

Vandals give Jazz Festival center stage

Students volunteer in exchange for tickets; alumni return for the music

Andrea Lucero
Assistant News Editor

Once again the rhythm of the vibes has the Vandals dancing to a different tune. For one week, the "Fight Song" will be replaced by "Route 66" as University of Idaho students and alumni volunteer and travel long hours to be part of the 1997 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival.

"I have a lot of fun meeting all of the people involved with the Jazz Festival and the competitive aspect of it is great," said Jennifer Hudson, a UI music student who has volunteered for the Festival for the past 10 years.

Each year, UI students are given the chance to volunteer throughout the Festival. Students sign up at the Lionel Hampton School of Music about a week prior to the Festival. Students are then assigned positions working on one of the Festival sites or driving musicians to various destinations.

"I've been a site manager for the last few years and I thought it would be interesting to try driving this year," said Todd Goranson, a member of the UI jazz band and a Festival volunteer.

"I will pick musicians up at the Spokane airport and later will transport them to the different sites and workshops. It's a great opportunity to talk one-on-one with some talented people."

Students who volunteer for at least eight hours during one or more of the four Festival days receive a free ticket to that night's concert. Also, student volunteers often have the opportunity to talk with performers backstage.

"Personally, I like volunteering because I get to talk to and play with some of the best jazz musicians in the world," said Goranson, who plays the tenor saxophone.

Hudson said, "The free tickets are nice, but working with the musicians is such a learning experience. They are all very friendly. They know we're students and are always willing to give us some of their time."

Students aren't the only Vandals who get involved in Festival activities. The Jazz Festival is an opportunity for alumni to experience a wide variety of jazz performances while they re-live old memories and create new ones.

"I graduated from the UI in 1969 and have been back for the entire week of the Jazz Festival every year since then," said Marla Mayer of Nampa. "UI should really be proud, they help put on a wonderful show."

Marilyn Toevs, a 1945 graduate who travels from Florida for the concert each year said, "The Festival is



Jazz Fest King Lionel Hampton during the festival of '95... photo by Paul Meehan

definitely worth the \$500 plane ticket. I always meet three of my old college roommates, enjoy all of the music I can and see how the school has changed."

Robert McCurdy, jazz band director said, "I think a lot of the alumni interest comes from the variety of performers, the feel of the old-time jam sessions, and that artists who don't usually play together do play together for the Festival."

Tonight's Pepsi International World Jazz Concert will feature Lionel Hampton, Herb Ellis, Claudio Roditi and Kitty Margolis among others. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome.

Other concerts include: The Northwest Airlines Special guest concert Thursday at 7 p.m.; the Vocal Winners Concert at 4:45 p.m. and the All-Star Concert at 8 p.m. on Friday; and the Washington Water Power Instrumental Winners Concert at 4:45 p.m. and the GTE Giants of Jazz Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Students seek Board of Education post

Bill in state Senate Ed Committee tomorrow

Michelle Kalbeitzer
Staff

Idaho's student representatives are hoping to secure a seat for a student on the state Board of Education.

Moscow's Sen. Gary Schroeder, Senate Education Committee chair, is including the bill on tomorrow's committee agenda.

"This is a full hearing and whoever wants to can testify," said Ben Rush, University of Idaho student lobbyist.

Schroeder said, "I'm going to vote for it in committee and on the floor of the Senate." He added, "Maybe a student will have more energy than some of the others, and things will improve."

A bill has several hurdles to jump before it can be implemented. Rush said, "Every bill starts out as a Routing Slip. These RS's come before a committee, and if the committee thinks it deserves

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photo by Jerry Prout

Al Grey was slated to appear tomorrow night but cancelled after being hospitalized for foot injuries. He expressed great disappointment for missing this year's festival.

GPA rule change to begin fall '98

Michelle Kalbeitzer
Staff

The Faculty Council last week faced setting an effective date for the recently amended grade-replacement regulation.

The new rules state that a student will be able to repeat a class to replace a grade of D or F once without penalty. Repeats after that will be calculated into the student's grade point average.

An additional change states, "the number of credits that may be repeated to replace a grade is limited to 20 credits during a stu-

dent's undergraduate career at UI."

The motion put forth by council members Don Crowley and Tom Miller targeted fall '97 as the starting date for the "one free shot" at failing a class.

However, this motion was defeated by members who were concerned that implementing the changes this fall would cause confusion among uninformed faculty and students, especially since the '97-'98 University of Idaho Catalog was sent to the printer before the proper revisions could be made.

The option for setting the starting date for fall '97 still could have been a reality, because the catalog's information is subject

to change and therefore is not binding.

Some of the council members believed the discrepancies between the catalog and the actual UI regulation would be misleading to new and returning students.

"The catalog is a moral contract," said council member Teresa Gordon. "It would erode the trust from the students and the institution."

Another council member, Dennis Geist, motioned for fall '98 to begin enforcing the amended replacing-a-grade regulation. His motion was supported by the majority and consequently passed.

As a result, every student begins in the fall

of '98 with a clean record. "Every course is as if it was the first time in fall '98," said Associate Provost Dene Thomas.

For example, if a student had repeatedly failed a course before fall '98, they would still have one more chance to receive a D or F in a course without it counting into the GPA.

Council member Jon Reich cleared up any confusion about the changes when he said, "Clean slate in '98."

Even though an effective date has been set, the amended regulations still need approval from UI President Bob Hoover and the Idaho Board of Education.

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more attention, they will vote to print the RS. When this happens, a RS becomes a bill."

The issue of a student position on the state Board of Education has been through this process and is now waiting for committee action.

If the bill passes the Senate Education Committee, it must move through both the Senate and House of Representatives before the governor can sign it.

Upon his approval of the bill, a delegation of student body presidents will present three to five candidates to the governor for his appointment to the position.

The bill states the appointed member should be a "student at an accredited institution of higher

education in Idaho and shall be appointed to a two-year term."

A similar bill went through both the Senate and the House in 1992. However, Gov. Andrus vetoed it. The '92 bill excluded the student from voting, whereas the current bill gives the student power to vote on the state Board of Education.

"Any time you have a student representing other students, that's a good thing," ASUI President Jim Dalton said.

Rush agreed, "I think it is an outstanding idea." He urges students to use the Internet to keep track of the issues happening in Boise.

Students can visit <http://www.state.id.us> for further information.

Announcements

Today:

Med school, anyone?

Pre-med adviser Dr. Ingermann and a WAMI student will be discussing med school at 5:30 p.m. in Life Science 163. Food will be provided by the MMBB club.

Get an internship

"How to find the internship you want," a one-hour workshop designed to provide students with the basic tools to make an independent search, will be held today at 3:30 p.m. in Education 103. Call Diane Holick at 885-5822 for more information.

Tomorrow:

Polish your resume

"Marketing yourself with a resume and cover letter," will be held at 11:30 a.m. in Brink Hall. Call Career Services at 885-6121 for more information or to preregister for this free workshop.

Find a job

"Job search strategies for liberal arts majors" will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Brink Hall. Call 885-6121 to preregister for this free workshop.

Upcoming:

Learn about minority justice

The UI Law College will be holding a conference on race, gender and justice March 1 at 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Law School Courtroom. Nine speakers are scheduled. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be provided.

Central American meeting

The Coalition for Central America will meet in the Campus Christian Center at 7 p.m. on Feb. 23. Questions? Call Jim Robinson at 883-7803.

Work in the woods

The 1997 Natural Resources Career Fair will be held Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Forestry Building. About 15 employers are scheduled to attend and some will conduct interviews for summer positions.

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

or 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.

Volleyball, anyone?

Washington State University men's volleyball will present a doubles tournament sponsored by Godfather's Pizza and Z-Fun 106.1 on March 1 (men's, women's) and March 2 (co-ed). Starting time is 9 a.m. at the Physical Education Building Room 144. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday morning and the entry fee is \$15 per team. For more information contact Mark at 334-3759.

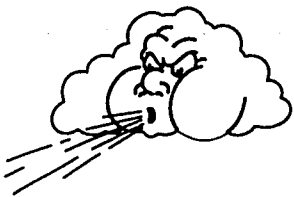
Need a massage?

Moscow School of Massage is hosting an open house Saturday 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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Lionel Hampton

- a brief history

Robert Hall
Staff

One of the greatest musicians this world has to offer is in Moscow this week.

The event is, of course, the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and that great talent is, of course, 88-year-old Lionel Hampton.

Along with him are some of the greatest talents of the jazz community, as well as students from all over the country.

Despite the fire last month that engulfed his apartment and destroyed most of his possessions (manuscripts, recordings, photographs, his piano and vibes), this exuberant man said, "I'm the luckiest man I know. I love my life. Music, travel, friends, fans and the wonderful fulfillment of helping young music students further their talents brings me great joy. Tell me, what more could I ever ask?"

He is an acclaimed genius of jazz and the undisputed King of the Vibraphone.

Hampton was born in Birmingham, Ala., but moved with his family to Kenosha, Wis., where he spent most of his formative years.

His first musical experiences were guided by the very strict Dominican Sisters at the Holy Rosary Academy. His idol was the great drummer Jimmy Bertrand, and so drums became Hampton's first instrument.

Louis Armstrong also had a major influence on young Hampton. They met in 1930 when Armstrong hired Hampton to play in a back-up band during a Los Angeles nightclub gig. Armstrong was so impressed that he hired Hampton for his rhythm section for a recording session.

During the recording session, Armstrong suggested that Hampton try the vibraphones in the back of the studio. He did, and the rest is history. Their first hit was called "Memories of You," written by Eubie Blake. It is still considered a classic.

In 1936, Benny Goodman was so impressed that he hired Hampton on the spot at the Paradise Club in Los Angeles.

Goodman had a trio that quickly had become a quartet.

"Next thing you know," recalls Hampton, "I was on stage jamming with these great musicians. That's one session I'll never forget."

The Goodman quartet made immediate history, not only because of the incredible music, but because they were the first racially mixed group of jazz musicians ever. This group held great social significance as they ushered in the era of swing with such hits as "Moonglow," "Dinah" and "Vibraphone Blues."

Hampton was at the top of the charts in 1942 with "Sunny Side of the Street," "Central Avenue Breakdown," "Flying Home" and "Hamp's Boogie Woogie."

Quincy Jones, Dinah Washington, Joe Williams, Betty Carter and the now legendary Aretha Franklin are only a few of the musicians who have benefited from Hampton.

In 1943, his band included the immortal Nat "King" Cole on the jazz piano. In the same year made a recording with another American legend, Bing Crosby.

Hampton has received numerous awards over the years.

Among them are the title "Official American Goodwill Ambassador," given to him by Presidents Eisenhower and Nixon, the Papal Medal from Pope Paul II, 17 honorary doctorates, and the Gold Medal of Paris, France's highest cultural award.

In 1992 he received the highly coveted Kennedy Center Honors Award. This January he was honored with the National Medal of the Arts presented by President Clinton at the White House.

The School of Music here at the University of Idaho was named after Hampton in 1987. The Festival is celebrating its 13th year as the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, but has been here for 30 years.

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—Lionel Hampton



About 13,000 students gather to compete and learn from some of the greatest jazz musicians the world has to offer.

Carol Padgham Albrecht, assistant professor in the music school, said the Festival is valuable in educating musicians.

"While allowing young people to develop as artists, the Festival also provides a place where this art can be passed on. While a lot of jazz is written down, much of the art is passed on orally. A lot of what jazz is, is not on paper. It is a passed-on art form," she said.

"The clinics that are given to the students are artistically stimulating clinics. They allow the students to be around these musicians, to listen to them, to play with them, to learn the art improvisation," Albrecht said. She added that the Festival "helps to dispel the myth that Idaho is backwards artistically."

Every year, young musicians compete for various prizes including scholarships, instruments and the opportunity to appear with Hampton and his band on stage.

Carolea Webb, the program adviser for the Festival, is also excited this year.

"Lionel is in town. He drove from Spokane after his flight and discussed the Festival with [Festival Director] Dr. Skinner for three hours ... that gives you an idea of the kind of stamina this man has," Webb said.

"He is a very religious man. He thanks the Lord for all he has and considers himself lucky to be well after the fire that destroyed his belongings. For a man who is in his 80s, he definitely is doing very well and is an inspiration to all of us. We are all very proud to have him here," she said.

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UI date rape survey to target education

Margaret Donaldson
Staff

The campus acquaintance rape survey sponsored by the Women's Center and the Health and Safety Department will be conducted next month, said Alison Noice, who is working on the project as a directed study.

To complete the study, Noice said organizers needed about \$2,800.

