

Conference connects race, gender, law issues

Erin Schultz
Staff

Though the University of Idaho courtroom was full of activity Saturday, it was not the typical courtroom scene.

T-shirts with the slogan "Race, Gender and Justice" told the title of the event sponsored by the Idaho Women Lawyers and the Minority Law Students Association.

Ten speakers from Washington and Idaho talked on topics such as "Native American Legal Issues," and "Being an Idaho Woman Lawyer." A steady audience of about 50 students and faculty attended the various sessions.

IWL President Elisa Massoth, who did most of the organization for the day's events, said this was the first time a conference like this has been attempted.

"We wanted to raise consciousness in the school and community regarding these issues, and encourage dialogue, hoping that it will continue," Massoth said.

One of the more well-known guests was former Idaho Sen. Mary Lou Reed, who addressed reproductive rights of women. Reed revisited the abortion debate from the angle of one concerned about protecting the legal rights of women to choose.

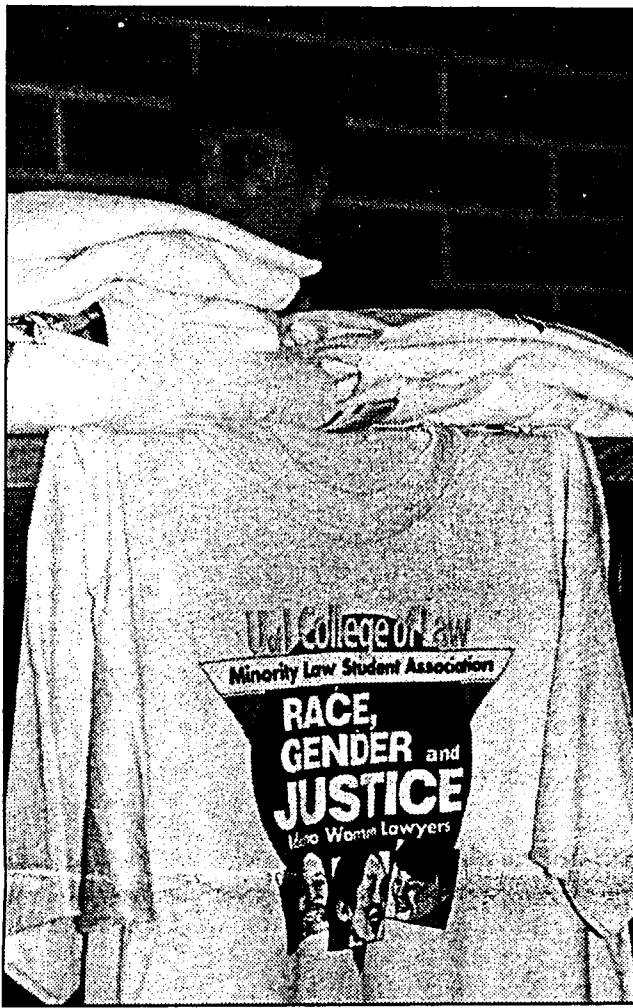
"I feel very strongly that equality of opportunity for women is not possible unless we have equality of reproductive choice," Reed said during her session entitled "How Do We Prevent the Right From Doing Wrong to Roe." She ended by proposing ways to work against unintended pregnancies.

Michelle Finch, a lawyer from Boise, shared her experiences of starting a firm in Boise and issues she has faced as a practicing female attorney. Growing up, as well as throughout law school, Finch said she never ran into gender-based conflicts.

"I never felt different or that professors treated me differently. When I started practicing law, I was pretty shocked. I was naive."

Finch identified a lack of mentors and stereotypes as big obstacles for female lawyers. "It's often stereotyped that you'll be good at family law because you're a woman," Finch said, adding that she does not enjoy family law cases at all.

Kama Siegal, vice president and treasurer for IWL, hopes to organize something like this again next year, on a larger scale. "It is nice, as a woman in law school; it is nice to have other women come in and say, 'you can do this,'" Siegal said.



Erin Siemers
Law student Erica Phillips sells T-shirts at Saturday's conference.

