerns.

One central issue the video raised was what it means to be "white." While most minorities spend their life being identified with a group of their same ethnicity, it hardly crosses the typical white American's mind to think about his or her race or the concept of what his or her ethnicity means.

"When you say let's all be human beings, what you are really saying is let's just all be white....White is human. [White men] don't have to worry. They step into a world that is theirs," said one African-American participant on the video.

While the thoughts and feelings articulated in the video might seem for some to be as outdated as civil rights movements of earlier decades, students who viewed the film said it accurately portrays the feelings of many minority students at UI.

"I wish everyone could see this video. It gets hard to express to a white student how a minority student feels," Penney said.

Participants in the *Color of Fear* also pointed

out how racism is often not obvious, but instead comes in the form of unspoken, unintended assumptions.

"Most of the lethal racism I experience comes from moral, fair-minded people. It is there that I find my fear," another participant of the video said.

When minority students in the audience were asked if they had similar feelings today at UI, most nodded their heads.

"I get tired of it too," one UI Native American student said.

Angela Smith, vice president of RAACE hopes that Black History Month promotes education and awareness. One upcoming event scheduled for this Thursday is an African-American food sale, taking place on the "I" carpet in the SUB from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

One frustration Smith cited in conjunction with the planning and organization of activities for this month was the fact that students are often on their own, with little or no help from administration and faculty.

"If we wouldn't have done anything, nothing would have been done," Smith said.

Penney also agreed, adding, "There is a need for training staff and faculty in diversity education."

As recorded in the UI Fact Book, the percentage of minority students at the UI in fall of 1995 was very small. Native Americans make up 1.1 percent of student population; Asians, 1.5 percent; African-Americans, 0.5 percent; and Hispanics, 1.5 percent.

Smith, Penney and other minority students hope to do a diversity workshop in the future to show the video *Color of Fear* and have a follow-up discussion.

Most of the minority students agreed UI is lacking in the area of multi-cultural education. When speaking of Thursday's video and discussion, Penney called it a "small step" toward larger goals of education and awareness.

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would work best for them.

The college was interested in finding a way for students to comment on things that are important to them. McLaughlin said, "We want to look at how all our units do in our organization in servicing our clients. Not just the courses...but the whole experience."

A student is in charge of replacing the sheets of paper when they are filled up and typing up the comments students have written. McLaughlin said, "I don't want myself to do it. We're really interested in the students' perspective... in their own words."

Students are glad the college is making an effort to include them in the college planning process.

"I like the opportunity that students have to express themselves," said Jen Hopkins, a senior in resource recreation and tourism. "The college is making a strong effort to get our opinions."

Rose Owens, a senior in wildlife, said, "I think it's a great idea, but I think it's a poor way of doing it." She doesn't like the idea that other students can watch while someone writes down their opinion. Owens said a private suggestion box would be a better idea.

The college has barely begun its planning effort. After collecting information from students, faculty and staff in the college, they will focus on gathering information from outside the college.

McLaughlin said he's had a lot of people ask him why they are spending so much time to gather all this information. He said Dean Hatch of the College of Forestry, as well as UP President Robert Hoover, believe that the college can't do business the way it has in the past.

"We need to be more efficient and accountable," McLaughlin said. They think this can be done by building the support of faculty and staff, and ultimately students.

Announcements

Today:

Join Student-Alumni Relations

A SARb membership drive will be held until Feb. 14. Applications can be picked up in the Alumni Office across from Farmhouse. Interviews must be scheduled. For more information, call 885-6154.

Tomorrow:

Be a life-giver

The ASUI's Spring Blood Drive will be held in Gault-Upham Hall. Call 885-6951 for more information.

Thursday:

Try soul food

On Thursday, a soul food sale will be held on the "I" carpet in the Student Union Building from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Recognizing African-American Concerns in Education is inviting everyone to come try the seafood gumbo, greens, cornbread, okra, fried chicken and more.

Pick an occupation

A workshop on using the Discover career planning program will be held Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Education Building. Staff from Career Services and the Counseling Center will host the workshop and answer questions. Workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. For more information contact Career Services at 885-6121.

Friday:

Dance the night away

A formal Valentine's dance will be held Feb. 14 in the Gault-Upham party room at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$3 single, \$5 couple, available from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 10-13 in front of Wallace Cafeteria. Call Julie at 885-8426 for more information.

Another dance

The Inland Northwest Gay People's Alliance is holding a semi-formal Valentine's dance Feb. 14 at 9 p.m. at the Moscow Social Club. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call 885-2691 or 882-8034 for more information.

See Siberia

Dan and Leigh Anne Korn will be sharing their pictures, stories and experiences from their time in Siberia.

The presentation will take place as part of the UI Campus Baha'i Club's weekly meeting Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Pend Oreille Room.

Ongoing:

Do your part

Sojourner's Alliance is looking for donations of antiques, appliances, art and furniture for their first annual fundraising auction to be held March 8. The Alliance provides food, clothing and shelter to the homeless and poor. Call 883-3438 to donate items. Arrangements can be made to have them picked up.

Take the plunge

The UI Enrichment Program is offering a scuba class on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 25, 27, March 4, 6 and 11, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Five sessions will be taught. You must be 12-years and older, be able to swim 220 yards, tread water for 15 minutes, and swim 20 yards under water. All scuba equipment is supplied. For more information or to register call 885-6486.

Upcoming:

Taste the world

The International Friendship Association will host the Fifth Annual Afternoon of Culture, Costume, and Cuisine in the Student Union Ballroom on Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. The program will feature dance, music, ceremonies and traditional dress from around the world. Tickets are \$6.50 for general public, \$4.50 for students and will go on sale Feb. 3 at Ticket Express. For more information, contact IFA at 885-7841.

Help with housing

Palouse Habitat for Humanity invites you to a celebration of "Heart and Home," Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Palouse Empire Mall. Regional crafts people and artisans will show you how to re-decorate your home. There will also be hands-on demonstrations for kids. HFH is a non-profit organization dedicated to building low-income housing for people on the Palouse.

Need a massage?

Moscow School of Massage is hosting an open house Feb. 22 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. School directors, instructors and graduates will be on hand to answer questions about careers in massage therapy. For more information call 882-7867.



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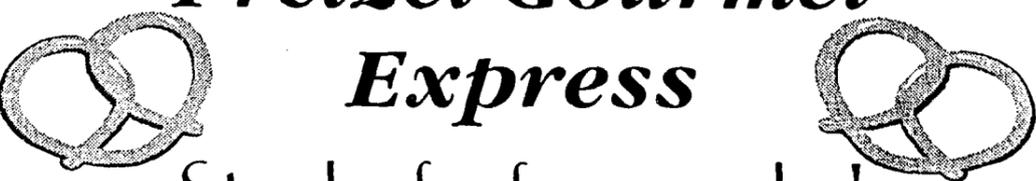


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Lecture features former national science adviser

Renowned physicist to address science, politics

Robert Hall
Staff

D. Allen Bromley, the nation's first Cabinet-level science and technology adviser, will speak at Washington State University Feb. 18.

He was invited to present on behalf of the Distinguished Lanning Lecture series which, in the past, has dealt with such topics as ethics, communication, leadership, business and professional development in the engineering field.

Bromley worked for President Bush from 1989 to 1993.

He is a nuclear physicist of national repute, a past-president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and holds the National Medal of Science, the country's highest scientific award. He now is engineering dean at Yale.

The program, "Science, Technology and Politics," will be presented by the College of Engineering and Architecture from 4:10 to 5 p.m. in WSU's CUB Ballroom.

"Scientists, technologists and engineers are woefully unaware of how politics affect them, how to interact with politicians, and how the system works," Bromley said

from his Connecticut office. "The most basic advice I can give students and academics is to get to know your senators and representatives before crises hit."

"The general impression that the relationship between science, engineering and politics is recent on the world scene is totally wrong," added Bromley, who refers to six major revolutions in technology that have impacted world civilization. "They are the print revolution of the 1430s, the

average citizen in this country today is unrivaled," he said.

The connection between science, technology and politics and their relationship determines how and where university research and education fit into the nation's political agenda. It determines which projects receive federal funding, how projects receive funding, and how people or groups can best promote their work.

"Anybody who's interested in research and the funding of that research should attend the lecture. Bromley is definitely one of the top of his field," said one researcher at WSU.

Other students were equally excited to get the former adviser here. "We're lucky to get him, he should be very interesting," said student Dia Meyer.

"It's clear that the man is talented, he's special. I'm looking forward to going," added Marc Haniuk, also a student in the engineering field.