The ASUI Senate approved appropriating \$1,000 for the project last week. Dean of Students Bruce

Pitman agreed to match that amount.

Survey planners also have \$200 available from an Idaho Health and Welfare grant, leaving Noice \$600 short. Noice said she's not worried about finding the remaining funds.

The survey will be distributed to a random sample of classes, pending teacher approval.

Organizers will survey a sample of 1,000 students, which Noice predicts will leave them with at least 700 usable surveys.

The survey they will use is has

already been written. Washington State University conducted a date rape survey on their campus a couple of years ago and they are letting Noice use the same survey here.

There are two versions of the survey, one for men and one for women.

Speculation about the purpose of the survey has caused people to question if it is needed or if it will give the campus a bad image by pointing out date rape cases.

"To be concerned about the campus' image when you're talking

about something as serious as rape...

It's just writing off the problem," said senior Sara Focht, who said the survey is a good idea.

Kelley Stewart, senior, said, "I'd like to know how the survey turns out, but I think there are ways they could spend the money on more preventative measures. Education is important, but I don't know if you need a survey to do that."

Noice said the survey will help them find out who they need to target with education on date rape. WSU found a large number of ethnic students on their campus do not report date rape cases.

"With date rape, a lot of it's misconception," Noice said. "We can clear up the gray area by teaching men how not to be accused and teaching women how to speak up."

Mike Wood, senior, said, "It could be a good study, but I think it should be done by someone other than the Women's Center because they have a predetermined bias."

Noice is working on the survey as a directed study through the Health and Safety Center, so they have additional backing from sources other than the Women's Center.

"I don't want people to get the wrong idea about what we're doing," she said. "There are no hidden agendas here. We are not trying to point out what's wrong with men in our society."

The university offers an acquaintance rape class, which includes having the students present information to living groups on acquaintance rape. Noice said the survey will give them a stronger base to start from for expanding the education already available.

"This is the foundation right here," she said. "We can use this to the university's benefit for years to come."

What's the magic word?



UI student, Levi Kettle, waits while Jon Olson registers Kettle's Novell account. Novell accounts are now required for lab computer use. Peter McKinney

UI considers cutting 57 more jobs

Associated Press

MOSCOW — After eliminating 57 positions last year, the University of Idaho is holding 57 more vacant for maneuvering room as Gov. Phil Batt's 2.5 percent holdback becomes permanent.

"We are not saying we would automatically eliminate all of those, but at least it gives us some options to consider," said Jerry Wallace, vice president for finance and administration.

Legislative and administration budget analysts have previously said the university was absorbing much of the holdback's impact through an accounting maneuver that move a substantial amount of money into this budget year from the

1997-1998 year.

That one-time maneuver cannot be used again to cope with any future financial problems. The state used a similar tactic several years ago to get through a relatively minor budget crisis.

A summary of UI's vacant positions was requested by Sen. Dean Cameron, vice chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. The Rupert Republican asked what the university was doing with state money not being used for salaries.

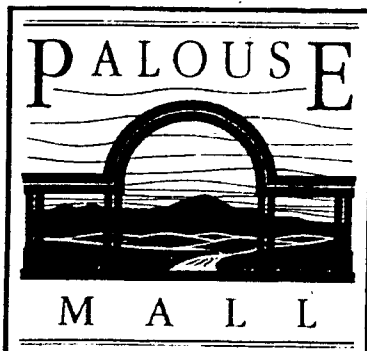
In a response to the Idaho Board of Education, UI President Robert Hoover said uncertainty over the holdback and internal restructuring made it necessary to hold the additional positions open.

Of those 57 at issue, 16 do not involved general tax money or student fees, which the Legislature appropriates and which are at the center of the state's money concerns. The other 41 — 33 in teaching areas — are financed out of that cash. The school is actively looking to fill just 13 of them.

According to Hoover's memo, typically 70 to 80 percent of the salary money saved because of vacancies is given back to the academic departments to fill vacancies with short term replacements. Up to 15 percent is set aside to advertise vacancies, conduct searches and pay moving costs.

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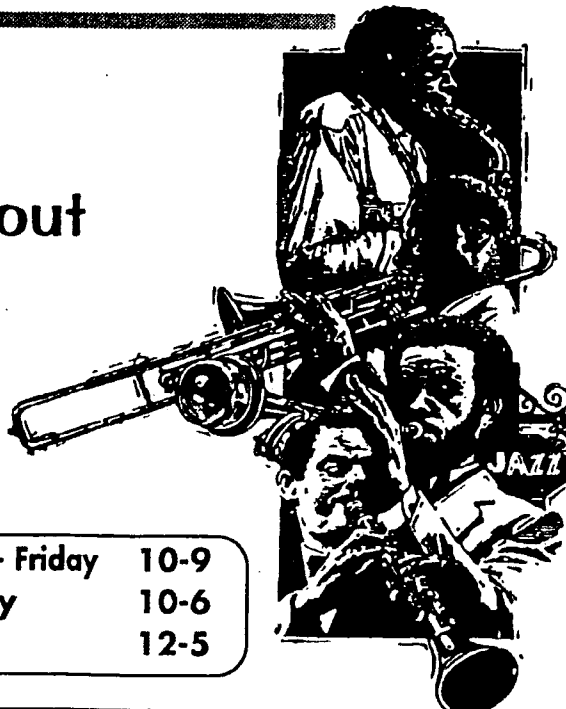
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Do the seasons have you SAD?

Health Center offers photo-therapy

Erin Schultz
Staff

Like food and air, light is an important ingredient to our survival. But for some people, the light generated in winter months isn't enough to keep them going.

Seasonal Affective Disorder, commonly referred to as SAD, occurs during winter or fall months in people whose health is affected by the shorter days and lack of sunlight. The problem tends to be associated with the Northwest, and especially Alaska, where seasons can be more drastic.

People with this disorder suffer from more than just cabin fever or the winter blues. Certain chemicals in the brain called melatonin and serotonin are actually involved, meaning that specific treatment becomes necessary.

Why do some people suffer from this while others don't?

"It is related to the brain — all humans are built differently," said Dr. Donald Chin, director of Student Health Services.

Dr. Charles Morrison, licensed psychologist for the Counseling Center, said he sees at least 20 to 30 students a year who are significantly affected by the winter months.

"There are several things I hear from them which make me think of [SAD]," Morrison said. "There's the seasonality of it. It seems to be synchronized with seasons — other types of depression come and go. There is a real decrease in energy. People get lethargic and want to sleep more. A lot of people's eating habits change. They tend to crave more carbohydrates."

To help those who battle SAD each winter, several manufacturers sell specialized lights. The lights are different than an everyday

household lights because they simulate the sun's ultraviolet rays.

"When students fit the criteria for having SAD, the first thing I suggest is that they try the lights, called photo therapy. For some people, all they need is light," Morrison said.

These specialized lights are set up in Student Health Services, and students come in every morning to use them for 20 minute sessions. Since the light must hit the retina of

the eye, patients sit in front of the lamp and are able to read or study to pass the time.

If the photo therapy works, people will notice a difference within three to five days. Energy levels increase, there is less need to sleep all the time, and carbohydrate cravings go down. If the problem is less clear cut, or more severe, patients may need medication in conjunction with the lights.

Since SAD is related to the seasons and

brain responses, people with general fatigue or stress probably won't be helped by the lights, Morrison said. But there is some study into using the lights for jet lag, because they can help get people's circadian rhythms functioning normally again.

Morrison recommends a book called Winter Blues, by Norman Rosenthal, M.D., for those interested in further reading on SAD.



Margaret Fosberg, R.N., beats the blues with ultraviolet photo therapy lights.

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Bonn timers Ferry looks at school uniforms

BONNERS FERRY - Boundary County Junior High School teachers Earl Nye and Jan Studer hope theirs will become the first public school in Idaho to require school uniforms.

They see uniform dress as a way to foster school pride despite a dramatically inadequate campus at the school. They want to reduce peer pressure and let children know school is a place to get down to business - not make a fashion statement.

"A lot of people from the president on down think it's a good idea," Nye said.

Those people do not include some local students.

"It would take away my personal rights. Our clothes are how we express ourselves," seventh-grader Jason Wasinger said.

"It will take our personality away," classmate Sarah Niewierowski said.

School officials are surveying residents to get their opinions. If most people like the idea, Principal Terry Sherven will recommend uniforms to the school board this spring.

Sherven got a telephone call from a mother whose son would never admit to his friends that he liked the idea of uniforms. But the boy wanted the principal to know he would be relieved not to have to feel pressure over the way he dresses.

Based on clothing company estimates, the principal said two winter and two summer uniforms would cost about \$100. A logo jacket would be \$25 to \$45, depending on the weight.

Sherven said supportive parents are talking about a uniform exchange, and help for people who could not afford the initial investment.

Justice opposes opening juvenile felony records

BOISE - New Idaho Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout said she opposes opening juvenile records for felony arrests, contending it would not deter crime.

In fact, Trout said publicizing felony arrests for juveniles 14-year-olds and older would make them targets for ridicule.

"I haven't seen any statistics that show opening records for juvenile cases reduces the amount of crime," she said Friday.

While she acknowledged juvenile crime has increased sharply, Trout said the open records would mark the youths as criminals and hinder their chances of rehabilitation.

"There's just no anonymity in a small town because of the small numbers," she said. "I think it would have a much more devastating impact on a juvenile in that situation than it would in Boise or Ada County."

Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bower supports legislation to open records now being considered in the Idaho Senate. The bill would not open records for misdemeanor cases, but it would make available arrest records for all youths 14 and older on charges that would be felonies for adults.

Bower said youths committing serious crimes should be held accountable and the public should be allowed to see how the system deals with youth offenders. "If it's a small town, they know about it anyway," Bower said.

Budget writers tackle education funding

BOISE - The moment of truth has come for the 1997 Idaho Legislature.

The Legislature's budget committee is taking up public school funding, always the biggest and toughest spending plan to get approved.

It won't be easy this year because Gov. Phil Batt prescribed what he called a "bare bones" budget and lawmakers have shown little inclination to add to it. In fact, they might approve even less money than Batt proposed.

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee was scheduled to get into the public school budget this week and follow with debate on the budget for higher education. Between them, the two budgets get more than 60 percent of the \$1.4 billion general fund state budget.

Batt's school aid proposal was just \$15.5 million more than this

year's original general tax support package, and \$19 million less than the Board of Education requested.

At the end of last week, the GOP majority was talking about whether there would be enough money even to fund that request. Already, the Republicans have voted to cut out about \$8 million earmarked for a 2 percent state employee raise.

Kootenai County confirms 12 pertussis cases

COEUR D'ALENE - The Panhandle Health District has reported 12 confirmed cases of pertussis in Kootenai County in the last few months.

Seven of the cases were confirmed in the last two

weeks. The Panhandle Health District is searching for a connection between those diagnosed with the illness.