Students face early registration purge

Michelle Kalbeitzer
Staff

Beginning this fall, students who do not return their signed billing statements before Aug. 8 can expect to be purged from the University of Idaho registration system.

"We're trying to move away from the Dome and have things taken care of beforehand," said Jane Button, Accounts Receivable manager for Business and Accounting Services.

The early purge is intended to help minimize long lines of students picking up their bills and financial aid checks at the Kibbie Dome each semester.

In addition, "the early purge opens up sections for students," Button said. Each year hundreds of pre-registered students never show up. This ties up any openings in classes for other students who plan on attending UI.

Business and Accounting Services staff plan to send the billing statements out to students in July. Button said all a student has to do is sign and return the statement before Aug. 8. "That serves as their confirmation that they are pre-registered and they will be returning," she said.

This also applies to students receiving financial aid for the academic year. By signing the bill and returning it, they can avoid being purged from the registration system. "This way, all you have to do is go pick up your residual check [at the Dome]," Button said.

To reduce further hassles, direct deposit is also available to students receiving financial aid, eliminating any need to go to the Dome. The deposit slips are sent along with the billing statement, and must be returned by Aug. 1.

Button said students who can't make the fee payment before Aug. 8 should return the signed billing statement anyway. Then they can contact Business and Accounting Services to explain the circumstances pre-

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Pesticides found in water supply

Robert Hall
Staff

Pesticides and other contaminants have been found in drinking water supplies and aquatic ecosystems in much of eastern Washington and western Idaho, according to a U.S. Geological Survey report.

The study is part of the USGS's National Water Quality Assessment Program designed to evaluate water quality throughout the nation.

The USGS released four fact sheets stating that "the concentrations in drinking water were not usually high enough to be of human concern, but in streams, streambed sediment, and fish, some contaminants were at levels that may be harmful to aquatic organisms and wildlife."

Sarah Ryker, a geographer and lead author of the fact sheet, said, "We looked for pesticides used in agriculture primarily... [and] pesticides in public supplies wells of the Central Columbia Plateau," and "found them more often in shallow wells that also had elevated concentrations of nitrate."

The primary source of nitrate in ground water is fertilizer. Nitrate is often used with agricultural pesticides.

The survey detected pesticides in 45 percent of the public water supply wells in seven counties in eastern Washington. None of these concentrations were above enforceable drinking water standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

In 97 percent of the samples taken from the Palouse region and western Idaho pesticides were found. Four pesticides were at concentrations that could be harmful to aquatic organisms.

Lonna Roberts, a hydrologist and lead author of one of the fact sheets, said "ground water samples had a lower rate of detection of contaminants (25 percent), with concentrations all below drinking water standards. These contaminants also included volatile organic compounds, which are sometimes used as inert ingredients in pesticides and as fumigants."

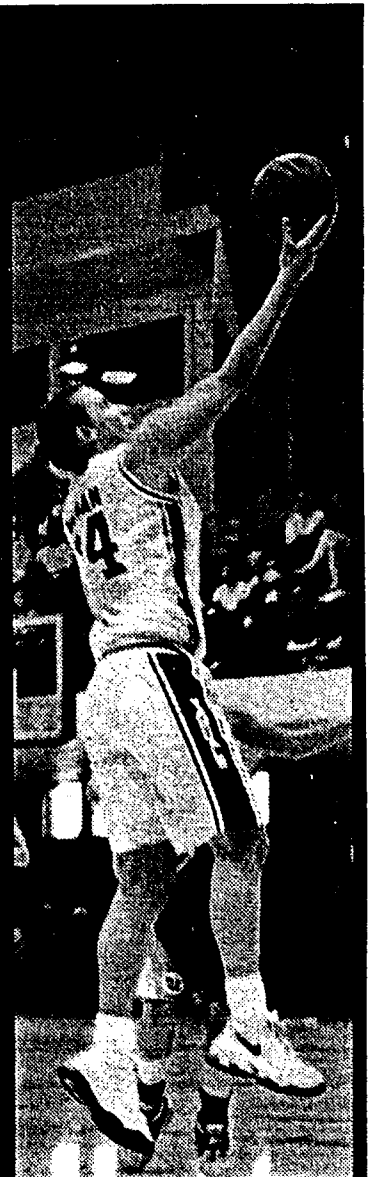
According to the survey, "concentrations of several compounds exceeded guidelines for the protection of aquatic life and fish eating wildlife."