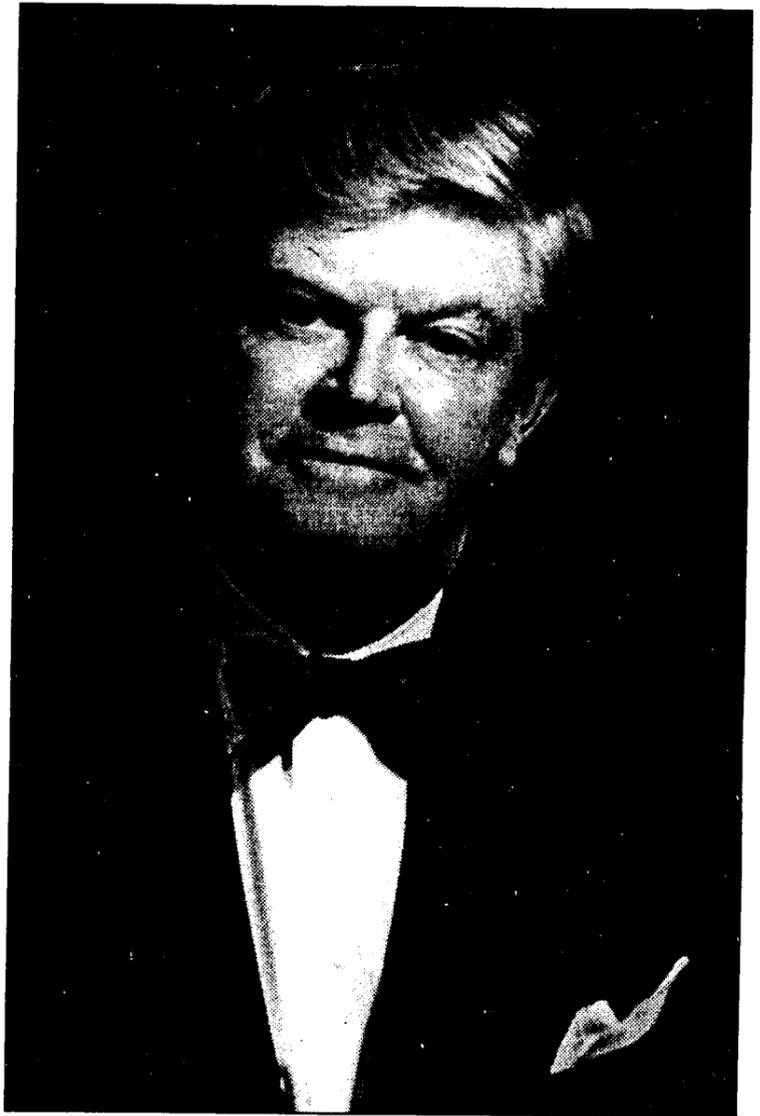
The Lanning Lecture was established in 1988 by alumnus Jack Dillon, 1941, of Gig Harbor, in honor of his wife Frances Lanning Dillon, 1942, who died that year. Dillon is a retired engineer from the Bechtel Corporation, and a former rear admiral in the Civil Engineer Corps of the U.S. Navy. He received the WSU Alumni Achievement Award in 1981 and the WSU Outstanding Service Award in 1984.

Those attending the lecture are invited to stay for refreshments at a reception following Bromley's presentation.

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—D. Allen Bromley

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Senate considers funding rape survey

Also takes on alcohol policy, course repeats and UI license plates

Andrew White

Staff

New University of Idaho license plates, revised guidelines for repeating a course, and an update about what Gov. Phil Batt had to say about UI's alcohol policy were among a few of the issues discussed at Wednesday's ASUI Senate meeting.

Alison Noice represented the UI Women's Center in an effort to gain statistical analysis about rape cases occurring at UI. Noice requested \$1,000 from the ASUI Senate to fund a random survey that would be administered in the classroom.

Noice said Dean of Students Bruce Pitman would match the funds appropriated by the Senate.

"We know what the statistics are for the nation, but not for the UI," she said.

ASUI President Jim Dalton supported the \$1,000 appropriation to the Women's Center for statistical survey purposes.

"It's going to be a tight year regarding the

budget," Dalton said. He encouraged all senators to be aware of the problem regarding the delicate financial situation of the ASUI.

Angela Rauch of the Safety Board also endorsed Noice's request of \$1,000 during the Senate's open forum.

Rauch also encouraged the Senate to note that Sexual Assault Awareness Week will be held April 18 through 20.

The bill appropriating the \$1,000 to the Women's Center was sent to the Finance Committee.

Shanna Plasters, co-curricular coordinator of Student Activities, gave the Senate a status report of the Mom's Weekend events and the Awards for Excellence applications.

"It's going very well," Plasters said. The Mom's Weekend events are coming together, and applications are now available for the Student Awards for Excellence.

Faculty Council Representative Julia Dickson gave the Senate a review of what the Faculty Council approved regarding repeating a course of a D or F.

The council passed the new regulation that now limits a student to only being able to repeat one course of a D or F. All other courses that a student receives a D or F in will be averaged into their grade point average.

Dickson said the Faculty Council is also considering changing the UI grading system to a plus or minus system — despite student opposition and a refusal of the Faculty Affairs Committee to even consider it.

Opponents of the plus or minus system have cited that on an average, the student GPA will drop considerably.

"It statistically lowers grade point averages," Dickson said. "It's almost impossible to get a 4.0."

Students who would like to voice their concerns about the plus and minus system can send Dickson an e-mail at dick9461@uidaho.edu, or write Representative Katie Jolley at joll9331@uidaho.edu.

President Dalton briefed the Senate on the events of the legislative reception in Boise. He said Gov. Batt showed substantial interest in UI's approach to the alcohol policy.

Batt was determined that the UI "get something done" with regard to the alcohol policy. Dalton told the Senate that the Intrafraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council are making measurable progress in the adoption of a new alcohol policy.

Dalton encouraged all students who are in support of the new UI license plates to write to their Idaho Legislative representatives and senators.

Dalton appointed David Hisel the new chief of staff.

JoAnn Trail, the International Programs coordinator, encouraged all students to get involved in the international activities that are taking place at UI. If any students have questions about activities regarding international activities, they are encouraged to contact Trail.

Universities prepare for Internet 2

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Internet's original users — universities, industries and government — have been crowded out by a computer-happy world, so they're creating a "net" of their own.

"The Internet has become too much of a good thing. Clearly, educators need an alternative to what has turned into a commercial network," said Robyn Render, director of the University of Cincinnati's computer center. "Internet 2 is designed to be a private network. It will be owned by the charter members."

The charter members are universities that do a lot of research, including the University of Cincinnati, Ohio State University, Ohio University and Case Western University.

They're also cutting in the federal government and big industries because that's where universities

get most of their research money. The Internet has become a household word because of the boom in home computing, but it wasn't always that way.

"Only astrophysicists knew about the Internet 20 years ago," President Bill Clinton recently said. "Today, my cat has a web site."

Tens of thousands of special interest and commercial Internet destinations have clogged the net.

"The Internet is so saturated with commercial and other informal uses that it can no longer provide the speed, access and reliability needed for interactive and high-density transmissions," said University of Cincinnati Provost Walter Jones. "Saturation has made it a less valuable utility for its original purposes of research and education."

Render went to San Francisco last month to represent the University of Cincinnati at the first general meeting of Internet 2 organizers.



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— *Robin Render, Director of the University of Cincinnati's Computer Center*



"There was quite a bit of excitement about the project," she said. "When you get the top 100 research universities in the country together, it demonstrates how serious everyone is about Internet 2."

Developers say the new net will be 100 times faster than the current Internet and much more versatile.

Universities are especially interested in "distance learning," where students can be in one part of the world and teachers in another. However, to make that work requires immense electronic transmission capabilities like the ones planned for the new net.

"The last time we tried something like this, we spawned a multibillion dollar industry," said David Farber of the University of Pennsylvania.

Internet 2 developers hope to have the first sites connected within six months and expect operations to really get rolling in 18 to 24 months.

The Men of the Delta Chi Fraternity would like to welcome their new members and wish them a successful semester.

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Legislators plan to cut more education funds

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BOISE — The Idaho Legislature began the second half of the 1997 session Monday, and the tough decisions remain ahead for lawmakers — including how to balance the new state budget.

After a series of closed-door strategy sessions last week, the majority Republicans have decided to make a serious effort to trim GOP Gov. Phil Batt's bare-bones budget even more.

That's bad news for state employees and public schools.

Republicans have decided to skip planned 2 percent pay raises for state workers to save \$8 million. And in an almost unprecedented action, lawmakers at week's end were talking about trying to cut \$10.7 million from state public school funding.

"There's not much else we can do with the money we have," House Speaker Michael Simpson said.

Lawmakers fear even Batt's extremely conservative estimate of state revenue in the 12 months starting July 1 is too high. With the additional prospect of serious spring flooding, leaders want to put about \$10 million into a reserve account just in case.

Simpson acknowledged it would not be easy for lawmakers to cut further into a proposed public school budget that provides only minimal increases to start with.

"It is a very, very hard decision," he said. "We're looking at everything — and the school budget may be smaller."

The actual cutback in public school sup-

port may be smaller. About \$7 million is expected to be available from surplus cash earned from state lands — money that can be used only for education purposes.

Reducing school support by \$3.7 million from the original aid package reflects smaller-than-anticipated enrollment growth and a larger number of newer, less experienced teachers. That reduces the state's required contribution to school district salaries.