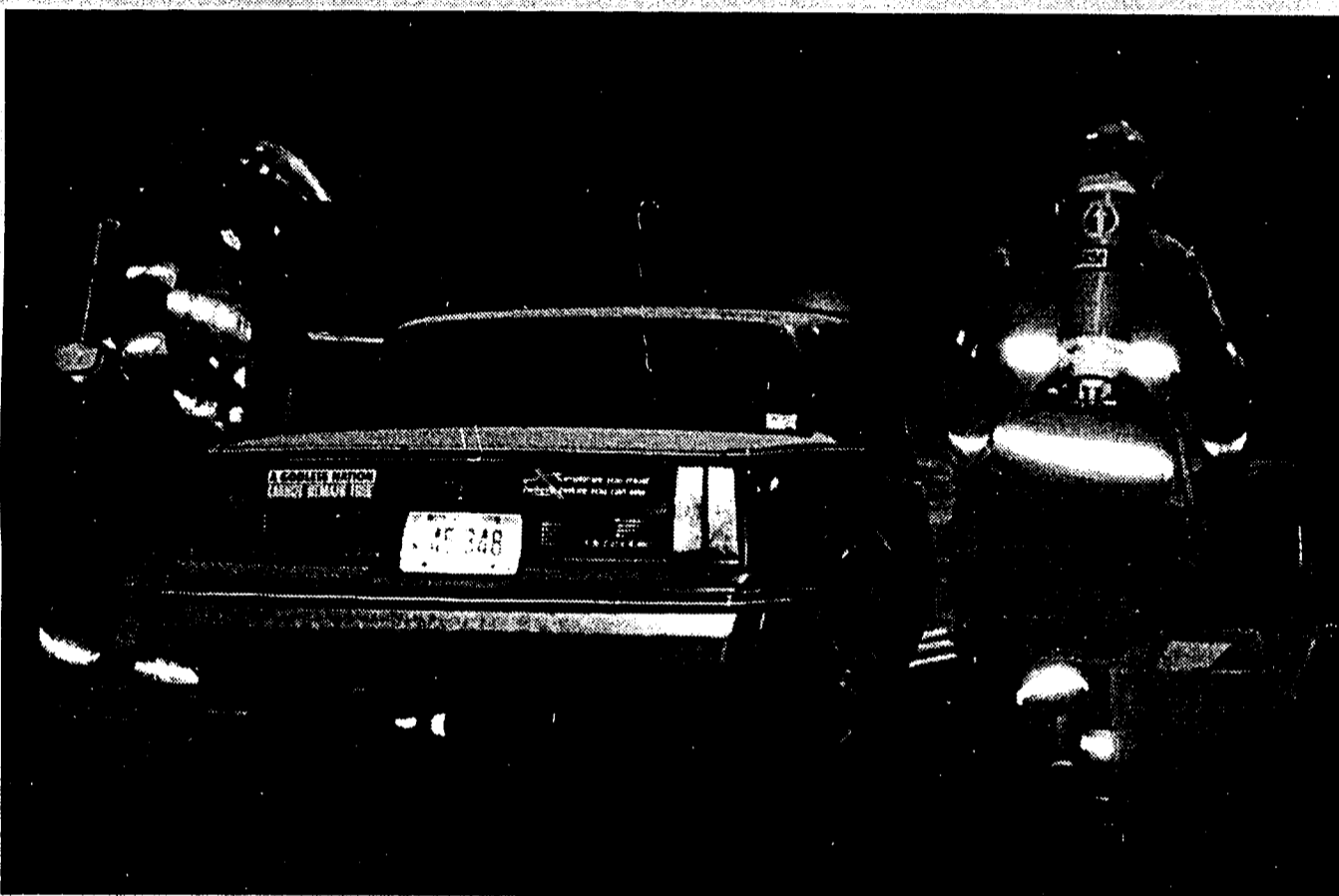
Marie Rau, public health nursing supervisor, said pertussis, commonly called whooping cough, is highly contagious and can be fatal for non-immunized children.

In 1993, there were less than 10 cases reported in the Panhandle Health District. In 1994, this number jumped to more than 120. It dropped to about 70 in 1995, and then increased to about 100 in 1996.

Rau said possible reasons for the increased numbers could be inadequate immunization rates. The immunization is not effective in people over 7 years old, and has a 10 to 20 percent chance of being ineffective on those who receive it.



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Official: Russia keeps execution moratorium



MOSCOW, Russia — Russia has not executed any death row prisoners during the past six months, keeping its promise of a moratorium on capital punishment, the head of the president's clemency commission said Monday.

Russia executed 62 people last year — after it signed a pledge in January 1996 with Europe's leading human rights organization, the Council of Europe.

However, Anatoly Pristavkin was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying that Russia stopped putting people to death in August.

Pristavkin said about 200 death sentences have been commuted to life in prison in the past two years. But the conditions are so bad, he said, that some inmates have "asked to be executed instead of serving their sentence."

Pristavkin called for legislation to codify an end to the death penalty in Russia.

Mom sneaks into base to watch over daughter

JERUSALEM — An Israeli woman took motherly devotion to extremes when she sneaked into her daughter's army base to keep a watchful eye on her during basic training.

The woman, who was not identified, went unnoticed for four days. She finally was discovered crouching behind a tree at the training base in central Israel, photographing her daughter, the Maariv daily reported Monday.

The army responded by canceling, for now, parental visits to army bases during basic training.

Israelis are drafted at age 18. Women serve for 21 months, and men three years.

Iraq declares Internet evil



BAGHDAD, Iraq — Add this to America's arsenal.

An Iraqi government newspaper has declared the Internet "the end of civilizations, cultures, interests and ethics."

The computer network "is one of the American means to enter every house in the world," Al-Jumhuriya said in an editorial Monday. "They want to become the only source for controlling human beings in the new electronic village."

Iraqi newspapers often blame Washington for the country's suffering under a U.N. embargo, which was imposed in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait, prompting the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

There is no access to the Internet in Iraq.

Spanish policeman killed by bomb



MADRID, Spain — A Spanish policeman was killed by a bomb that exploded under his car in the Basque city of Bilbao Monday, with suspicion falling immediately on Basque separatists.

The bomb went off moments after national police officer Modesto Rico drove out of a garage on his way to work, police said.

Police said the attack bore a resemblance to others by ETA, a Basque separatist group believed responsible for five other killings this year and nearly 800 deaths since it took up arms to win Basque independence in 1968.

Bilbao, the Basque region's largest city, has been the site of frequent confrontations between police and ETA supporters.



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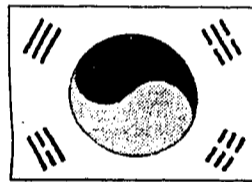
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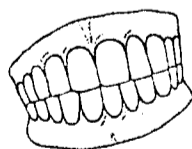
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OPINION

Opinion Special: Sen. Kempthorne

US Senator, UI alum speaks on endangered species, Idaho politics, education

Tim Lohrmann
Asst. Opinions Editor

Looking genuinely pleased to be back at his old alma mater, UI alum, former ASUI president and Republican Sen. Dirk Kempthorne visited the Argonaut offices Feb. 15.

In a wide-ranging conversation, Sen. Kempthorne stressed his belief in states' rights — a decentralized, more local decision-making process and a desire to reform the Endangered Species Act. Other topics included transportation and infrastructure reconstruction, education policy, Idaho politics and even a run for president in the year 2000. (No, Sen. Kempthorne didn't announce or even express interest, much to the interviewer's chagrin.)

Arg: To get started, are there some particular areas you'd like to touch on or think our readers need to be aware of?

DK: I'm introducing legislation that would deal with the Endangered Species Act. It will do a variety of things, but primarily will put the emphasis on recovery.

Currently, of the endangered species that have been listed across the country, half of those do not have a recovery plan that has ever been written. That is wrong. Recovery is forever, so this legislation will put the emphasis on a recovery plan, so that if a species is listed on it then immediately triggers that a recovery plan must be written and with measurable milestones so that you know if you're achieving it.

It is pro species, but it's also pro jobs. It will have incentive so that landowners that may have an endangered species on their land will find that it is advantageous to become part of the process. If, for example, they offer a conservation easement they may receive a deferral on their inheritance tax so they can pass the property on to their children without the taxes that are so onerous.

Another key provision is states' rights, so that the people who live around the area that may have the habitat will have key consideration as to what the solution will be.

Arg: I've editorialized that one of the prime endangered species in Idaho is the Democrat. Any comments?

DK: (Grins, but doesn't take the bait.)

Arg: Touchy subject?

DK: Touchy, yeah.

Arg: Any other personal goals and focuses for this session that need to be covered?

DK: Yes, ISTEA — that stands for Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act — the Federal Highway Bill. This is all highways such as US 95; it's the bridges, it's the infrastructure of America. It has to be re-authorized now. It is the hottest ticket in town.

For example, in the House of Representatives, the largest committee ever was 66 members. The committee dealing with this exceeds 70. They all want to be part of this. In the Senate, I'm on the subcommittee.

At a hearing last week John Warner (R.-Va.), the chairman, created a great stir when he announced that he is going to have one hearing outside of Washington, D.C. Because of the work I've done with him, he announced there would be a Western meeting and it will be in Idaho. He asked me where

I'd like to have it. I said I'd like to have it in North Idaho, so we'll have it in Coeur d'Alene. Of course, there were about nine senators who quickly wanted to have one in Missouri, and New York, and Alabama, et c.

Arg: Of course. One thing I was curious about is that with all that has been made of Speaker Gingrich's troubles, do you feel that as a Republican senator there's more pressure on you to provide leadership for the GOP agenda? Because of these problems on the House side?

DK: Well, I tell you, I think it goes with the job, regardless. If people have put their trust in you, then you need to do your job. That is true as a U.S. senator and true as a former ASUI president.

Arg: With the economic changes your country is undergoing, we're seeing renewed emphasis on education. As a Republican, what do you see as the proper role of government in facilitating access to education and re-training?

DK: I'm a real advocate of states' rights, and I believe that so many of the decisions should be made within the state rather than by bureaucrats who are 2,000 miles from here.

We just had a meeting, though, between the president and vice president and the leadership of both House and Senate on Capitol Hill, and one of the things that they agreed on is that there will be strong emphasis on education — bipartisan agreement.

I've always been a strong advocate for education, and last year the GOP in fact increased education in a number of areas — Pell grants, student loans, et cetera.

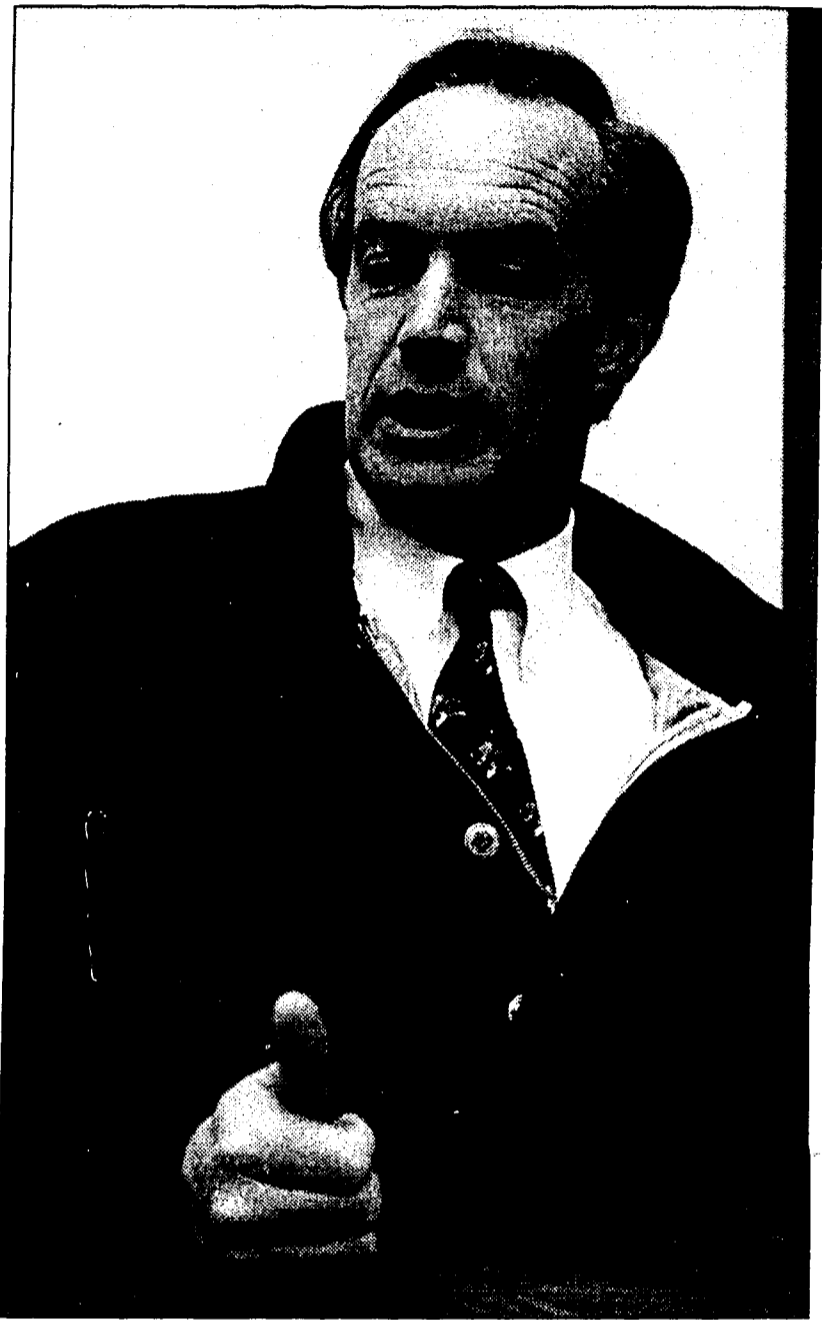
Arg: It's a matter of getting credit in the press.

DK: Exactly.

Arg: In the area of political involvement and getting one's views across, when you look at communication from a group of constituents or an individual constituent, what do you see as the most genuine?

DK: What I see as most important in this area is No. 1, staying in touch. That's why for the next eight or nine days I'll be visiting constituents. I just came back from St. Maries — we visited the dikes because of the flooding situation there. We're now in Moscow, of course, and we'll head to South Idaho tomorrow. It's so they know that they have somebody who cares. If they have a problem with the federal government they know that there is an office that is going to be their champion in dealing with the bureaucracy and that we'll do all we possibly can. We do case work for citizens, and I think that's how they know you care.