Steve Gruber, another biologist on the survey team, said "the control of erosion in agricultural areas will help prevent these pesticides from getting into streams and the aquatic food chain."

For additional information, contact Alex Williamson, project chief, Central Columbia Plateau NAWQA, at (206) 593-6530 ext. 235.

The Vandal women face off against Pacific in the opening round of the Big West Tournament

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Weather

Today — Partly sunny, highs 40 to 45.

Tonight — increasing clouds with a chance of snow or rain.

Tomorrow — rain or snow likely, with highs around 45.



Senate hears from GEM, WSU students

President Dalton encourages student recruitment

Corinne Flowers
Editor in Chief

Jamie Waggoner, GEM of the Mountains editor in chief, spoke to the senate Wednesday about her recent trip to Dallas, where she met with representatives from Taylor Publishing and chose a cover design for this year's GEM. The 1997 yearbook will feature 224 pages, 16 of which are full color and 12 which will feature a single color in addition to black.

Taylor, which publishes a majority of the college yearbooks in the country, is impressed with the GEM staff for making its deadlines. Every other college that they print for misses their deadlines consistently, Waggoner said. The GEM, however, has come in early on all three of its deadlines this year. This helps to reduce costs for both the publisher and the GEM.

Waggoner said the reason for the GEM's success is "because I have such a committed and dedicated staff and because we understand the importance of the reputation of the GEM."

The GEM is also considering changing its funding source to be part of student fees, which would allow for a better product at a significantly reduced price.

Washington State University students Josh Weaver and Marilyn Bayona spoke to the senators and audience about the AIDS quilt, which will be on display in Pullman's Beasley Coliseum.

They displayed a portion of the quilt, which included a square dedicated to Ryan White. The quilt that will be in Beasley will fill the entire floor of the stadium and extend up the walls.

"We're looking for community support including letters to the editor and donations," Bayona said. They also requested financial, volunteer and promotional help from the ASUI and the Moscow/Pullman community.

The quilt will be on display April 7 through 9 and admission is

free. For more information or to volunteer, call 335-6722.

President Jim Dalton reported on the budget processes as well as tuition at Idaho's universities, all of which are slated for increase next semester. UI is planning a 7 to 9.9 percent increase, while Boise State University is projecting 10-plus percent and Idaho State University 14.5 percent.

Dalton also encouraged everyone to get involved with recruitment and said "If every UI student goes out on spring break and focuses on recruiting one person, we could double our enrollment."

He added that a significant increase in the student population would resolve all of the budget difficulties UI is now experiencing.

Announcements

Today:

See a celebrity

Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Vernon Baker will be speaking at Washington State University in Todd Auditorium at 7 p.m. Seating is limited.

Hear the debate

Law professors, a public defender and other panelists will discuss the legal implications of O.J. Simpson's verdicts in the UI Law School Courtroom. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

See the play

Machinal, a play directed by David Lee-Painter, runs today through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Hartung Theater.

Get oriented

A Cooperative Education orientation will be held today from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Education 103/104. Call 885-5822 to learn more.

Tomorrow:

Market yourself

"Marketing Yourself With a Resume and Cover Letter" is the topic of a free workshop at 3:30 p.m. in Brink Hall. Call Career Services at 885-6121 for more information or to register.

Thursday:

Meet Career Services

An introduction to UI Career Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in Brink Hall. Call 885-6121 for more information.

Find an internship

An internship search workshop will be held Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Pend Oreille Room. This is the final one this year. Call 885-5822 for more information.

Learn management

Internationally-recognized organizational development consultant Ron McMillan will be giving a seminar on time management at 3 p.m. Thursday, and a seminar on influencing others at 7 p.m. in the UI College of Law Courtroom. Don't wear a tie!

Friday:

Take in some art

Allegories and Object Lessons is the title of an art exhibit by UI Professor Byron Clercx opening March 7 at the Lorinda Knight Gallery in Spokane.