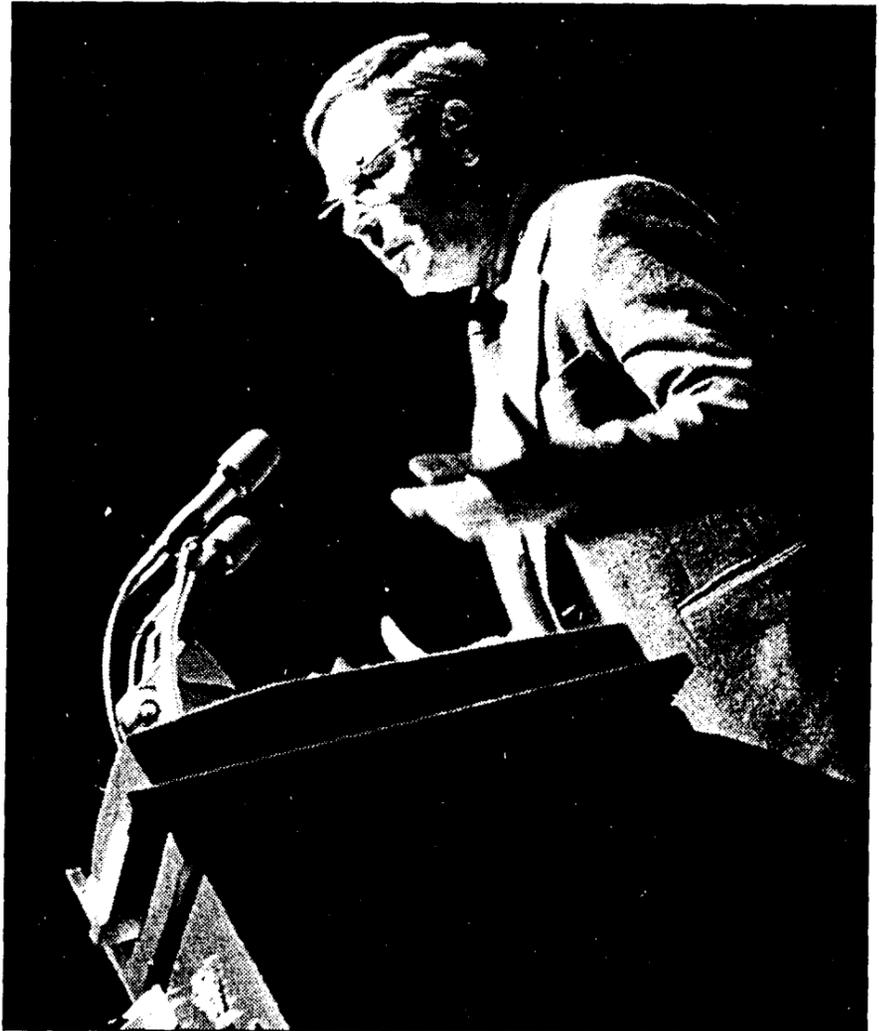
Lawmakers have been advised that public schools can get through without serious harm being done by a cut that size — at least for the next year.

Batt had to impose across-the-board spending cuts of 2 percent and 2.5 percent during the past two budget years when tax revenues failed to live up to projections, but public schools have been protected.

After hearing new budget requests for the last five weeks, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee starts setting actual budgets this week. Agencies have been warned that they can expect little in the way of funding for equipment purchases or new employees.

Besides tight finances, the Legislature has many other issues to decide during the sixth week of the session.

On Friday, two bills on employee drug and alcohol testing were approved for introduction in the House Human Resources Committee. They will have to compete with a measure sponsored by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry introduced in the Senate.



Peter McKinney

J. Baird Collicott, professor of philosophy at the University of North Texas, lectured on conservation concepts including biodiversity and ecological integrity Thursday at Washington State University.

Survey: UI must give public new perception

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho is perceived by the public as a "top tier" institution of higher learning, according to a survey.

But the school's overall image was likened to a "vague shadow that begs for substance." What is more, the only clear public perception of Idaho was that of an isolated party school which 60 percent of college-bound Idaho students will not attend.

The bittersweet results were unveiled Thursday to school officials and student leaders by Kristy

Olaveson of the Boise-based Populus survey firm. The school hired Populus to assess the school's image among the general public and some target groups.

To improve its image, Olaveson recommended, the school must build on its many strengths and its relationship with the public. As for the negative party school image, she suggested school officials not directly counter the image, but instead focus on the commitment to academics and a safe living environment.

"You're a university and by virtue

of that you can expect that there is some partying going on," she said.

Even if reality shows the partying to be no worse than other western schools, the survey shows the public perception to be otherwise, she said.

When residents interviewed were asked what is the first negative thing that comes to mind about the Moscow school, 13 percent volunteered it has a wild reputation. In comparison, 3 percent said Idaho State has such a reputation and just 1 percent collared Boise State with the image.

A total of 711 people statewide were interviewed in December. In addition to the general public, the target groups were school alumni, high school guidance counselors, parents of students who opted not to go to Idaho, and state leaders.

As for the negative image of being isolated, Olaveson suggested that in reality "it's not so much physical as it is a psychological distance."

The biggest problem related to higher education at Idaho was affordability, the survey said. Olaveson said the university must "demonstrate incredible value for

the expense."

Despite its perceived problems, Idaho ranked fifth among 27 institutions from best to worst. Stanford University ranked highest, with Eastern Oregon State College at the bottom. Idaho State came in 15th, Boise State 20th and Lewis-Clark State College 23rd.

Academic programs at Idaho also received high marks, with 34 percent lauding the school for its programs and majors, compared with 15 and 8 percent for Idaho State and Boise State, respectively.

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Idaho Power tests computer control of home appliances

Associated Press
BOISE — Idaho Power Co. has started a six-month experiment in controlling home appliances with personal computers.

The goal is to find out whether consumers will pay for such a service.

Idaho Power Resources Corp. has purchased rights to a system manufactured by Tampa, Fla.-based TeCom Inc., and it has asked its employees to test the concept.

It works like this: A box containing a microprocessor is mounted outside a house near the power meter. Inside is a power line modem that transmits signals from a power line to a personal computer, a meter module that stores information and several "smart devices" attached to the cords of appliances.

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"When the system is installed and working, your home actually becomes a local area network," Mike Youngblood, a strategic planning associate for Idaho Power Resources, said Friday.

The system can be programmed by the homeowner

so lights, water heaters, air conditioners and other appliances come on and go off at selected times. It can be used by vacationers to control house lights at night. Or it can be programmed so the coffee maker and hall lights come on just before a person gets up in the morning.

Idaho Power began installing the systems in employees' homes at the end of December. Nine systems now are installed.

"We hope to install two systems a day until we have 80 in place," Youngblood said.

The company hopes to determine how much the system will cost and how much energy can be conserved by users.

"We think this system will end up costing between \$1,000 and \$2,000 to install in a home," Youngblood said. "But at this point, we really don't know."

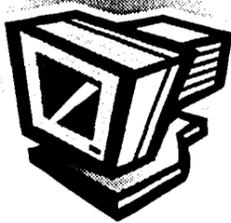
Idaho Power believes the system can be integrated with electronic billing on the Internet. And at some time in the future it might also take the place of meter readers in the field.

"We're married to the concept, but not necessarily to the product," Youngblood said. To test the system, Idaho Power had to pay TeCom \$250,000 for its market access program.

States get school Internet

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Claiming great strides toward the promise to link every American classroom and library to the computer Internet, the Clinton administration is releasing the first of \$200 million in grants for equipment and training.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton also said a new survey by the Education Department found that 65 percent of schools were connected to the Internet as of last fall,



compared with 35 percent in 1994.

"We are making a lot of progress," he said.

But the survey also found that just one in five public school teachers used advanced telecommunications for teaching, and only 13 percent of public schools required teacher training in the technology.

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, who joined in the radio broadcast, had pledged in their re-election campaign to help wire every American classroom and library to the Internet by 2000.



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OPINION

Change Hello Walk to Ignore Us Walk

Here's a little something to remember next time you're sitting in a computer lab: An individual easily described as socially unstable began ranting at a computer lab assistant last week and punched him rather roundly in the face for no other reason — or so the assistant, those at the lab and the attending police officers say — than a whim.

While this is gratefully a single, isolated incident, it makes a one wonder who the next person to blow up like that is going to be, and certainly makes one wary in one's everyday dealings with others who may look normal on the outside but on the inside are two knots past the ends of their rope.

A friend pointed out to me last semester an individual he'd seen many times on- and off-campus but never with a smile on her face. Being conditioned that one does not pry into the mental well-being of a total stranger, we have never bothered to find out why she is so outwardly unhappy, or indeed if she were unhappy at all. Her unhappy face became a mere bit of Moscow background, like dusty cars parked on the side of the road or mounds of dirty snow covered with gravel. Maybe a hello would have brightened her day if only for a few seconds, but why take that chance when that hello could be the one last straw to snap the camel's back?

The University of Idaho Hello Walk is a mute testament to our increasingly inward-thinking mentalities. So mute, in fact, few incoming students know where exactly the Hello Walk is. (So as not to add another euphemism to the file of the apocryphal, the Hello Walk is the sidewalk from the Administration Building to the corner of University and Elm Streets.) Formerly where students exchanged if not necessarily heartfelt at least loud hellos, students of today pass each other straining to avoid eye contact; feigning a sudden interest in nature or sidewalk concrete in order to avoid the chancy event of actually exchanging a brief meaningless word with another human being.