Arg: I'm sure you as a Republican don't want to be too overconfident, but do you see the trend continuing of Idaho become more and more of a one-party, GOP stronghold? I



Bruce Twitchell

Idaho Sen. Dirk Kempthorne

know you'll be testing the political waters before too long again. How do you see this?

DK: Well, I tell you, I think that it just demonstrates that the Republicans are carrying forward the message of a majority of the people. That is that we understand there's a role for government, but government shouldn't do everything for everybody. We also believe in individual responsibility and initiative, and we'd like to keep more dollars in our own pockets instead of sending it to the federal government. But the moment we take it for granted, the moment the majority

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Council acted for the good of the system

The University of Idaho Interfraternity Council deserves a collective pat on the back — and a warning.

Having voted unanimously on Feb. 11 to accept an alcohol policy more restrictive than mandated by state law, the council now has the onerous and unenviable chore of making sure the new rules are followed.

This is not meant to disparage Greeks or the Greek System, as it is a basic element of human — not exclusively Greek — nature to break rules which seem overly restrictive or to rationalize that one is an exception to such rules.

Those critical of the council's decision would do well to realize this alcohol policy — which restricts consumption of alcoholic beverages to those of and over the legal age and then only in private rooms — demonstrates the Greek System's affirmation that Greeks are not above the law.

UI and the Panhellenic system have walked a fine line concerning alcohol policies since 1993

when an intoxicated underage sorority pledge became paralyzed after a fall from a third-story balcony at a UI sorority. While the university itself escaped litigation, the Greek System came under intense fire from local and national authorities, all calling for a redress of complaints and compliance with state law.

The council's new policy adequately answers the problem of underage drinking while preserving civil liberties of those of age.

Now the rules must be followed lest other instances of underage drinking once again bring the university under the boom of potentially expensive and damaging legal actions.

While it is state law that no one under 21 years of age may consume alcohol, the university and all organizations with ties thereto must adopt a no tolerance policy toward underage drinking and abandon the wink-winks and blinders of the past. Those hired by the university for purposes of law enforcement are doubly charged to make sure they do not make light of

the law when speaking to student groups.

Underage students should realize that while the drinking of alcohol is a stereotypical rite of passage of any college-bound individual, those who drink in Idaho while underage are breaking the law and will be punished when caught. Those who provide alcohol to those not of age are also breaking the law, and will be punished when caught.

Where negligence or blatant disrespect for the law can be proved, the result can be and often is heavy financial penalty and the withdrawal of privileges. Fraternity and sorority members — and indeed any UI student — who respects his or her house or the university they attend should be well aware that their actions can reflect upon the reputation of the institutions they hold dear, for both good and bad. The UI Interfraternity Council has acted for the good of the fraternity system.

—Brian Davidson

OPINION

You walk? Get outta town!

It can't be the fault of the Cold War that Americans have forgotten they have legs.

No, it's too clear a picture. Sen. Joe McCarthy certainly would have

Pas d'andouilles ici



Brian Davidson

jumped on the dreaded Leg Use Gap: "Commisses have legs just like everybody else," he'd say, "and they're sure as hell not afraid to use them against us."

So why are we afraid? I say, we got 'em, we use 'em first.

For walking.

Remember walking? It's what we did when we were little babies to get our parents all excited. We'd stand up on our little pigeon-toed feet and waddle off in a random direction until we tripped over a footprint in the carpet just to hear our parents squeal, "Oh look! Little Jeffrey's taking his first steps!" Right to the cat litter box, of

course.

Me, I walk a lot. Oh, I have a car: a nice Oldsmobile with a swell tape deck and these nifty little drawers you can stick spare tapes in so they don't get mucked up. That car's gotten me back and forth from Idiot Flats via Montana several times. It's been to Pullman, Walla Walla, and Portland. And Troy, though I forget exactly why I went there.

And when I'm at school it sits parked on the side of the road like a good little car. I use it once a week, and that's mainly to make sure the thing still works and that nobody's stuck Oreos to the windshield.

The rest of the time, I walk.

We Americans, when we're not busy hating them, marvel at the French. How is it, we wonder, in a nation that consumes more wine, smokes more cigarettes and eats more fatty foods than modern American teenagers consume baggy trousers and that plastic food they serve at Taco Bell can the French maintain better overall health? We saved their butts in World War II and we're the ones

dying of cholesterol buildup and heart attacks. That's gratitude for you.

Secret is, the French walk a lot. They see nothing wrong with walking kilometers out of their way for a loaf of bread because, well, they really need that bread. (Anyone who has visited France will understand.) A lot of them walk to school, to work, to the store, to and from gall bladder surgery and spend three or more consecutive days walking through the Louvre in Paris to look at really old furniture and pictures of naked ladies eating fruit.

Now I suppose if there were more naked ladies eating fruit on permanent display in America, we'd do more walking than we do, but that's doubtful. We're talking about a society here who practically have to drive to the bathroom. Ask an American to walk a mile and you'd better be Monty Hall ready to give them a dinette set and a check for \$487.23 when they're done.

Some of us, though, are obsessed with exercise. We pump iron. We run around wearing cute little jogging outfits. We play racquetball or ride bicy-

cles or join the ROTC and get paid a monthly stipend to run until we vomit while supervised by an Army officer with his decorations pinned directly to his bare chest.

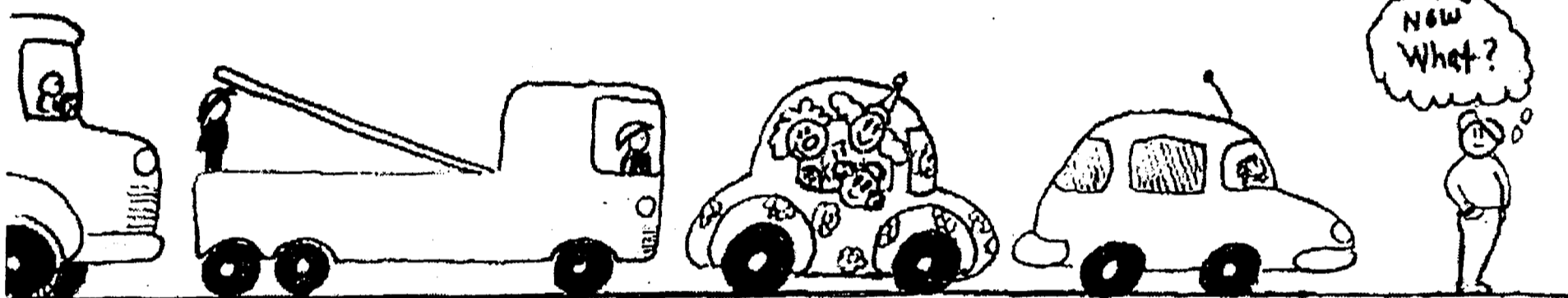
But you know what? We drove our cars to get to the place where our exercise takes place. We can bench press a thousand pounds but walking the three blocks to the weight room would absolutely kill us.

The idea of pleasure through exercise via the purchase or rental and use of expensive clothing and equipment — including the ugly little vehicles to which we give endearing names, like "Betsy" — is right out of Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, where the purpose of recreation was to keep industry occupied making recreational gadgets, nothing more.

Americans consistently use their butts more than their brawn. What good does exercise do us if we have to drive the three blocks to the store, the seven blocks to school or the mile jaunt to Wal-Mart?

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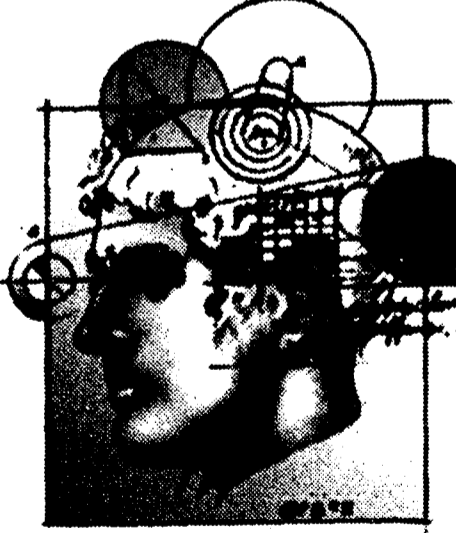
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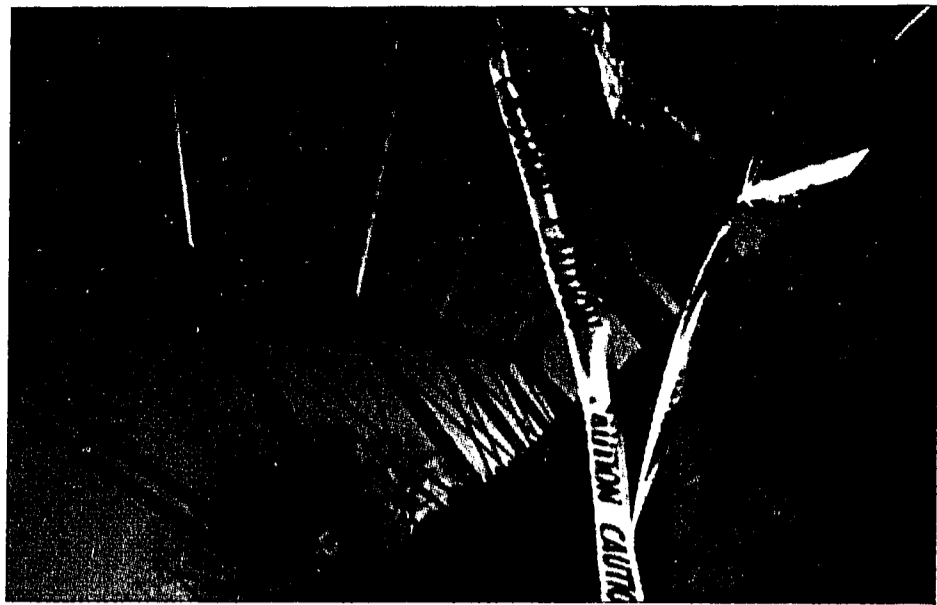
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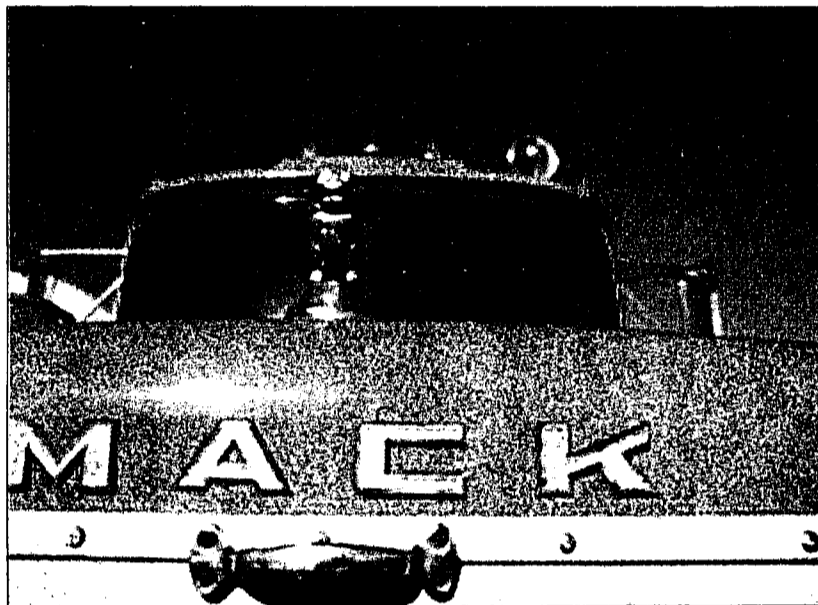
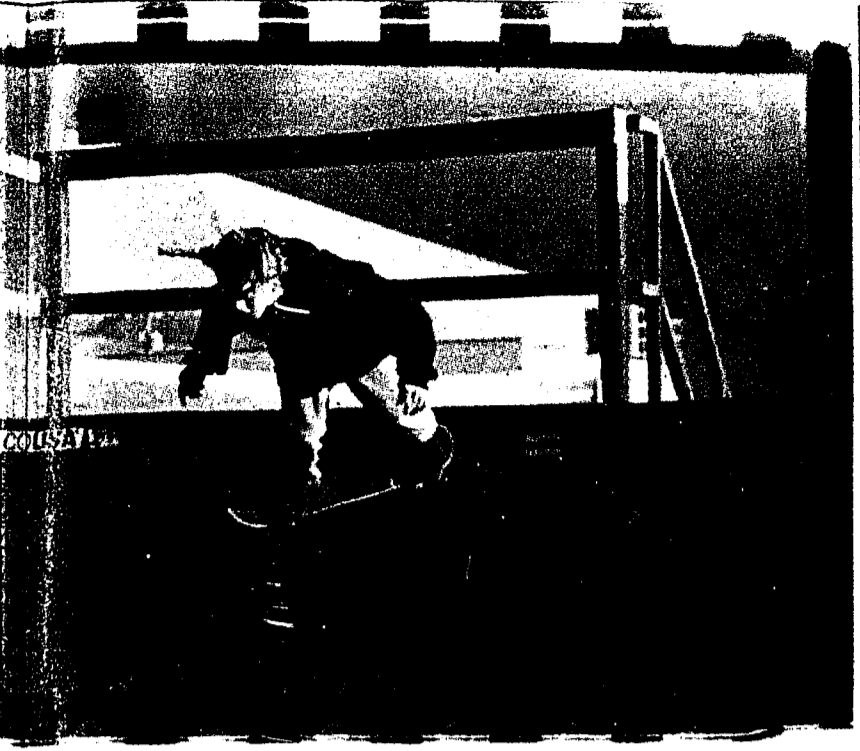
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party say, "Well, we are the majority and therefore we will now be in power, and we don't have to be as sensitive," that is the day the majority will start heading towards being a minority.