Swap your stuff

The SUB Swap will be held March 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Main Lounge. Tables are \$5. For more information, call 885-6484.

Police log

02/28/97

3:27 p.m. Thirty CDs and a CD case were reported stolen from the game room at the Phi Kappa Tau House.

02/28/97

7:05 a.m. A television was reported stolen from Room 201 of the Physical Education Building.

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venting their immediate payment. Students following these guidelines will not be purged from the system.

Students who are purged from the system can regain access shortly after and re-register.

"I think that eliminating 'Dome Day' is a great idea, because it's a hassle for the university and students combined," UI junior Aimee Kenoyer said. "But I think the purging should be later, like the first day of classes."

Button said the Dome will still be used for a few more years.

"We'll always need to be disbursing checks somewhere." Nevertheless, she hopes to see a decrease in lines corresponding with an increase in efficiency.

Open ASUI Position

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Open University Committee Positions

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Juntura - 1 minority position

Grievance Committee for Student

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VITA gives free tax help

Margaret Donadson

Staff

A group of University of Idaho students spend their Saturdays at the Eastside Marketplace voluntarily figuring out other people's tax problems. Some call them crazy, but they call themselves Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

VITA is a cooperative program between the IRS and college students around the country.

Accounting students volunteer their skills to help people who are tired of pulling their hair out over taxes. The students work 15 hours during tax season and receive one credit of work study.

The UI accounting students have volunteered two Saturdays so far and they will continue every Saturday until taxes are due April 15. VITA volunteers tackle the most confusing problems, and even do entire returns, depending on what a person wants.

"Some people just give them to you, and some want to work through it with you," said Chris Salove, VITA volunteer.

Kitti Morgan of Moscow normally does her taxes on her own, but this year she was

stumped and needed help.

"This 401-K plan and earned income credit are over my head," Morgan said. She said she's grateful for the VITA service. "Otherwise it would be \$52 at H&R Block."

Glen Utzman, professor of accounting and VITA adviser said, "I think it's a win-win situation." He said it's good for the students because they get experience, school credit and something to put on their resume while the community receives a valuable service.

The IRS used to provide the public with tax return assistance, but cutbacks in the '70s meant they could not continue. VITA was organized to help the IRS meet its commitment to help people with returns.

Utzman said the system was originally set up for the elderly and low-income citizens, but it was expanded to the general public.

The VITA volunteers admit running into questions that confuse them now and then. If they can't answer a question right away, the volunteers will research it or ask their professor and have an answer by the following Saturday.

Salove said, "Some people are worried because we are not professional." However, he said that all VITA-prepared tax forms go



Erin Siemers

Accounting majors (clockwise from lower right) John Wink, Brady Stevens, Eric Wendt and Chris Salove hand out tax advice at the Eastside Market Place.

through a screening service before they are sent to Ogden, Utah, where the IRS center for Idaho is located.

VITA volunteers work every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. just inside the main

entrance of the Eastside Marketplace.

VITA does not supply tax forms, but they are available on the Internet at <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>, or by phone at 1-800-Tax-Form.

Crisis Line offers service directory

Candice Long

Staff

The 1997 People Helper is now available to University of Idaho students. It is the Palouse's most comprehensive listing of human services and community resources.

The People Helper has been published every year and a half since the early 1980s by the Palouse Regional Crisis Line, a non-profit

organization.

Throughout the year, the staff compiles updated information on community services, inserts the new programs available and deletes the old programs. The information is then sent to the board of directors for approval and allows the staff to underwrite the publishing.

"Other than being updated, the People Helper is as good as it's

been in years prior," said Larry Clott, director of the Palouse Regional Crisis Line. "It benefits all members of the community."

The indexed booklet includes services addressing everything from medical emergencies, counseling centers and financial assistance to transportation and child care.

Each year, UI students and faculty purchase a large number of

the service guides.

"Many students use them in the education, psychology and sociology departments, especially," Clott said. "They want to know what is available for research, and they use it as a format to make one for their community."

"Low-income people of the community use it for the available financial and medical services, as well as social workers who need

access to the services," Clott said.