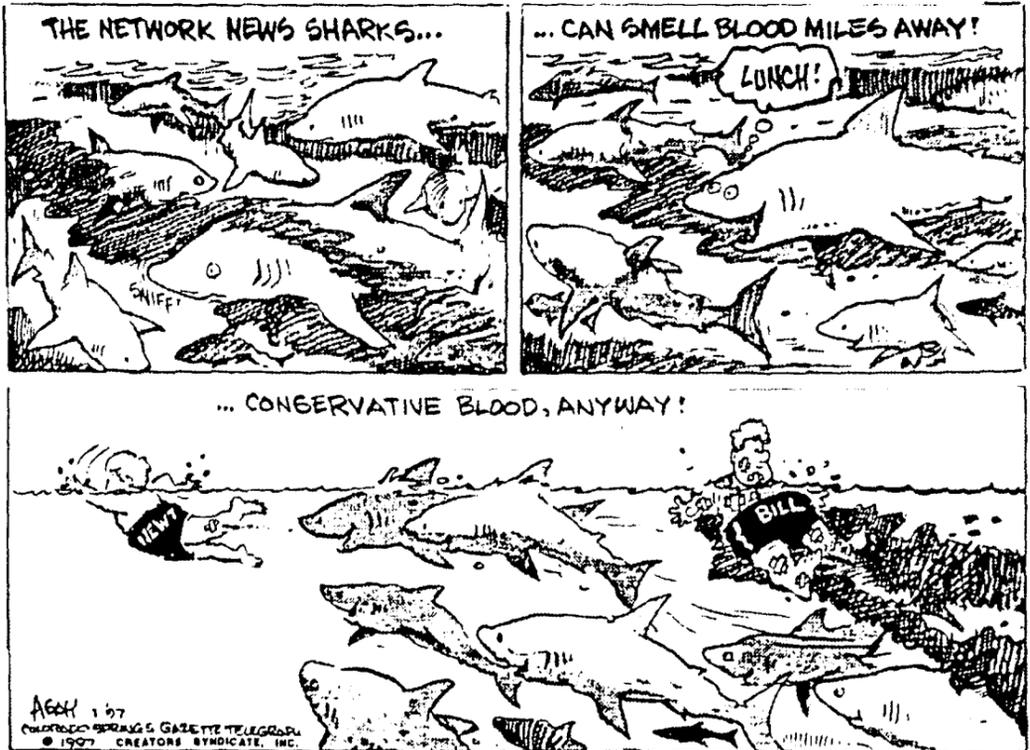
It's as if we fear individual communication. We're more friendly with our "Friends" from television; hold longer discussions with distant siliconized individuals than we do speaking to our neighbors.

I feel sorry for some of my professors. Some literally beg us to talk, to discuss, to answer questions, but we prefer to sit mute or exchange cute little words with our buddies than actually try to say anything which would contribute to our education or the education of someone else. We don't fear failure as much as we fear the sounds of our own voices.

Part of growing, part of becoming educated is occasionally slipping out of our communication comfort zones and actually taking a chance with the spoken word. The fear of randomly being the one to push someone's button or of sounding stupid or of saying something wrong should not stop us from taking that chance to expand our minds and perhaps have a positive effect on another person.

Our generation consumes information like no other generation before it. With the unprecedented availability and variety of television, newspapers, magazines and on-line offerings, we find our days filled with the clamor of others wishing to communicate their thoughts and opinions with us. Then, when offered the rare chance to communicate with them, the majority of us simply say, "Oh, um, yeah, it was neat," or another such ready-made sound bite as our information-saturated brains lurch into action, startled by its own command to activate that rusty speech center and those dusty vocal chords. Simple hellos simply stick in our throats.

—Brian Davidson



Why Rush is right, wrong, but mostly just narrow

Whoa, all you dittoheads. Ease those vital signs back into the normal range. This isn't just your average one-sided anti-Rush rant. And you "Hush Rush" types can relax, too. I'm not exactly here to sing his praises, either. Not that the rotund one needs little of me to do either one. Limbaugh is, of course, the most listened to radio personality in the history of the medium. His broadcasts have been both hallelujahed and hated all over the country with only one predictable result:

His ratings keep going through the roof.

The story's no different locally according to John Ernst at KQQQ 1150 AM in Pullman. Ernst said the Limbaugh Show, which airs live from 9 a.m. to noon locally is the "bread and butter" of his station's business.

According to Willlight Research, Inc., KQQQ has the top audience share among listeners in the 35-plus age bracket for the 10 a.m. to 3

p.m. time slot. That's thanks mainly to folks who turn on Limbaugh, and then tend to stay tuned to the programs which follow his noon sign-off.

Of course, Limbaugh is much less popular with the younger, more music-oriented age groups. But the loyalty and relative affluence of the Limbaugh audience gives his show irresistible appeal to advertisers. So obviously one of the major fuels for the Rush phenomenon is economic. His show sells, and after all, that's what the radio biz is all about. But there's much more to it than just bucks. What are the other secrets of such unprecedented staying power?

Most importantly it's professionalism and extremely high production standards that make Limbaugh work. Rush's slick package of mainstream corporate conservatism contains a few elements that make it truly groundbreaking. Combining metal and grunge bumper music with extended diatribes against declining educational standards isn't exactly run of the mill stuff. And Limbaugh's well-developed, devilishly irreverent sense of humor doesn't fit the button-down conservative stereotype, either. These qualities make Limbaugh unique and appealing to many. He doesn't let his predictable political philosophy cram his per-

sonal sense of style and fun.

And this is what really makes the liberals furious. Sure there is some honest political disagreement, but being attacked by a highly satirical commentator who allows no sacred cows is just too much for the self-righteous. Limbaugh uses on his opponents the same skills to which they had formerly had exclusive rights: wit and worldliness. It's bad enough for aging true liberals that they feel so compelled to defend a president and a party such as Clinton and the Democrats. This Machiavellian clique takes them for granted, and disses them any time the need arises.

Then Limbaugh just adds insult to injury. He barrages his targets relentlessly within earshot of millions and enjoys the heck out

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of it. The situation resembles nothing so much as the Nixon Administration's epic face-off with out-for-blood Congressional Democrats. Supported by the press and legions of formerly radical liberal activists, the Democrats did the right thing in exposing Nixon's crimes and misdemeanors.

Now the liberals have the unenviable chore of defending a Clinton Administration whose misdeeds — including blatant influence-peddling (which used to be known as simple bribery) and illegal use of supposedly confidential FBI files — would make even Nixon and his felonious cronies blush.

So let's face it. Now the liberal activist crowd has allowed their worst fears to come true. Now that they're part of a corrupt elite almost identical to the one they came of political age rebelling against, they don't have much self-respect any more. All they've got left is a diminishing pretense at occupying moral high ground. And now this Limbaugh is taking that from them, too.

So yeah, Limbaugh is funny. He has definitely got the big time resources to put out a commercially attractive product. The prob-

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Opinion Gap



Tim Lohrmann

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UI's tough choice: elitism or extensionism

So, the University of Idaho wants a better image.

Like any commodity — fast food burgers, athletic shoes, bubble gum or sinus medicines — education must be pre-packaged and tailored to attract customers who aren't really sure what they want to do in life or if there'll be any jobs around when they're ready for them but sure as heck know they want their MTV.

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which tell you 13 percent of those polled think UI is a "party" school and they're not talking about the red star Latah County Grain Growers puts up on the silos every Sparkle Season (Christmas, for the euphemistically challenged).

Enrollment at UI is dropping, and marketing will tell you that any drop in the

use of your product must mean your product is bad, stagnating, or — heaven forbid this ever be thought of any institution of higher learning — "uncool." Time to unveil UI's version of New Coke.

What do Idahoans want from their

Elitism is best left for the coyotes

flagship university? A simple re-reading of the numbers and inferences gathered in a recent statewide survey conducted for the university would tell a lot.

The survey says enrollment in Moscow is falling, which of course incites our collection of administrative and academic Chicken Littles into bureaucratic frenzy and idiot institutional loyalty before they realize the sky isn't actually falling.

Enrollment at UI's extensions in Coeur d'Alene, Boise and Idaho Falls are going through the roof, more than making up

for the perceived "drop" in overall enrollment. If the university is sincere in its promises to answer to consumer demand, they will notice enrollment trends are pointing towards more accessible community-based instruction rather than an elitist collection of the best UI can offer on the parent Moscow campus which like it or not is on the other edge of a major physical and psychological gulf from the bulk of the state's population.

Elitists screech that UI's enrollment figures are barely ahead of those at Mormon church-owned Ricks College in Rexburg and disdainfully remark that's because Ricks is where all the little Mormon boys and girls go to college. This is said as if Ricks does not contribute in a positive way in educating Idaho's students and as if Mormonism was not a religion but the newest social disease. What seems to be beside the point is that Ricks fills with quality instruction and unpretentious commitments to students a beneficial niche in Idaho's higher education ladder.

The state of California established one of the most extensive and well-respected systems of higher education in the world not by massing the best programs at a few select universities but

by sharing the wealth with communities in every corner of the state. A small state such as Idaho cannot hope to meet California's tax base, but the state's higher educational system could easily — with many programs already in place — put together a system similar to California's but on a more modest scale. Idaho's four state colleges and universities ought to compete in sports venues, but competing and bickering with each others as if they were Wal-Marts and Targets over funding, programs and which school has the best image statewide is counterproductive to what should be each institution's goal and the goal of a cooperative higher education system in Idaho: education.