Arg: Well, I didn't want to keep you too long, but I did want to give you this opportunity: If you are going to be a candidate for president in 2000 to go ahead and let Argonaut readers be the first to know.

DK: Well, I guess we'll hold off. (Laughter) But speaking of presidents, and this is a nice segue, Dr. (Robert) Hoover was in Washington last week, and most of the UI deans as well, in fact. It was a very good meeting. We had the staff involved, and we discussed research areas and we're going to continue our efforts to find funds that will help with research and some upcoming special projects.

The other thing is that UI looks good. I've always been proud to be a graduate of the University of Idaho. It has served me well in all the different tasks and responsibilities I've had.

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By Brian Davidson

This'll bring a little hellfire and damnation

We've had some complaints recently over the Argonaut's paid advertising section called "Spread Your Faith," which appears in every Friday issue.

D. Hall of Moscow writes: "I find it offensive for you to encourage your readers week after week to 'spread [their] faith.' Sure, tell the readers about the available religious services if you want to, but stop there."

That's what we're doing. Nowhere does the Argonaut print anything like "Here is the church, here is the steeple, go ye therefore ye sinful people." We are simply telling our readers about the available religious services, nothing more.

If that particular part of this publication irks you, here's a logical line which should ring a bell with you folks: If you don't like it, don't look at it.

Hickory dickory glitch

Any computer geeks out there besides me notice that since campus labs have gone to Hickory that glitches seem to be the order of the day? I can't even play a relaxing round of Free Cell without something going wrong.

I understand with the change one must expect the occasional glitch, but I hope computer personnel are on their way to making them few and far between.

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especially in the American West. They consistently choose the back routes, slink through alleys and leap over fences as they walk, not out of fear of crime or rampaging automobiles, but because it's very hard to enjoy a peaceful, contemplative walk when every five minutes a car pulls up behind them and the driver asks one of the following questions, often while other drivers circle in holding patterns waiting for their turn:

"Need a ride somewhere?"
"That your car broken down back there?"
"Ever hear of Henry Ford?"

"You just fall off the turnip truck or somethin'?"

Of course, there are those few clowns who will try saying something funny.

I understand many of these people are simply trying to be helpful and I appreciate that. What I do not understand are those people who go catatonic when you tell them you're walking for the pleasure of it. Witness the following conversation:

"I'm going to Wal-Mart."
"Oh. Need a ride to your car?"
"Uh, no. I think I'll walk there."
"Car's not parked too far, eh?"

"No, I mean I think I'll walk to Wal-Mart. Hello? Hello?"

They fail to see the profits in walking, I suppose. Ever since I found a one-dollar bill wrapped around a twenty-dollar bill in a mud puddle, I never have trouble seeing the profit in walking. I always walk with my eyes glued to the ground, which of course is the perfect cue for a would-be Good Samaritan to tap their horn and yell out the window.

"Lookin' for a hub cap? Saw one back there a bit."

Letters to the Editor

Off-campus meeting attendance off the mark

I just wanted to get a letter into the Argonaut about off-campus students and I hope this time off-campus people really read this.

Senator Brian Tenney and I held our second meeting for off-campus students on Feb. 10. I am sad to say, and very frustrated, that we only had two university students that attended our meeting. Maybe

people did not know about the meeting or maybe people just did not want to attend. Either way, Brian and I have come to the conclusion that our off-campus meetings have been unsuccessful.

I believe that it is very important for off-campus students to be informed about our student government. So, the only thing that we can do is start an off-campus e-mail list. This way we can keep in touch with our students and they can reach us at any time, and at their convenience.

We hope that this is our solution, and it becomes a success. We will be placing e-mail lists all over campus and there will also be an e-mail list outside of the ASUI Senate office located in the Student Union Building. If you live off-campus, please take the time to put your e-mail address on one of our lists. This way we as senators can better represent you.

—Jennifer Gish
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SPORTS

New Mexico State pounds Idaho men



Bruce Twitchell

Idaho's Jason Jackman may have led the Vandals with 21 points, but his teammates had a hard time finding nylon net.

Aggie Denmark Reid hits five 3-pointers in a New Mexico State romp over the Vandals in the Kibbie Dome on Saturday

Damon Barkdull

Sports Editor

Where do flying saucers come from? Possibly the other side of the universe. At the University of Idaho, flying saucers apparently come from other side of the Kibbie Dome.

In pre-game warmups on Saturday afternoon New Mexico State guard Denmark Reid was hit by a discus from a track meet which sailed over the grandstands, bounced once off the surrounding court and hit Reid in the chest. Reid fell to the ground and was nursed by Aggie trainer Mike O'Larey and trainers from the track meet.

Although the errant toss was unintentional, Reid's reaction was not — the junior Aggie had his best shooting performance of the season going 5 of 7 from the 3-point arch and chipping in 19 points in a 88-55 trouncing of the Idaho Vandals in front of 3, 833 in the Kibbie Dome on Saturday night.

"It was pretty painful," Reid said. "I didn't see the thing coming. I turned around and it hit me in the chest."

The rubber missile left Reid with a bruised sternum.

"I think it made him mad," said NMSU coach Neil McCarthy. "That's pretty dangerous."

Indeed, although NMSU's Saturday night shooting clinic could arguably be as dangerous as a flying disk. The Aggies shot a whopping 48 percent from the field in the first half compared to Idaho's 23 percent.

Thus, at halftime Idaho had no real solution to the Aggie formula — NMSU grabbed a commanding 39-18 lead by intermission and never looked back in the Big West Conference matchup.

For Idaho, Saturday night's matinee may have seemed like a terrible re-run.

The Vandals were beaten handily (71-47) by the Aggies in a earlier season clash in Las Cruces, N.M. Similarly, like the earlier meeting, NMSU had just come off a loss and were hungry for a victory. On Saturday night the Aggies fell 83-71 against Boise State.

"You got to give those guys (NMSU) credit, they really responded," said UI coach Kermit Davis. "They played harder than we did for 40 minutes. We really had no chance."

The loss virtually eliminates Idaho (12-14, 4-8) from the Big West Conference Tournament. The top four teams from the Eastern and Western Division are selected to compete in the March get together. Meanwhile, the Aggies (14-8, 8-4) hope to catch East Divisional leader Utah State.

From start to finish, Idaho trailed.

The Aggies opened the game with a 21-3 run, helped in part by three Reid 3-pointers.

Idaho then shrunk NMSU's lead to 16 with 7:34 in the half after a pair of Jason Jackman free throws. However, the Aggies again spread their margin and grabbed a 39-13 lead just before going into halftime.

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Vandals whip Pack 92-57

Freshman Alli Nieman scores a career high 36 points

Kindra Meyer

Assistant Sports Editor

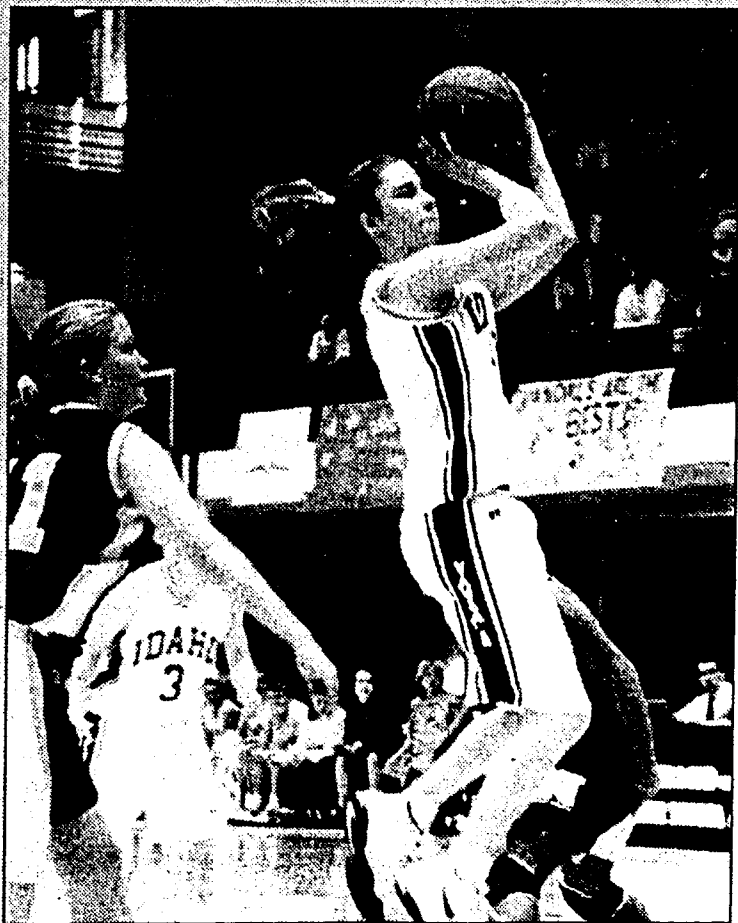
Memorial Gym was the sight of some serious paybacks Sunday afternoon. The University of Idaho women's team avenged a loss to Nevada earlier in the season by sending their opponents whimpering home by a score of 92-57.

In their last meeting the Wolf Pack held leading scorer Alli Nieman to merely 10 points in a 75-64 victory leaving the Vandals to nurse some serious wounds. But it was the Vandals who had the last word as Nevada exited the court — tail between legs.

The Nieman factor was in full effect this time. Freshman forward Nieman topped her career high 28 points by eight, scoring 36 as she hit 14 of 20 shots, including 2 of 3 three-point attempts. Nieman also led on the boards with seven.

"Last game they beat us by 11, so this time we were pumped up for the game. Everything just went our way, people were hitting their shots especially their threes. It's a really big confidence booster because now we're second behind Boise State," Nieman said.

Although Nieman's performance was altogether spectacular, Idaho's success can only be attributed to a team effort. Every player played an integral role, especially the other four starters.



Senior Michelle Greenwood took it to the hoop for 17 points, sinking 3 of 4 three-pointers in addition to her work down low. Kelli Johnson scored eight points and led the Vandals with six steals and five assists. Point guard Ari Skorpik added 12 points and four assists and Kathryn Gussett contributed 10 points and three assists.

"It was a great team win and I'm really proud of the players — they all followed the game plan," Idaho coach Julie Holt said. "I

think Alli did a great job and played really well but I also think that along with that she had other people who helped take a lot of the pressure off her. That makes a big difference when they can't double team."

UI savagely tore into Nevada's ball handling and through constant work and scrappy play flustered their opponents into making a whopping 25 turnovers.

Another asset for the Vandals

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Vandal News and Notes

Nieman wins second Big West Player of the Week honor

University of Idaho freshman Alli Nieman was rewarded for her 36 points and seven rebounds against Nevada with her second Big West Player of the Week award.

Nieman, from Sandpoint, Idaho, hit 14 of 16 field goal attempts and all six free throws she took setting a Memorial Gym record in the 92-57 Sunday afternoon victory. Included in her field goal total are two three-point goals. She also had one assist and three blocked shots.

Her 36 points also was the third highest in Vandal history — and only two off the record of 38 set by Jennifer Clary against Eastern Washington in 1994.

— Courtesy of UI Sports Information

Vandals shell the Griz'

The University of Idaho women's tennis team crushed Montana 7-2 on Sunday as the Vandals lost only three singles sets combined. Idaho is now 2-1 this spring.