If a specific service is not offered, Crisis Line workers have extensive training to provide information over the phone. The 1997 People Helper is available from the Palouse Regional Crisis Line at (509) 332-1505 or (208) 882-4406, or send \$15 to P.O. Box 8934, Moscow, ID 83843.

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Boise internships open

Job developer says students should apply ASAP

Janet Spencer
News Editor

It's not too late to get a summer internship in the Boise area, job developer Dianna Gibney said.

"Some employers are just now in the process of determining what their summer needs are," she said.

Gibney was in Moscow last week conducting a workshop on internships in southern Idaho. It drew over 60 students, which is a record for recent intern workshops, said Alice Barbut, director of Cooperative Education.

Gibney also met with students and employers at career fairs on campus during the week.

"There were so many employers there who really wanted to hire summer interns," she said.

Gibney helped place 80 University of Idaho students in the Boise area last year.

Brian Sielaff, a UI grad student, spent last summer working as an intern at CSHQA Architects. He

said the experience confirmed his decision to go into the field.

"I got a feel for what the job will entail, and for what I'll be doing the rest of my life. I made the right decision," Sielaff said.

UI student Linda Chou worked with Micron. She said the internship was "really beneficial" because she "got an idea of how people interact with people at work, and how to operate the machines."

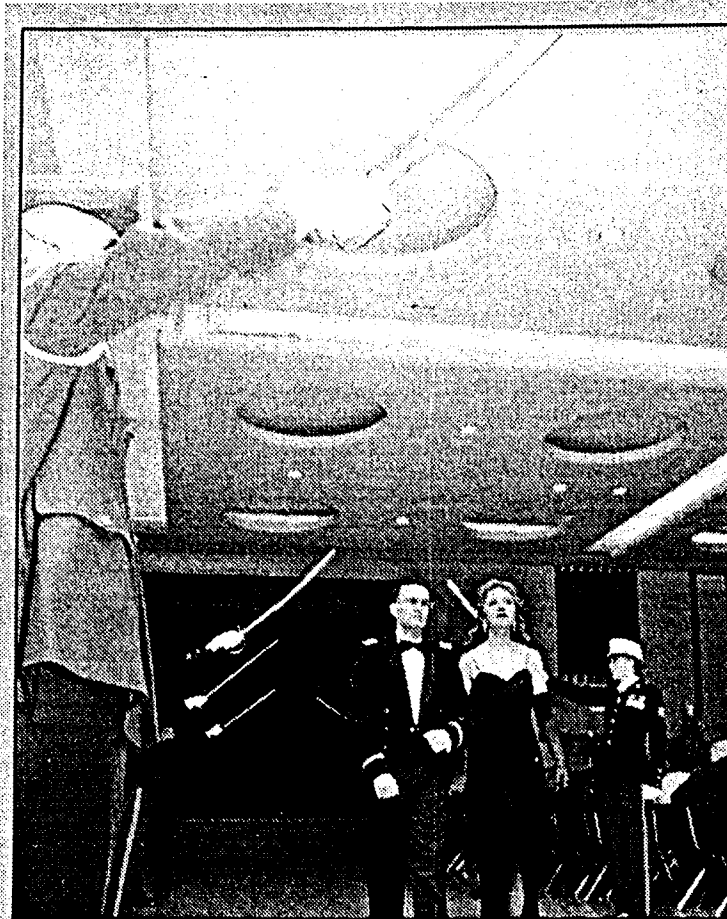
Some companies with internship openings are In-Systems Design, ZGA Architects and Micron Electronics. Each company sets its own application deadline, and the latest deadlines are around May 1.

Gibney said students interested in an internship should contact the Cooperative Education office at 885-5822.

"I'd advise students if they want an internship, they need to start working yesterday," she said.

Gibney recommends that interested students spend part of their spring break researching positions, making contacts and setting up interviews. She also stressed the value of the experience.

"An internship is one of the most important job search tools you can have," Gibney said. "The employers will place students with intern experience at the top of their list of job candidates."



Bruce Twitchell
Cadet Richard Bush and his date at Friday night's ball.