Idaho needs less petty "my pop's bigger than your pop" arguments between the administrations, faculties, students and alumni of BSU and UI and more following in the footsteps of ISU and LCSC where worry seems placed less on image and more on education. I want a degree from UI so I can get a job, not so I can put a little sticker on my window and razz anybody I see with Ada county license plates. I came to UI because of its communication program, not because

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lem is that he requires all this fancy window dressing to hide his own ugly little agenda. That seems to be effectively reducing all political discourse to a black and white labeling process. If someone doesn't subscribe to his own personal brand of sanitized conservatism, then that person is one of two things: either a liberal (read Democrat of any leaning) or a third-party wacko.

Limbaugh's "third-party wackos" are everyone else. That simplifies things, doesn't it?

No need to think the issues through any more. If anyone had an original thought that doesn't fit one of two increasingly similar big money special interest agendas, just pin on the wacko label and forget 'em.

A recent caller got a taste of this when she protested Limbaugh's labeling her as a liberal. This time he didn't even remember to fall back on "wacko" as a way out. He just insisted she had to be a liberal because she disagreed with him on some minor point.

A new Rush trend, perhaps? Does he believe allowing even a third viewpoint label to be used would be too confusing, or tempting for his busy listeners? Maybe he has considered the matter and has come to the conclusion that liberal/conservative, conservative/liberal on and on ad nauseam is all dittoheads can handle, even with all the evidence to the contrary.

Evidence is that such vacant oversimplification is killing our political system. Look at the last election, when only 49 percent of registered voters — many holding their noses to the point of pain —

showed up at the polls. So if Rush is right, the vast majority of eligible voters, both registered and unregistered, must be "third party wackos." After all, they refused to qualify for either the liberal or conservative labels. What other explanation could there be?

Maybe they've decided to take the famous advice of one of Limbaugh's heroes, Ronald Reagan, and "voted with their feet" by staying home on Election Day. Maybe they just don't see the use in buying into the liberal/conservative, left/right debate any more.

Rush Limbaugh is a talented, powerful fellow. It's a shame he doesn't have more respect for his audience. Respect enough to allow wide-ranging debate instead of mere labeling. It may be that those dissatisfied voters, all the ones that are crammed under Limbaugh's narrow wacko flag might find someone or some movement they can agree on. If they do, the sleeping giant will awake, and the political earth will move. Then the Limbaugh "conservatives" and the Clinton "liberals" who rule by default, will be revealed as the irrelevant political fringe they really are. Rush is entertaining. He makes some happy and others furious. But what if you want to discuss the fundamental change our political system really needs? Too bad. Rush just doesn't want to talk about it.



POT SHOTS

By Brian Davidson

Forget Punxhatwatey Phil, dust is Moscow's rite of spring

It's a sure sign of spring in Moscow not if the flowers are popping up out of the ground but if the cars parked on the side of the road are coated with dust thick enough to kill those spring flowers.

Where does all that dust come from? Some of it must come from road gravel being ground to powder by those odd drivers who insist on keeping their tire chains on even though there's no snow on the roads any more. Maybe the rest is meteor dust or something.

All Hail Dave

While there are those who are confused as to why a bowling alley had to be sacrificed to bring Dave Thomas-style burgers to Moscow, Wendy's will certainly be a welcome addition to the local fast-food scene for those like me who fail to believe those commercials wherein McDonalds claims to have the most popular french fries in America.

Now only if there were an Arctic Circle in town so we could get decent burgers.

North Idaho chain gangs?

Am I the only person mystified by those people who still drive around with their tire chains on, now that we're on the subject? Seems to me tire chains are good for traction in deep snow but on asphalt all they really do is tear tires up.

Maybe it's the automotive answer to sticking a baseball card in bicycle spokes.

Check your facts, Susan

Susan Vegors, chairman of Idaho's Natural Law Party wrote in a guest editorial which appeared in the Argonaut on Feb. 7 needs to check her facts.

The "prison" being built in Idaho Falls is actually the new Bonneville County Jail. The jail will be funded by a local bond and not through the state which she seemed to infer in her column.

The jail will save the county nearly \$700,000 a year — which the county paid the Bannock County Jail in Pocatello to house prisoners — and help them avoid a lawsuit being brought against the old jail by the American Civil Liberties Union for overcrowded conditions.

If Vegors wants a new high school for Pocatello, she'd be best to ask the local voters for the money, and keep her facts straight about everything else.

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of some cockamamie concept of image.

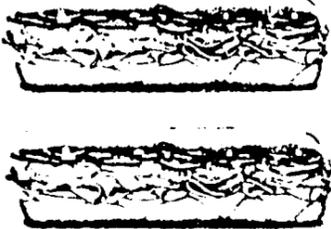
There are many in Coeur d'Alene, Boise and Idaho Falls grateful for the chance they have to attend UI courses in their own communities, and many on the Moscow campus who wish their particular program were available through cooperation which should be emulated without elitist hostility at between UI and BSU.

The University of Idaho, if it is sincere in wanting to meet the demands of the students who support it, will best fulfill their promises by concentrating improvement (and this generally implies improvement in course offerings rather than expensive facilities) where it is demanded — and deserved — the most: UI's extension centers. Elitism is best left for the coyotes.

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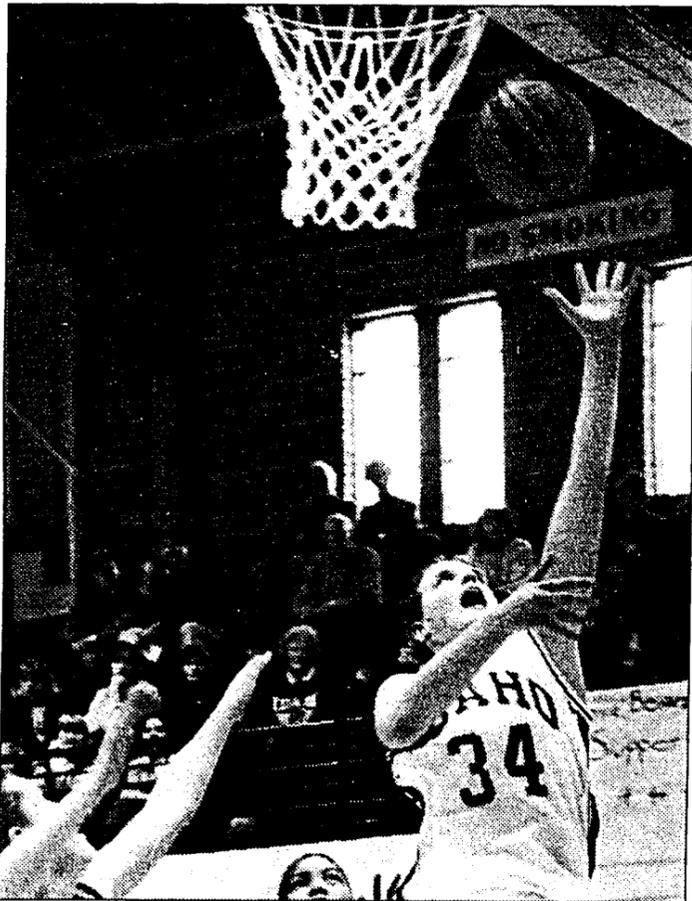
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CAL-POLY SLO (59)

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Halftime — Idaho 31, Santa Barbara 38. 3-Point goals — Idaho 4-13 (Johnson 2-6, Skorpik 1-3, Nieman 1-2, Gussett 0-1), Santa Barbara 3-15 (Alexander 2-5, Clinesmith 1-6, Smith 0-2, Lampson 0-2). Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Idaho 34 (Nieman 12), Santa Barbara 53 (Rohr 14), Assists — Idaho 13 (Gussett 4), Santa Barbara (Alexander 5). Total fouls — Idaho 15, Santa Barbara 15. Technicals — none. Attendance — 1,846.

Damon Barkdull

Sports Editor

The Alli Nieman Show, starring Idaho's true freshman sensation, didn't start until the end of intermission in Sunday afternoon's clash in Memorial Gym.

When it did air, though, Cal-Poly SLO could only play the part of a spectator.

The Sandpoint native scored a career tying 27 points, 21 in the second half, to lead the Vandals (10-11, 5-4) to a 70-59 Big West Conference win over the Mustangs (3-17, 2-7) in front of 622 scattered fans.

"I think a lot of Alli Nieman," said Cal-Poly coach Karen Booker, who tried recruiting Nieman out of high school. "She's an awfully talented player and I know her best years are ahead of her — which is scary."

Truly scary. Although, the horrific part of Sunday's game was the Vandals almost allowing the Mustangs to make the game interesting.

At halftime Idaho held the slim 31-25 lead and looked a bit sluggish in the first half, shooting just 28 percent from the field. Nieman was even benched by UI coach Julie Holt because her young pupil was out of synch.

Nieman responded, not with frustration or anger but with six straight Idaho points in a 1-2-4 run.

"I wasn't really focused I guess," Nieman said. "I kind of refocused at halftime and came out and played better in the second half."

During the 12-4 run, the Vandals led by 16 twice and hoped to put away the Mustang menace. However, late in the second half Cal-Poly would again challenge the Vandals.

With 8:12 remaining, Idaho led by 18 after a Nieman three-point bucket. The Mustangs then began to climb back. Cal-Poly drilled five three-pointers in a six minute span to bring the Mustangs within 10 at the 2:24 mark.

Although, in order to get the ball back Cal-Poly was forced to foul and Idaho's Ari Skorpik and Kelli Johnson combined to connect on all seven free throws to secure the important conference win.