The Grizzlies opened the match with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Katrina Burke by Vanessa Castellano, a

sophomore ranked 20th in the Rolex national singles rankings.

Idaho, however, won the next five singles matches as Rachel Dive, Claudia Leigh, Georgina Whitem and Erin Wentworth each won in straight sets.

"This was the most talented Idaho team I've seen in my tenure at U of M," Montana coach Kris Nord said.

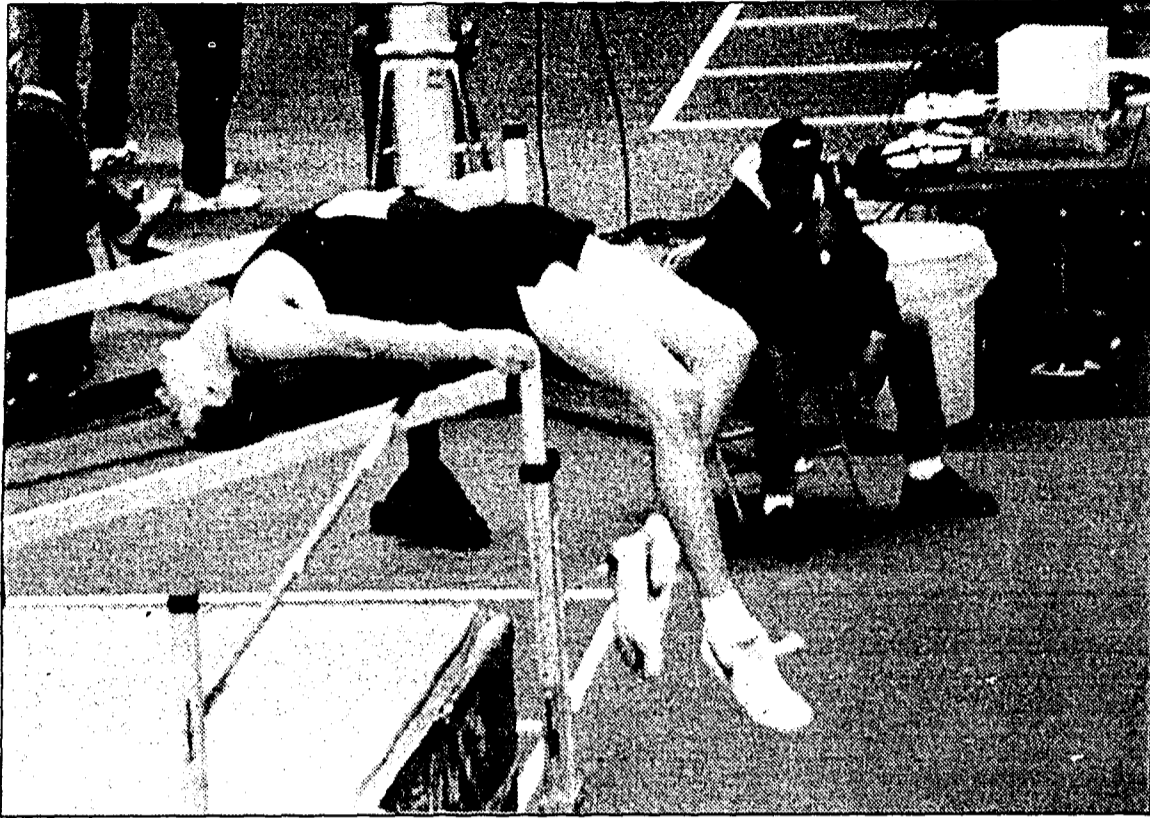
The Vandals dropped only one doubles match in a tiebreaker but the Burke-Dive duo as well as the Gwen Nikora and Wentworth tandem won handily.

Results:

Singles — Vanessa Castellano, UM, Katrina Burke, UI, 6-2, 6-2; Rachel Dive, UI, def. Laruen Leger, UM, 6-1, 6-4; Claudia Leigh, UI, def. Jenny Causo, UM, 6-3, 6-1; Georgina Whitem, UI, def. Jenni Gaisbauer, UM, 7-5, 6-2; Gwen Nikora, UI, def. Heather Hannan, UM, 6-3, 6-7, 6-0; Erin Wentworth, UI, def. Nikki Jennings, UM, 6-1, 7-5.

Doubles — Burke-Dive, UI, def. Castellano-Leger, UM, 8-6; Gaisbauer-Causo, UM, def. Leigh-Whitem, UI, 9-8 (7-2); Nikora-Wentworth, UI, def. Hannan-Jennings, UM, 8-4.

UI track looking to Reno championships



Geoff Judd clears the bar at the McDonald's II Open Meet.

Bruce Twitchell

Byron Jarnagin
Staff

On Friday and Saturday at the University of Idaho men's and women's track squads put together some outstanding performances.

Friday the Kibbie Dome played host the Vandal Indoor Invitational and Saturday UI hosted the McDonald's II Open Meet.

"This last week at the Vandal Indoor as well as the McDonald's II Open Track Meet the next day I thought their performances were good overall," said UI track coach Mike Keller. "This prepares us for the championships that we will run into this coming Friday and Saturday down in Reno (Nev.). We will be competing against most of the PAC-10 schools and some schools from the Big West. Idaho had some good finishes at the Vandal Indoor on Friday as a few school records were broken and a couple of athletes provisionally qualified in their respective events."

A Kibbie Dome record was set in the 35-pound weight throw by local Moscow resident Scott McCarty. McCarty beat the previous record, set in 1995 by Craig Palm from Montana State, with a throw of 63-1 1/4.

Idaho's Frank Bruder broke an Idaho school record in the 3,000-meters with a time of 8:13.22, finishing second to Washington State's Bernard Lagat's NCAA qualifying mark of 8:05.43.

Moving on to the women's 400-meter dash, Vandal Jeannie Korus set a UI record with a time of 56.62. The women's 4x400 meter relay team also set a school record Friday coming in first with a mark of 3:47.24.

A couple of Idaho sprinters receiving NCAA provisional qualifying marks in the men's 400 were sprinters Tawanda Chiwira and Felix Kamangirira. These two athletes also helped the men's 4x400 relay team take first place with a

time of 3:11.76. On Saturday the 4x400 men's team took first at the McDonald's II Open Meet with a mark of 3:15.35.

Running at a slower pace, Chiwira (47.22) and Kamangirira (48.50) took the two top positions on Saturday in the 400-meter dash.

In other scores from Saturday's track meet, Vandals Niels Kruller (6.36) and Jason St. Hill (6.41) took the two top positions in the 55-meters.

Hill (21.48) and Kruller (21.55) also placed first and second respectively in the 200 meters.

Kruller took top honors in the long jump as well with a distance of 24-7.

In the men's triple jump, Idaho's Chris Kwaramba fell a couple feet short of an NCAA qualifying mark with a first place jump of 50-4 1/2 on Saturday. Vandal Geoff Judd leaped just over 6-10 to take first in the high jump.

For the Vandal women Jill Wimer out did herself in the shot put, grabbing first with a throw of 45-5 3/4.

Idaho women's 4x400 relay raced to first Friday, but fell a bit short on Saturday coming in second to the WSU women.

This weekend the Vandal Track team will pack their bags and head for the track and field championships in Reno, Nev.

"I think we have a chance to come into this particular meet in Reno and maybe pick up two or three NCAA qualifying marks," Keller said.

With such an oversized track in the Kibbie Dome, Keller said his runners can get some really skewed times.

"We will be running on a 200-meter track down there in Reno which will give us some real true times, plus the altitude is different and that will make a difference," Keller said. "Hopefully we will qualify some people and finish in the top three of about 15 teams this weekend."

Men, women's basketball on the road this week

Damon Barkdull
Sports Editor

Midway through February, both the men's and women's basketball teams have taken different paths in Idaho's first season in the Big West Conference.

Likewise, both teams are on the road this week. The Idaho men, after getting smacked by New Mexico State 88-55, will play Utah State on Thursday and Nevada on Saturday.

With a 12-14, 4-8 record, the Idaho men are a long shot to make the Big West Conference Tournament. The Vandals are tied with North Texas in the last

place position in the Eastern Division of the conference.

Thursday's game will be a true test of will for Idaho as they try tackling Utah State (16-7, 9-3), the leader in the East Division. In their last meeting (Jan. 12) in the Kibbie Dome, Idaho lost 55-52.

"They're really athletic and hard to beat at home," UI coach Kermit Davis said. "They're just a team that plays real solid, they aren't gimmicky."

The Aggies are led by Marcus Saxon (12.8 ppg) and Maurice Spillers (13 ppg).

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Newman's move to Moscow rough

As an African American female athlete, Lauren Newman finds it tough adjusting to a town without diversity and so far away from home.

Kindra Meyer
Asst. Sports Editor

Lauren Newman may be out of her element but she is definitely not out of her league.

One of the many new additions to the University of Idaho women's basketball team this year, Newman, a junior transfer from Oxnard, Calif., has received somewhat of a culture shock.

Culture shock ... in Moscow? It may seem strange to some but adjusting to this "small town" has taken Newman a while.

Just how different is Moscow from Newman's home state? It's like night and day she says.

"Where I'm from is very diverse so when someone different comes in they're accepted, but out here people haven't experienced much diversity so there's a lot of mimicking and other things that go on," Newman said. "It's just the little things like people think I talk 'black', but that's how everybody talks where I'm from or if you're dressed nice, people ask where you're going."

Although Newman never really

until I got here and found out there are only 13 black females on campus. It's hard because I have nobody to really relate to," Newman said.

The loss of close female friends who identify with her has been rough, but she is slowly becoming accustomed to her surroundings.

"When you're outside looking in you don't really see it as anything but when you're in the situation it's a big deal," Newman said. "It's a new experience."

Newman has lived in California the past 12 years of her life, although not always in one spot due to her father's work in the coast guard. Family is one of the most important aspects of her life and the distance between them has been rough this past semester.

With a family of six, often Newman found herself the glue that stuck them all together and she worries about them now that she is gone. The distance has been especially strenuous due to her father's recent stroke.

"It's the hardest thing, especially now, because they don't want me to worry but I feel like I need to be home where I can help out," Newman said. "I'm a dominant person and a main factor in my household and I regulate a lot within my family."

Although basketball was important in high school, Newman's main priority was her grades. She always planned on attending a junior college and then following through to a four year institute. Following her career at Oxnard JC, Idaho showed interest and Newman jumped on the opportunity.

Not did the cultural adjustments challenge her but starting over again as a junior in a new program was just as tedious.

"I think I'm still having to prove myself, but the transition in basketball isn't that hard because you're either going to produce or not produce. It's hard because you don't really know where you stand," Newman said.

As a constant contributor, Newman's potential shined brightly in last week's Big West match up with Cal-Poly SLO where she was an animal on the boards. In only 15



Bruce Twitchell
Newman (24) often looks to pass first before trying to score.

minutes court time she ripped down a team high 12 rebounds and helped spark her team towards a 70-59 victory.

"I know my role is rebounding and defense because that's what I'm good at. But even if you're doing that it doesn't mean you going to get the playing time. All you can do is play the best you can every day," Newman said.

Grades have always been extremely important to Newman and she was disappointed in her self discipline first semester. Newman was overwhelmed by the difficult transition and considered not returning for her second semester — but now she is determined to make the best out of her situation.

"I don't want to have any regrets in life. I'd hate to look back wondering what if I would have followed through with this," Newman said.

Looking back at last semester, although her grade point average was not up to par, Newman

wouldn't go back and change any of it. She believes time has helped her grow as a person and it's all one big learning experience.

Newman admits that although she gives her all to the team she plays to make herself happy. When she wasn't satisfied with her game at the beginning of the year everything else started to slip as well. Now she believes what she has to offer is quality in the time she's out on the court.

"Even if I play two minutes of the game — if I play hard those two minutes and knew I gave my all is what matters," Newman said.

With a solid record and a healthy team, Newman can see the Vandals capturing the Big West Conference Championship ring. In order to make that final step, she believes team unity and unselfish attitudes must be established.

"When you look at the bench people, they shouldn't be concerned with if getting in but whether we're winning. Even if

ROAD FROM PAGE 14

Utah State did lose guard Duane Rogers to a knee injury two weeks ago but the Aggies continue to be a force inside, out rebounding Big West opponents by 11.9 a game.

Idaho's lone consistent scorer is senior Jason Jackman — whose 17.6 ppg. keeps the Vandals in most contests.

"He really prepares himself to play," Davis said. "He prepares every game from a physical and mental standpoint."

UI women take on Long Beach State

Idaho women's basketball coach Julie Holt is nearing the end of her pregnancy as the Vandals prepare to finish up the rest of their conference games and march into the Big West Tournament.