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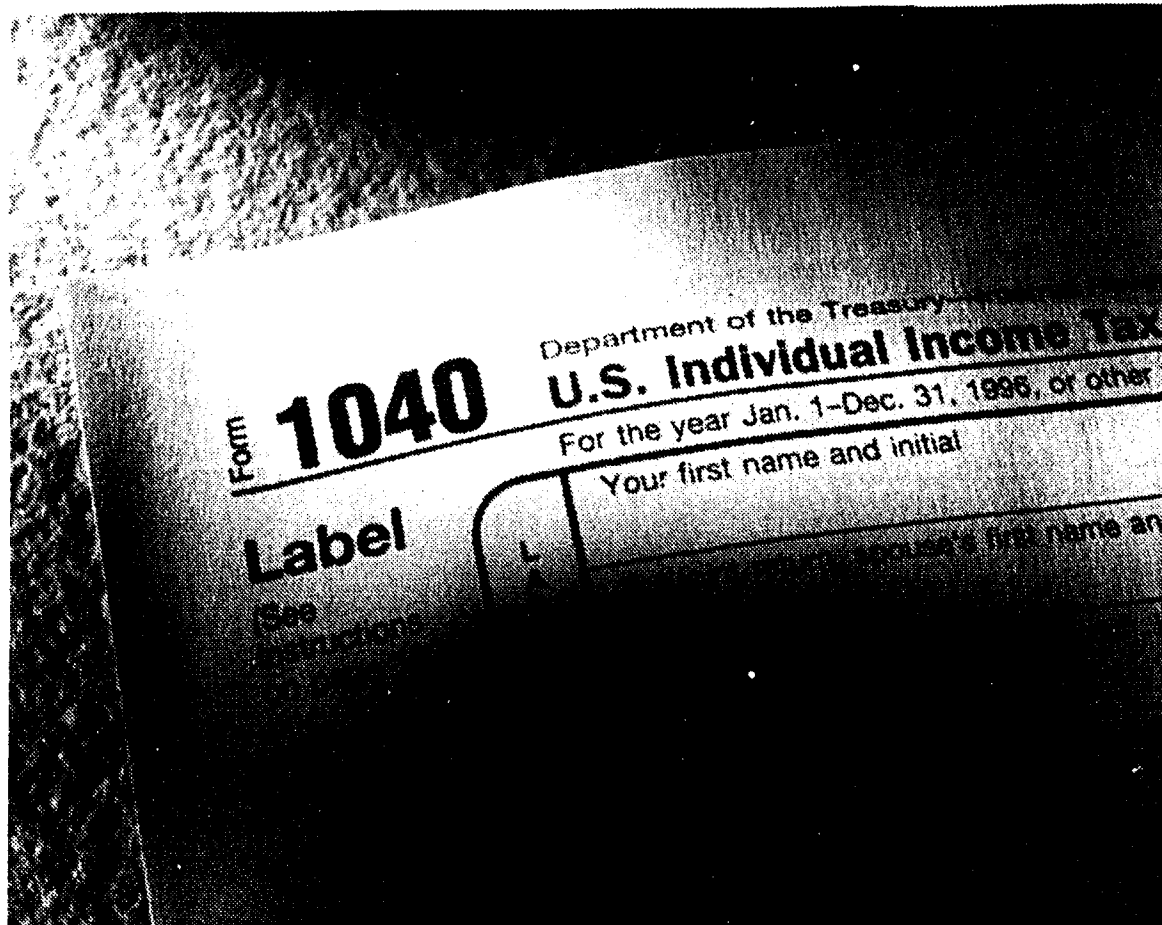
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OPINION

Democrats wish to ensure future by examining Clinton's past

Like rats from a sinking ship. A glance at The Wall Street Journal of Feb. 28 brought that old line quickly to mind. In this case the rats are played by top current and former Democratic Congressional leaders such as Sen. Tom Daschle (S. Dak.), Rep. Robert Waxmen (Calif.) and ex-Sen. Bill Bradley (NJ). The character of the ships — the U.S.S. Lame Duck — is handled creditably by the troubled regime of our own William Jefferson Clinton.