In the second half Idaho shot 36 percent from the field improving from their drought in the first half.

Besides Nieman, Idaho received help from a behind the scene star, junior Lauren Newman.

Newman, who came to Moscow this season from Oxnard, Calif., pulled down 12 rebounds. Her help on the boards gave Idaho the 57-37 advantage in the rebounding department.

Newman's effort won Holt's appraisal.

"She (Newman) was the only player to really spark this team," Holt said. "She got people fired up. She did a great job on the boards for us. She led our team in rebounds, that's why she's here."

Skorpik was Idaho's second-leading scorer with 16 points respectively.

Cal-Poly was led by Kristie Barnes' 12 points.

This week the Vandals don't play until Sunday at home against Nevada and receive some must needed rest.

"It's great timing, we need it," Holt said. "Most our kids have a bunch of tests. So they're a little stressed. That's the tough part of playing Friday and Sunday." UC-Santa Barbara against Idaho (Friday)

Not only did Idaho have the task of taking on the Big West Conference bully and their all-conference center



Amy Smith but the Vandals were playing in front of the biggest women's basketball home crowd.

In Memorial Gym 1,846 made their way to Moscow for a conference matchup featuring the UC-Santa Barbara Gauchos.

The big draw on this night was Gaucho freshman Stacy Clinesmith, a Spokane native who invited a portion of her hometown to come watch her play.

However, the key matchup was freshman Alli Nieman matching her youthful play against Gaucho Amy Smith, a senior center. In the end, experience won out as did UCSB 68-53.

With 8:19 remaining, Nieman hit a three-pointer and edged the Vandals closer to their nemesis, cutting the score to 53-49.

But UCSB then went on a 13-0 run sparked by Smith's inside play as the Gauchos distanced themselves from the home team.

"We didn't play to win in the end and that's not like our team," Holt said.

Nieman finished the outing with 11 points, much to the credit of the Gaucho defense. Several times in the game, Nieman was picking herself off of the ground and didn't get the officials whistle in the process. The Sandpoint native went to the foul line twice and missed both shots.

Idaho's leading scorer in the game was guard Ari Skorpik who finished with 13 points, three assists and three steals.

"We felt we could beat them," Skorpik said. "We held them to 68 points when they're averaging 86. It's disappointing — hopefully we can meet them in the Big West Tournament."

Vandal Kelli Johnson added 12 points respectively.

Rebounding played a major role in the conference loss for the Vandals. The Gauchos grabbed 53 boards compared to Idaho's 34.

Gaucho center, Amy Smith led all scorers with 21 points.

Idaho shot 33 percent from the field.

Vandal men's track captures win over WSU

Nate Peterson

Staff

Although it is early in the season, the 1997 men's indoor track team is well on its way to making this one of its most memorable and successful seasons with a win over Washington State this weekend.

"It was a nice win," said UI coach Mike Keller. "But we didn't imperatively go out there to start with to beat them."

The Vandals may not have had initial intentions of defeating their Palouse rival but their actions quickly carried them into a new perspective of defeating a team they had not beaten since a 1946 outdoor meet.

"I just think everything kind of came our way so to speak," Keller said. "Everybody competed in the event the way they should've."

Keller was quick to point out that it may not be easier next time around for the Vandals.

"Outdoors, Washington State will be tougher to beat than indoors," Keller said.

The Vandals didn't dominate the competition by any means but they did win eight events including seven individual.

"Nobody performed fantastic," Keller said. "I just thought it was very average performances all around."

Idaho came away with four field events, winning in the long jump, high jump, triple jump and 35-pound weight throw.

Neils Kruller won the long jump with a mark of 24-7. Geoff Judd blew the high jump competition away, finishing at 6-10 3/4. Chris Kwaramba set a mark of 50-4 1/2. Kyle Daley won the weight throw handily with his 58-3 toss.

In the long distance field, Bernd Schroeder placed second in the mile with a time of 4:14. Frank Bruder, also placed second in his 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:23.

Most impressively were the short distance runners competing in the 55-, 200- and 400- meter races.

Jason St. Hill and Kruller came in first and second place in the 200 with times of 21.48 and 21.55. Respectively, the two did the same in the 55-meter. Only this time with Kruller in first place and Hill in second with times of 6.36 and 6.41.

Tawanda Chiwira and Felix Kamangirira dominated the 400 heat, placing first and second. Chirwira had a most impressive time of 47.22 while Kamangirira had an almost equally impressive time of 48.50.

Chiwira and Kamangirira's presence were felt in the 4x400 meter relay, in which the team raced to a time of 3:15.35, scorching the closest competition by six seconds.

At this point, Keller and his team will be pursuing the goal of qualifying athletes for nationals. This next meet may be the time that a few of them reach it. Especially for Chiwira and Kamangirira.

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Vandal News and Notes

1998 Idaho men's basketball schedule changes

This year's basketball season may not be over but the UI Athletic Department and basketball coach Kermit Davis are working hard to confirm some opponents next season.

So far, a two-game series with Gonzaga is scheduled for the 1998 season and Davis is still trying to work with the University of Montana on scheduling a game. Idaho will play just one game against Washington State in Pullman.

Also, Davis is talking to Idaho State, Wyoming, San Diego and Portland in hopes of a possible game.

The big news is a scheduled non-conference game against Southwest Missouri State in the Kibbie Dome which will be televised by ESPN.

Davis said that Idaho is trying to also schedule one money game, possibly on the road versus Memphis State or Oklahoma.

"We're really trying to get some people who could play some home and home games," Davis said. "We're close to maybe starting a series with San Diego."

Due to some recently passed legislation by the Big West Conference, Idaho will be eligible to play just two NAIA schools in a season.

Vandals lose two on the road

Byron Jarnagin
Staff

The Cal-Poly Mustangs crunched the Vandals 72-51, putting an exclamation point on Idaho's 0-2 record on the road this weekend. On Thursday night, the Vandals fell to UC Santa Barbara, losing 69-54.

In a must-win situation, the Idaho Vandals folded under the pressure Saturday afternoon.

Idaho (10-13, 3-7) needed to win at least one game on the road to give themselves a better chance to stay within contention of a Big West Tournament berth.

"Our team really took some major steps backwards on this trip and we have been really competitive throughout the year," said UI coach Kermit Davis. "Our guys tried today but our quality of play was just horrendous. We just have not been executing any offense at all, we can't get the three-point shooters, and all we talk about is how we are switching hard to guard against the three."

The Vandals didn't get a good start against the Mustangs and once again the Idaho turnover problem has returned, killing any chances of winning Saturday.

The Vandals were living of Kevin Byrne's two foul shots for the first few minutes as the Vandals trailed 11-2 early. The Vandals got off to an inadequate start with the turnovers and not keeping Cal-Poly in check from the three-point line.

With 14:00 left in the first half the Vandals recorded nine turnovers and the Mustangs chalked up five three-pointers. Off an Eddie Turner deuce the Vandals went on a 7-0 run.

The Vandals were having prob-

lems all over the court throwing the ball away, making bad shots and not capitalizing on the free-throw line. With 9:00 left in the first half, the Vandals lost one of their big guns to an official's whistle. Jason Jackman, who usually leads his team in total points, got into some foul trouble and watched most of the game from the bench with three first-half fouls. All three calls were for elbows down low.

Cal-Poly, usually not known as a team who takes the ball to the hole, had a three-point party the entire game and with Jackman unable to counterbalance the Mustang offense, the Vandals worked themselves into a hole.

With 2:27 left, Cal-Poly's Ben Larson made his mark in the first half hitting 5-6 threes. At the end of the first period, the Vandals only had 10 points from the line, 13 points from the field, and Jackman had no points. The Mustang's big numbers came in the three-point department nailing 8-15 and only 12-31 from the field.

Idaho started the second half with a turnover, bringing the total to 19 and Jackman found his first two points of the game. With 13:00 left in the game, Jackman was called for his fourth foul. With the permanent loss of Jackman and the continued success from behind the three-point arch, the Mustangs were starting to take the Vandals out of the game. Ben Larson was on fire hitting two more three-pointers early in the second half.

The Vandals turned the ball over 26 times and the Cal-Poly Mustangs went 13-25 from three-point range, helping to break their

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Let's get ready to rumble: Cougs come to Moscow

Damon Barkdull
Sports Editor

Anytime Washington State takes the eight-mile trek to its little brother university, you can be assured tensions will run high, attendance is above par and any outcome is possible.

This is especially true of men's college basketball whereas the Vandals hold the 6-4 series edge over the Cougars when the games are played in the

Kibbie Dome. Overall, the series record is 147-104 in favor of Washington State.

Tonight at 7:05 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome, Washington State (11-11, 3-8) will duke it out with the University of Idaho (10-13, 3-7) in the Vandal's final non-conference home game of the season.

These two teams met earlier in the year in Pullman. Idaho raced off to a 9-0 lead but the Cougars outscored the Vandals 33-10 in the rest of the first half. Washington State led by as many as 21 points as Idaho had a hard time defending All-American Isaac Fontaine. Fontaine finished the outing with 27 points.

The Cougars went on to win 69-57.

Since then both schools have gone their own route — similarly, both schools lost important conference games on the road on Thursday and Sunday. Idaho died in California, losing to both UC-Santa Barbara and Cal-Poly SLO while WSU floundered against Oregon State and Oregon.

Neither team has had time to rest.