Today the Vandals (11-11, 6-4) travel to Long Beach State (8-14, 6-6) to challenge the 49ers in a Big West Conference showdown.

Unless Idaho losses the rest of their games, they're going to the conference tournament.

The Vandals are led by freshman Alli Nieman, whose career high 36 points earned her Big West Player of the Week honors. Nieman is second in the Big West in scoring (19.8 ppg.) and rebounds (10.5).

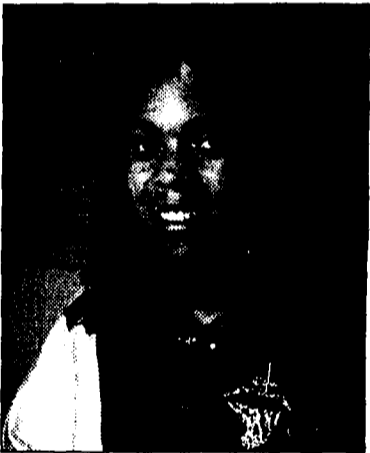
Toby Netoyer leads the 49ers with 17.2 points and 8.2 rebounds per game.

On Sunday Idaho plays conference and state rival Boise State.

you do get pulled, you need to cheer and keep up the faith," Newman said. "I know when I'm in there I'm going to produce and when I'm not I'm going to root for the rest of the team. Together we'll get the win."

With a major in Sports Science and a minor in Psychology she already has a job lined up after graduation. She is hoping to alter her major to incorporate working with inner city youth giving them some direction through activities such as parks and recreation.

"I have good relationships with the kids and they listen to me. I know where they are coming from and I want to pursue that aspect before I'm too old and out of touch with them," Newman said. "Sports Psychology will always be there, but our youth are the ones who are going to make a difference in the long run."



Lauren Newman

had preconceived notions about Idaho and its environment — she was taken aback at first.

"When I came out here I had a good time on my recruiting trip and I'm not saying they did it on purpose but all I saw were black people. I never really thought about it

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Get with the act, Shaq



Nate Peterson

In losing a tight contest to the Seattle SuperSonics on Sunday, the Los Angeles Lakers were without franchise player Shaquille O'Neal who couldn't be found on the court or the bench.

Shaq's absence from the court is explainable, considering the 24-year-old all-star center suffered a serious knee injury last Wednesday in a game versus Minnesota. What remains unexplainable is his absence from the Laker bench.

Is Shaq's injury so serious that sitting on a bench and supporting his team complicates his recovery? Does he feel that maybe he wants to spend some time out of the big L.A. spotlight?

Well we've all seen players with serious injuries sitting on the bench and supporting their team and we know that the ego-centric Shaq can't stand seeing someone else in the camera's eye.

So what is this superstar's problem?

Shaq stated that he would rather stay in the locker room during games because the thought of being seen wearing a cast was too humiliating for him to handle.

Some advice Shaq, I don't know about the rest of the world but you have to grow up and stop living in a fantasy world.

Sure, you're the biggest thing since Michael Jordan. Pepsi, Reebok and various other companies have gotten down on their hands and knees hoping you would

endorse their product. Furthermore, you are perhaps the only professional athlete who has broken into the entertainment business by acting and rapping.

The fact of the matter is, you have a \$120 million contract and that means you owe your services to the Los Angeles Lakers. It doesn't matter if you're scoring 30 points or leading the cheers on the sideline, you got to be there for your team at all times.

If wearing a cast is a humiliating experience for you, I can only imagine what you would do if you sustained an eye injury and you had to wear an eye patch. You'd probably leave society and move to an isolated island so that no one could ever see your horrible pirate face.

Then again, I could only hope for that scenario since it is doubtful that you will ever poke out your eye. I do, however, look forward to the day in which you flee society while a mob of angry fans chase you with rocks and sticks.

It's time that you show respect to someone other than yourself. Was traveling to Cleveland for the 50th NBA all-star game too much trouble for you?

You were picked among the 50th greatest players of all-time, in which you were to be among those players honored at halftime of the game.

I guess being seen wearing a cast is too much for you to handle — but sometimes you just have to swallow your pride and for you this proves to be a difficult task.

It is time for you to set your values straight. There is a reason you are as rich and successful.

It's because of the 50 guys ahead of you who worked to shape and revolutionize the game of basketball. Through free agency and contract endorsements you are what

you are today. It's because of the players of yesterday.

There might not even be a game called basketball if it weren't for those who graced its courts 50 years ago. What if no one liked what they saw and basketball had become extinct? What would you do then Shaq — play football?

That's highly doubtful because football players get injured and we all know how tough it is for you to handle an injury.

Without basketball there wouldn't be a \$120 million contract — no Reebok, no Pepsi. If you think you would make it acting or rapping, you've got another thing coming.

Well with your size and acting ability, maybe you could become a professional wrestler. I also hear that it's fake, so you won't get hurt and have to wear a cast in front of anybody. You already have a couple of nicknames and you could do your own theme music.

Realistically, we do have basketball and with it a great many players. Sure you're special but you need to realize the game involves more self-respect and pride. There are other players worthy of your respect.

Maybe you should choose to follow your team out for their next game. It might not be as bad as you think and I hardly think that everyone is going to laugh at you.

Also, next time you are among an elite class of athletes honored for their accomplishments — show up and act accordingly.

Like many people, I'm in awe of your talent and your awesome potential. One day you might be proclaimed the greatest player ever. Until that day and for every day onward, act like you are at least an average player and display some class.

WOLF PACK • FROM PAGE 13

was offense, as their shooting percentages loomed over Nevada. Idaho's field goal percentage was 54 percent overall, 47 percent from three-point range and 81 percent at the stripe compared to the Pack's 33, 16 and 68 percent shooting.

The Vandals had their work cut out for them guarding Nevada's center. Jelena Zmic towered over Nieman at 6-foot-6 but a collapsing defense and a lot of help held the big girl to six points, five under her average. However,

Zmic did manage to deliver some punishing blows, leading the game with five blocks and nine rebounds.

Nevada relied heavily on the play of their bench throughout the game. In fact not one of their top three scorers were starters. Ilesha Donadelle and Amy Branch both scored 10 and grabbed a total of 12 boards, while Jasmyn Huntington chipped in nine points.

Surprisingly, it was the Wolf Pack who dominated rebounding 44-31. It is rare to see such a point spread in favor of a team who is being beat on the boards.

"Sometimes we weren't screening out but a lot of times Jelena would just stand there and grab it. There's just nothing to do about that, I felt like a midget," Nieman said.

Idaho now advances in Big West standings to second in the Eastern Division with a 6-4, 11-11 overall record. Nevada slips down to third at 6-5, 10-12. Next the Vandals face Long Beach State, fourth in the Western Division.



Box Scores

<p>IDAHO (92)</p> <p>Gussett 4-5 2-4 10, Nieman 14-16 6-6 36, Greenwood 6-13 2-2 17, Johnson 3-11 2-2 8, Skorpik 5-7 0-0 12, Orner 1-2 0-0 2, McDaniel 0-3 0-0 0, Newman 0-3 1-2 1, Lemm 0-0 0-0 0, Blakley 1-2 0-0 2, Stone 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 36-66 13-16 92.</p> <p>NEVADA (57)</p> <p>Owens 2-3 0-0 4, Huntington 3-11 2-4 9, Zmic 2-10 2-2 6, Caldwell 1-5 0-0 2, Franceschini 1-2 0-0 2, Grebing 2-5 0-0 5, Fable 2-4 0-0 4, Meyer 1-4 0-0 2, Crenshaw 0-5 3-6 3, Donadelle 2-6 6-6 10, Branch 4-5 2-4 10, Valentine 0-0 0-0 0.</p>	<p>Totals 20-60 15-22 57.</p> <p>Halftime — Idaho 52, Nevada 25. 3-Point goals — Idaho 7-15 (Greenwood 3-4, Nieman 2-3, Skorpik 2-4, Johnson 0-3, Orner 0-1), Nevada 2-12 (Grebing 1-2, Huntington 1-6, Caldwell 0-1, Fable 0-1, Meyer 0-1, Branch 0-1. Fouled out — Caldwell, Donadelle. Rebounds — Idaho 31 (Nieman 7), Nevada 44 (Zmic 9), Assists — Idaho 19 (Johnson 5), Nevada 6 (Franceschini 2). Total fouls — Idaho 20, Nevada 20. Technicals — none. Attendance —</p>
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I could only imagine. So much criticism and so little understanding is my assessment.

Fans never get enough. And it doesn't help when the media and others are quick to point fingers at athletes who refuse autographs and photo opportunities. At first it isn't a problem — he/she will sign their first few autographs and eventually John Hancock several hundred pieces of sports memorabilia a day.

However, the fanaticism then goes a bit further.

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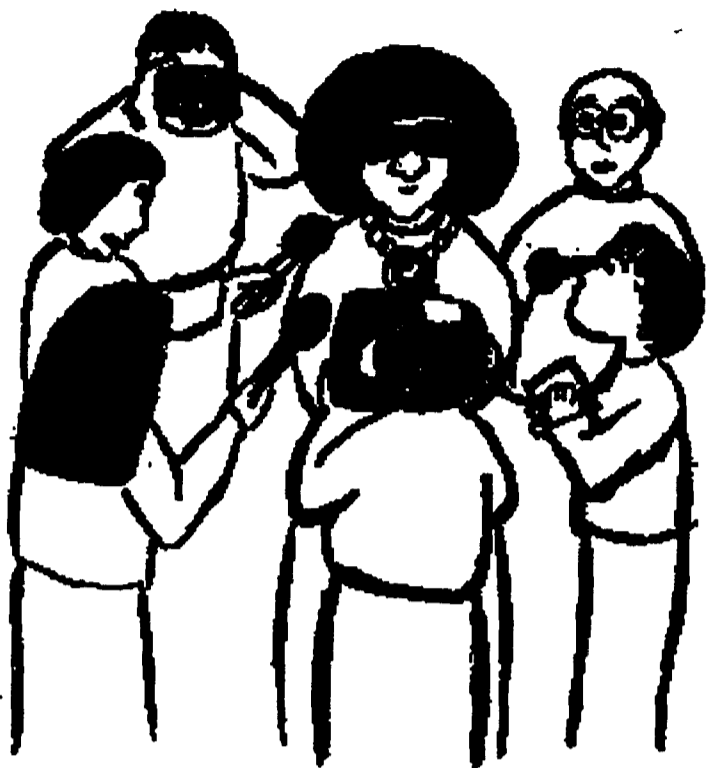
"I'm your number one fan," they might say. We all know what that means (refer to the movie *Misery* by Steven King).

Pretty soon the athlete has a bunch of goof balls trailing him in malls, on the street and at dinner.

And then the media hoards start in.

Being one with the dark side, I know what kind of ridiculous questions are asked.

"Did the dog biting incident when you were 7-years old affect the terrible shooting slump you had



in you sophomore year of college and if so, how do you think the new coaching staff will respond to your adolescent trauma?"

Gimme a break — sure, it makes for a great scoop in a story or feature but it also adds too much cheese, stinky Limburger to be exact.

Before long, the athlete or coach is asked the same question daily.

In a recent chat session on ESP-NET on the Internet, Seattle Sonics coach George Karl said the hardest part about his job was talking in excess about his team.

True, those in the eye of the media camera must give statements to help further and entice a story but sometimes I think the fans, writers, reporters and photographers have gone too far.

Instead of vogue-ing for a camera, Dennis Rodman did a Bruce Lee kick to the groin of a photographer. Similarly, I think you'll see this type of thing become a natural occurrence as the media and sports fans slide closer into an athletes space.

They may be getting paid a trillion bucks but they're still human when it comes down to it.

And the next time the loud mouth in the local sports bar says he could deal with being a celebrity or an athlete, follow him around for a while and ask a bunch of stupid questions — then ask him to sign a stack of photos and give him a guilt trip if he declines.

He may think you're nuts but at least my point will be proven.

AGGIES •FROM PAGE 13

Several times during the first half guard Kris Baumann tried sparking the Vandals with some three-point attempts but missed on all seven and finished the game 1 of 11 from the arch.

"Fatigue had nothing to do with it," Baumann said. "I'm really embarrassed right now as a player."

Idaho did receive some first half relief from Jackman with nine points, but lacked help on the boards losing 25-11 in the rebound category in the half.

In the second half, Idaho improved on its first half debacle with 45 percent shooting from the field but couldn't catch the Aggies.

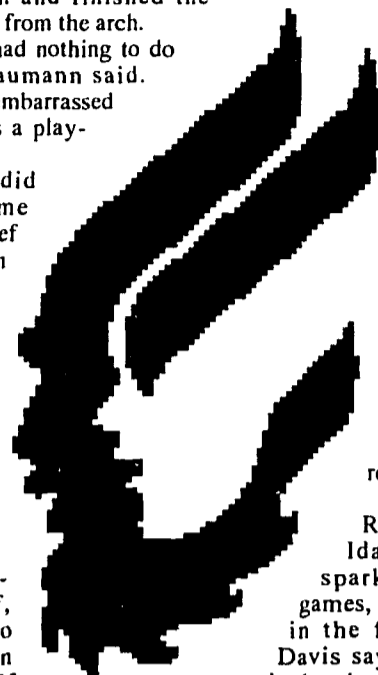
With 4:02 remaining Charles Gosa added the final dagger, hitting a three-pointer which put

NMSU up 81-50. "New Mexico State will keep playing the same way," Davis said. "Their intensity stays the same for 40 minutes. Our team had to come from behind."

While the Aggies had four players in double digits, Idaho's lone go-to-man was Jackman who led the Vandals with 22 points and seven rebounds.

UI guard Reggie Rose, who has given Idaho an emotional spark in the last two games, was benched early in the first half because Davis says he showed poor attitude when he came out of the game.

The Aggies were led by Reid's 19 points. Freshman Louis Richardson poured in 18 points and grabbed six rebounds for the NMSU cause.



Box Score

IDAHO (88)

Thompson 2-8 0-0 4, Byrne 2-3 2-2 6, Jackman 7-14 8-9 22, Baumann 1-13 2-2 5, Turner 3-6 1-2 7, Scott 0-0 0-0 0, Elliott 1-3 0-1 2, Rose 0-0 0-0 0, Harris 3-4 0-2 6, Wendt 1-6 0-0 3. Totals 20-57 13-18 55.

NMSU (88)

Richardson 8-9 2-2 18, Lampkin 2-4 0-0 4, Davis 1-2 2-3 4, Leben 2-3 4-5 8, Hubbard 4-9 1-2 10, Reid 6-10 2-2 19, Gonzales 0-2 1-2 1, Gosa 1-2 0-0 3, Lopez 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 2-7 10-10 14, Lawson 0-0 2-2 2, Lova 2-3 1-2 5. Totals 28-52 25-30 88.

Halftime — Idaho 18, NMSU 39. 3-Point goals — Idaho 2-21 (Baumann 1-11, Wendt 1-5, Elliott 0-2, Thompson 0-3), NMSU 7-18 (Reid 5-7, Gosa 1-2, Richardson 0-1, Lopez 0-1, Gonzales 0-2). Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Idaho 28 (Jackman 7), NMSU 39 (Richardson 6). Assists — Idaho 11 (Harris 3), NMSU 11 (Hubbard 3). Total fouls — Idaho 23, NMSU 22. Technicals — none. Attendance — 3,833.

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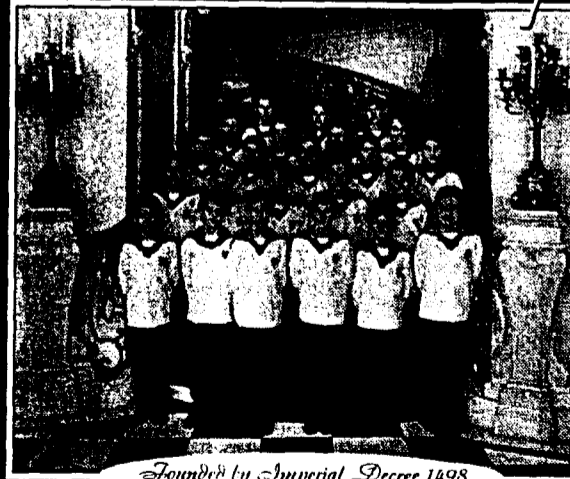
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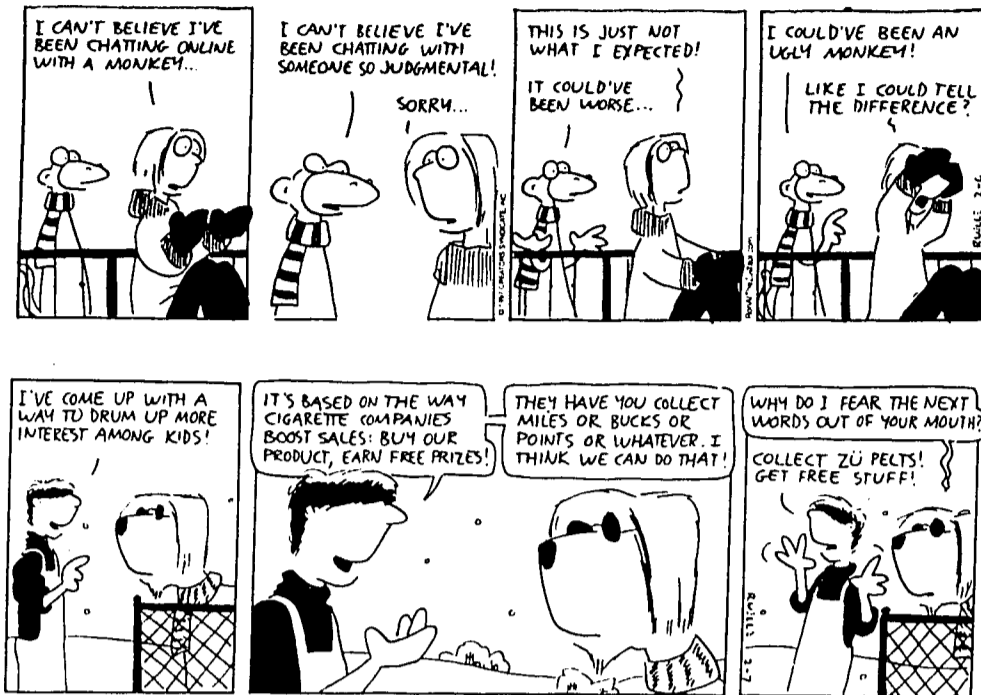


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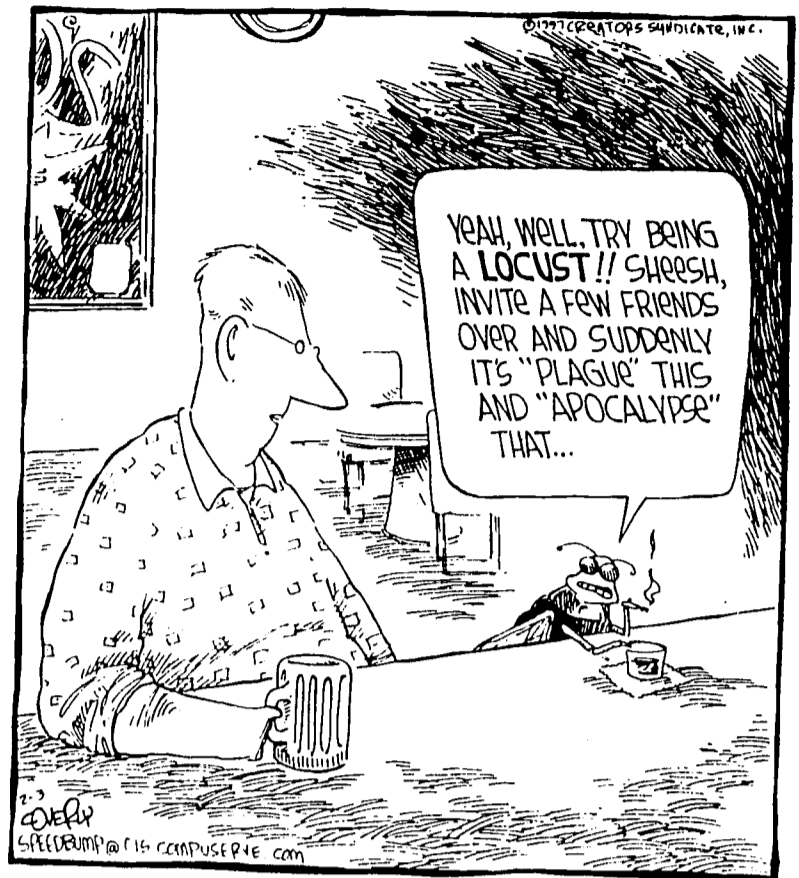
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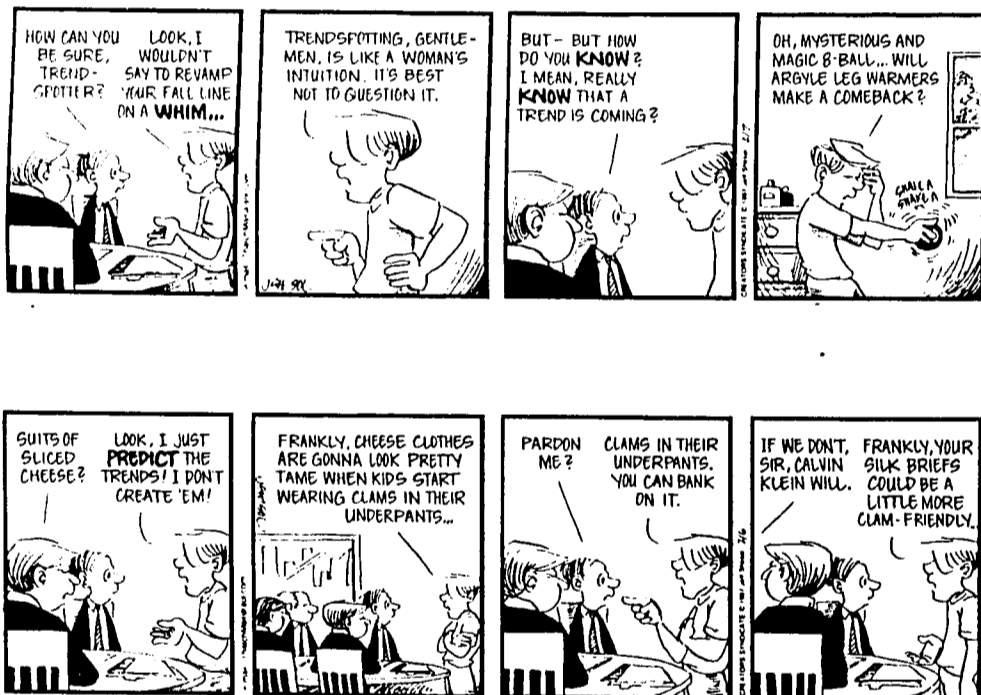
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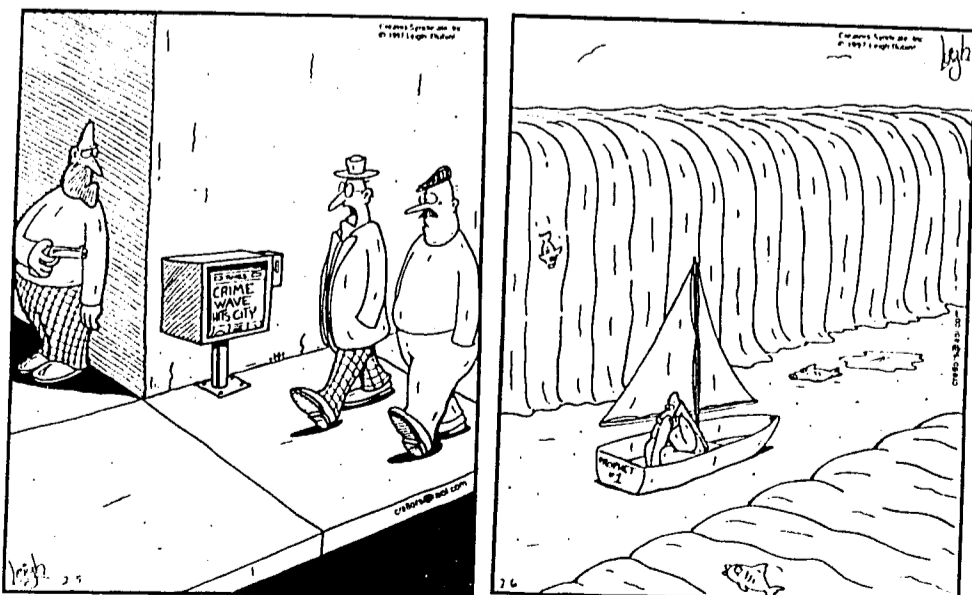
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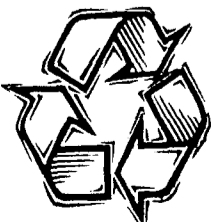
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