"You would like to after this trip have two or three days of good practice," said UI coach Kermit Davis. "While you're trying to correct some of your problems now you're trying to put out another opponent. It's a real difficult opponent for us."

In essence, tonight's battle gives both teams little time to prepare.

"We're a little tired," said WSU coach Kevin Eastman. "We need the day off. It's hard to find open dates on the schedule that are mutual."

Although UI and WSU are suffering from jet lag and a bit of the conference blues (both teams have only three wins in conference), don't expect the Vandal-Cougar brawl to be a nap in the park.

"We never felt playing them was easy," Eastman said, in light of WSU's 12-point victory earlier this season. "We know it's going to be hard. It wasn't easy here. It should be a pretty good game — we know they'll have a pretty good crowd."

And even if the Cougars are dragging behind the rest of the PAC-10, Davis knows how close WSU is to having more wins than losses.

"I thought they played really well and really hard

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Gussett adds personality to women's basketball team

Kindra Meyer
Assistant Sports Editor

The diagnosis? A team brimming with potential — simply ailing spark. For the University of Idaho women's basketball team, the doctor prescribed a strong dose of Kathryn Gussett.

The Gussett remedy is adding a number of zesty ingredients including determination, style and attitude to a Vandal team that continues to tear apart Big West foes.

Let's talk determination. A transfer from Lassen Junior College, this athlete won over coach Julie Holt due to her competitive drive.

"Having her as a part of this team has been really positive," Holt said. "One of the things that the coaching staff liked about her in recruiting was how competitive she is and how she can make things happen on the floor."

At Lassen JC, she averaged 17 points and eight rebounds a game, which helped her team to the conference title and a birth in the regional final. Now she is aiding the Vandals in their quest for a Big West championship.

Adjusting to Idaho's team wasn't the hard part. In fact, Gussett felt somewhat at ease because so many other players were in her shoes.

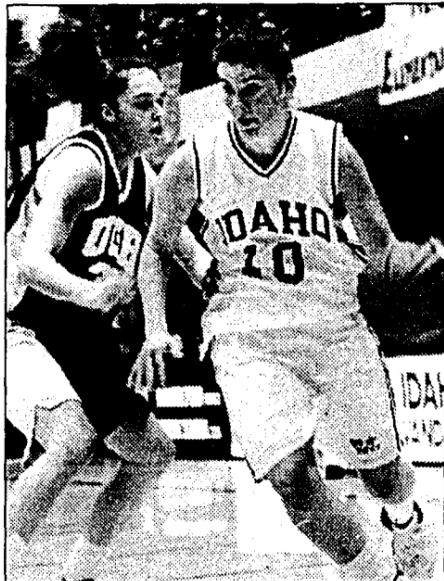
"It was easy becoming part of the team because there were six other people like me who knew where I was coming from," Gussett said.

With such a diverse group, Gussett had no trouble blending in. The challenge was in her position. Recruited as a forward, where she had played all her life, she was notified that Idaho needed her as a guard.

"We put her in a tough position — going from the four to a three — but that's where we needed her due to injuries and a shortage in depth," Holt said. "It took her a while to get adjusted to that position but now she really has come into her own."

Gussett admits the change challenged her but feels at home now.

"It was hard because at my JC I had a lot of freedom, it was my team and I could do what I wanted," Gussett said. "When I got here I knew



Bruce Twitchell

I would be on the outside all the time and it pulled me out of the comfort zone."

Gussett's role on the team is not only putting numbers up on the board. Although she is a new addition, leadership and inspiration are all part of the package.

"I think I am the emotional spark-plug of the team. I bring in a lot of hard work and competitiveness," Gussett said. "I may not do a lot of things on the floor but I'm very emotional and positive."

Modesty must also be a quality that Gussett possesses because she does plenty on the floor.

Gussett's work ethic grows from the heart and springs out of necessity. Her size does help down low on the boards but all those years trained as a post did not aide her quickness.

"I know I'm not fast. But if I work harder than everybody else on the floor I can make up for anything I lack," Gussett said.

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"We'd like to get our 4x400 meter relay team qualified," Keller said. "We'd also like to get a couple of our quarter mile runners qualified. Tawanda already qualified last week."

Keller doesn't like to predict how many athletes he will get qualified for nationals.

"We don't really plan on getting people qualified," Keller said. "It's just how many we can get to qualify."

Coming off of a great accomplishment, the Vandals can relax for the time being. For now the Vandals must regroup and prepare for their next week's meet.

"It still was a nice win to relish and we go on from here," Keller said.

Their next meet will be the annual Vandal Indoor, comprising of athletes across the Northwest. Both collegiate and pos-collegiate athletes will be competing. It is the oldest indoor track meet west of Nebraska and it offers the Vandals a prime opportunity.

"You bring in the top 100 people in the Northwest to compete against," Keller said. "It's a prestigious meet to be in and it offers us an excellent chance to benefit competitively."

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against Oregon," Davis said. "I thought their quality of play was good. Fontaine was just Fontaine — I think he's the best player in the PAC-10."

Fontaine, a senior, is averaging 21.7 points per game.

After watching recent film, Davis doesn't believe the Cougars have made many changes since their clash in December.

"They're still a very sound team," Davis said. "They guard well. I think they've been a victim of the PAC-10, probably being the best balanced its been in 10 or 15 years from top to bottom. They've been in a lot of close games and lost a tough one to Arizona, lost in a great game at Cal (California) and was in a position to win against Oregon. A few breaks and they have 14 or 15 wins."

On the other side of the border, Eastman sees a few changes in Idaho's play.

"They're not quite as fast down the court," Eastman said. "Some teams have tried to force them into a fast-break pace."

The same quick tempo Idaho used in its first game against the Cougars is a little slowed with the loss of guard Reggie Rose. However, WSU is taking its own licks after Tavares Mack was permanently suspended from the team on Saturday, prior to the loss in Eugene.

Besides Fontaine, WSU gets solid play out of 6-foot-7 Carlos Daniel whose 14.3

points per game is giving the Cougars some consistency inside.

"This is a very difficult team for us to matchup with," Davis said. "We'll catch them at the wrong time because they're coming off two losses and I know those guys will be ready to play."

The Vandals are confident that Jason Jackman, who had 16 points against WSU in December, will stay out of foul trouble and provide some scoring for Idaho down low. Other than Jackman, Davis is waiting to hear whether one of his star players is sick or not.

UI guard Kris Baumann played sparingly in Idaho's California road trip and Davis felt something may be wrong.

"He (Baumann) had great looks against Santa Barbara but couldn't knock them down," Davis said. "I didn't play him at all in the second half. He looked tired, he looked unhealthy to me. We're running some tests on him."

Regardless of who plays, to be successful Idaho must play with emotion and intensity — a bit higher than it was in their earlier contest with WSU.

"We've got to play with as much emotion as we've played with all year," Davis said. "We've got to have a lot of excitement and our quality of play has got to be very good. We've got to do very simple things like pass and catch and run our basic offense."

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GEM OF THE MOUNTAINS

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Due to her speed deficit, defense is one weakness Gussett is determined to improve. Because she has been playing out of her element, her guard defense is not in top shape — with a little help from her team members she hopes to raise it a level.

"I really have to rely on my teammates when I get beat and they have done a great job helping me," Gussett said.

It's difficult not to notice the 5-11 guard's court personality. Upbeat and full of energy, she is neither shy nor timid — always quick to fluster a competitor or stick up for a teammate. In her daily life though, she refrains from being quite so vocal.

"I feel really comfortable out on the floor with my teammates. Around my closer friends I'm outspoken like that but I'm pretty quiet in most situations. The basketball floor is my home," Gussett said.

There is no way to write a feature on Gussett without mentioning her style. If you've ever attended a Vandal game you would know why. Donning everything from tiny braids and crazy striped socks to shaved eyebrows, she always stands out. And although her eclectic additions (or removals) are for fun, they do sometimes serve practical purposes.

"It gives me a little individuality but I also think it takes people out of their game. When competitors walk out on the floor I get reactions and when they are reacting to me they are out of their game mentally. And I love it," Gussett said.

Stirring up the enthusiasm of the players and the spectators is all part of her game. The basketball court is Gussett's kitchen and everything she gives on the court is merely a thank-you to the sport she loves.

"Basketball has given me everything," Gussett said. "It has given me the opportunity to get an education which will eventually help me get a job. The lessons I have learned about hard work, desire and never giving up will prepare me for anything in life."

With a solid number of Big West wins in their pocket, Gussett believes her team is nearing the top of their game and she has but one focus and one goal.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we should win the Big West Tournament," Gussett said.

"That's not necessarily even a goal for me, it's a real thing that we can accomplish."

With all the spotlight on freshman Alli Nieman, Gussett's name may not always appear in the newspaper — though, her 32.9 minutes (second most), eight points and six rebounds per game average has her teammates and the UI faithful crediting her performances.

Likewise, Gussett's never say die attitude has already won the hearts of many fans, players and coaches.

"She's brought a lot of enthusiasm to the team and I enjoy coaching her," Holt said. "She's fun and she understands the game."

The self-confidence and hard work that Gussett displays is already making her one of the Vandals' most valuable players.

"I feel like if I'm in the game something good is going to happen," Gussett said.

And it probably will.



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four game losing streak. It wasn't a good game for the Vandals, who had six players score points for 39 percent from the floor.

Individually, the Vandals were led in scoring by Eddie Turner with 19 points.

Turner was the only Vandal to score in double-digits.

"When they are shooting 13 threes it is hard to do a whole lot of other stuff and we had other break downs — that was not our only break down but that definitely hurts us," Byrne said. "Coming up, I think our next game against Washington State will definitely be a gut check after getting beat pretty bad twice on the road and Washington State is a very good team that has always beat us. It will be a good chance for us to get them under our own roof, and see what we can do against them."

The loss to Cal-Poly is an obvious disappointment as the Vandals prepare for Washington State on Tuesday in the Kibbie Dome.

"Your not going to do real well when the other team hits 13 threes and the one kid Larson made seven all by himself — that really hurts us," Davis said. "We are just not playing with any spark. Offensively we are just struggling because we don't move, we don't screen and we really got bogged down with the loss of Jason Jackman to fouls."

Unable to pick up the split on the road, the Vandals have put themselves in a bad position before a tough three games at home. This week, Idaho will see Washington State on Tuesday, North Texas on Thursday and New Mexico State on Saturday.

"It would have been nice to come down and split on this trip but we weren't very competitive in either game," Davis said. "Now we go home and play Washington State who is really difficult for us to match-up with, North Texas is coming off a couple wins and are looking strong and then we take on probably the most talented team in our league in New Mexico State."

"Right now we are kind of mentally exhausted but we are just going to keep fighting and working and try to end this thing on as positive of a note that we can," Davis said.

Idaho at UC-Santa Barbara (Thursday)
The game that started Idaho's landslide was their first road game on Thursday against the UC-Santa Barbara Gauchos. The loss ended the three-game Idaho winning streak in the Big West.

Early on the Vandals led 12-4 but lost that lead to a 24-6 Gauchos run. The lead was tied three different times in the first half but Santa Barbara went into the locker room with a 34-23 edge.

Idaho hurt themselves even more falling behind 14 points at the beginning of the second half. The Vandals would come within five points of the Gauchos but would not overcome their opponent. Idaho shot only 31 percent from the floor and had a terrible time from three-point range. Derrick Elliott hit the only Idaho's only trey as the Vandals went 1 for 12 behind the arc.

"It was really poor performance on our part, and to top things off we have got an unbelievably tough week back in Moscow," Davis said. "I told the guys today, we are going to go back and concentrate on study hall and see if we can academically have a better performance than we did here on the road."

"It would have been nice to come down and split on this trip but we weren't very competitive in either game," Davis said. "Now we go home and play Washington State who is really difficult for us to match-up with, North Texas is coming off a couple wins and are looking strong and then we take on probably the most talented team in our league in New Mexico State."

"Right now we are kind of mentally exhausted but we are just going to keep fighting and working and try to end this thing on as positive of a note that we can," Davis said.

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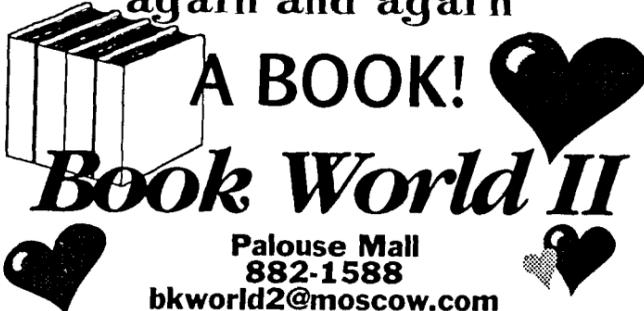
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CAL-POLY SLO (72)
Fleming 0-2 1-2 1, Wozniak 5-12 4-4 17, Levesque 5-13 2-2 12, Ohnstad 1-2 0-0 3, Larson 9-13 0-0 25, Cotright 4-9 2-2 12, Bryant 0-2 0-0 0, Bryden 0-0 0-0 0, Ketcham 0-4 2-3 2. Totals 24-57 11-13 72.
Halftime — Idaho 23, Cal-Poly 37. 3-Point goals — Idaho 3-7 (Elliott 2-3, Baumann 1-2, Wendt 0-2), Cal-Poly 13-25 (Larson 7-9, Wozniak 3-8, Cotright 2-2, Ohnstad 1-1, Bryden 0-1, Ketcham 0-4). Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Idaho 31 (Thompson, Byrne 6), Cal-Poly 31 (Cotright 7). Assists — Idaho 8 (Turner 4), Cal-Poly 12 (Ohnstad 7). Total fouls — Idaho 18, Cal-Poly 19. Technicals — none. Attendance — 2,897.

IDAHO (54)
Thompson 2-6 3-4 7, Byrne 2-3 1-2 5, Jackman 7-13 2-5 16, Baumann 0-10 4-8 4, Turner 6-14 3-4 15, Scott 0-0 1-2 1, Harris 1-7 0-0 2, Elliott 1-2 1-2 4, Wendt 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-56 15-27 54.
UC-SANTA BARBARA (69)
Tutt 8-17 7-7 24, Wallace 2-5 0-0 4, Buntun 3-8 3-4 9, Bean 1-3 0-0 2, Allen 2-5 2-2 6, Merrill 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 3-5 5-6 13, Chavez 0-1 0-0 0, Stock 2-3 2-2 6, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Dalton-Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Pinkney 2-6 1-2 5. Totals 23-56 18-21 69.
Halftime — Idaho 23, UCSB 34. 3-Point goals — Idaho 1-12 (Elliott 1-2, Thompson 0-1, Harris 0-1, Wendt 0-1, Baumann 0-7), UCSB 5-9 (Williams 2-2, Stock 2-2, Tutt 1-3, Allen 0-1, Johnson 0-1). Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Idaho 36 (Thompson 9), UCSB 44 (Wallace 11). Assists — Idaho 8 (Baumann, Turner 3), UCSB 18 (Chavez 4). Total fouls — Idaho 54, UCSB 69. Technicals — Elliott. Attendance — 2,007.

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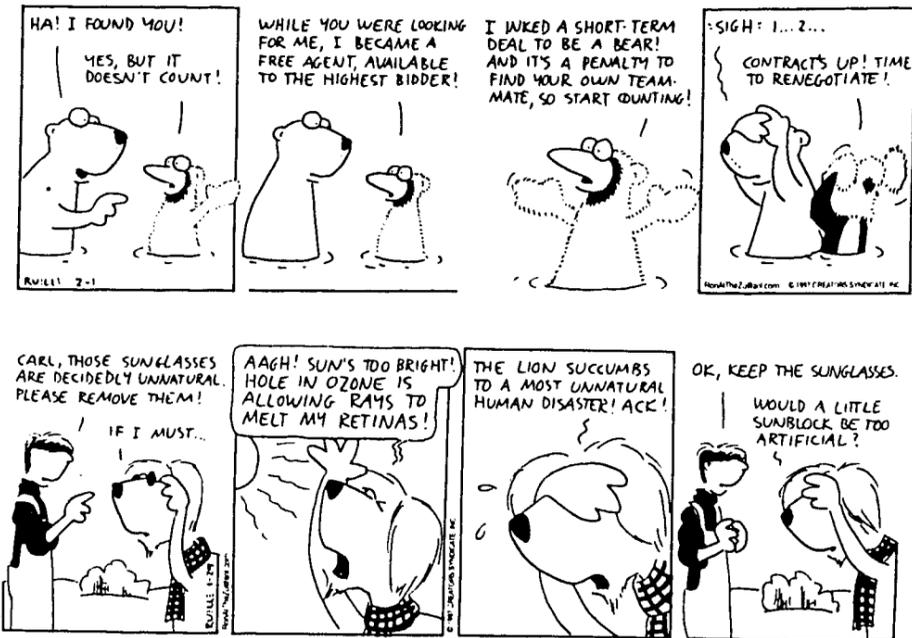
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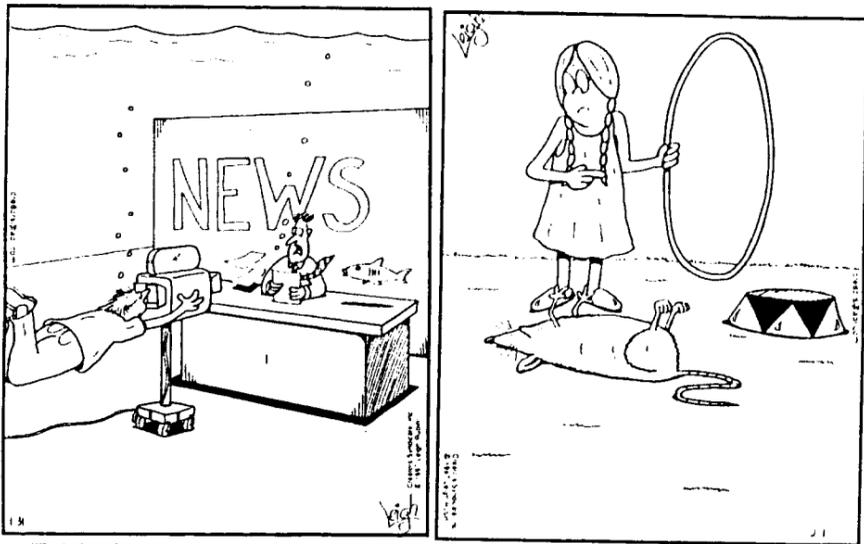
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