The newspaper's reports had the president expressing anger as these Democratic bigwigs lined up for the chance to perform

public belly flops from the deck of Clinton's clipper last week. They did so by issuing calls for an independent counsel to look into the questionable fund-raising activities carried out by Clinton's lieutenants. There are several possible theories as to why this sudden break

Opinion Gap



Tim Lohrmann

has occurred in the ranks of Clinton's former allies. If, like most Americans, you've equipped yourself with a healthy cynicism towards political motives, figuring out the most viable explanation shouldn't be so difficult.

The explanation is in the future — as in who has one. Politically at least, Clinton doesn't, and these Demo big chiefs hope they do. There's no time to "live in the now" in D.C. political hardball. For some ambitious Democrats such as Bradley and possibly Daschle who have one eye on the White House, it's probably the year 2000. For others such as Waxmen who make their living by facing voters every two years, Election Day 1998 is all that's on their minds. When these characters look at President Bill, they do so in their rear-view mirrors. And with daily front page stories on dirty money, possibly illegal foreign money and the '96 Clinton campaign's obvious lust for both, they're increasingly terrified by the mirror image they see.

It's not "what have you done for me lately." Indeed, without Clinton's energetic fund-raising, many Democrats who are now happily skipping through the halls of Congress would be back home trying to eke by on those generous pensions they voted for themselves. No, in this game it's



"what can you do for me next year or three years from now?" The Democrats of the future have had their teleconferences and they've come to a decision. What can Bill Clinton do for them? Quite a bit. Unfortunately, none of it shows up as positive on the political ledger. So, president or not, it's time for these guys to cut some losses. Yep, Clinton will be almost on his own as he starts crawling towards his exile in history.

Why the almost? Because what's going to become of poor ol' Al Gore if things really start to heat up for Bill? Al had better consult a diving coach before he decides to jump ship. Gore's leap, should he choose to perform it, must be performed with an unusual grace and sensitivity if it is to be effective. The vice president must find a way to convey simultaneous compassion and contempt for his old running mate. That is, unless he intends to content himself with something like 9 percent of the vote and a third-place finish in the next New Hampshire Democratic presidential primary, which is

scheduled in approximately 1,000 days. Al has greater things in mind. If the White House kitchen really gets hot, look for Gore to follow the herd to the exits. He may be a bit slow, but he's not dumb.

Need more insight into reasons that the scene has become so gloomy for Clinton in the past week? Why he's suddenly feeling so abandoned? Well, the afterglow of admiration for the re-election victory has worn off among members of the press. And as some of the scribes begin to tire of composing puff pieces or marveling at Madeline Albright, they're starting to discover some troubling things. They're finding that campaign money has been flowing freely from foreign sources, and that these contributions may be shaping foreign policy. They're finding that some of Clinton's fund-raising may have taken place in the White House itself. Or as the traditionally friendly NPR news analyst Daniel Schorr said on last Saturday's Weekend Edition, that the White House was "on sale." Since these activities are illegal, Clinton's denial of personal

involvement in White House fund-raising — just hours before the release of documents that proved otherwise — was not a good sign.

Attorney General Janet Reno's refusal late last week to name an independent investigatory counsel doesn't look exactly kosher either. Reno, whose offered resignation should have been accepted immediately after the deadly Waco/Branch Davidian firestorm, meekly claimed that her Justice Department was "pursuing every lead" in looking into Clinton's money game. Pursuing every lead to stay employed is more on the believable side.

Sorry Janet, but even your own party recognizes that a truly independent look at Clinton's cash connections is the only way to go for a wide variety of reasons, political or otherwise. Here's one I haven't seen considered: If foreign money really is illegally being used to influence our elections and subsequent foreign policy decision-making, maybe we better ask ourselves some questions. Are American citizens

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JAZZ IT UP

I'd succeeded in finding an island of jazz and swing among the crashing twangs and whines of country which buffet the local airwaves when inspiration struck.

Lou Rawls was right, I thought as an old jazz riff that Simon and Garfunkel stole for one of their lesser-lauded ballads slouched to my ears, when he insisted the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival is one of the best-kept secrets in the music world.

An article published in a recent issue of the Moscow-Pullman Daily News, combined with two innovative concerts given at this year's Festival, prompted a solution to not only the problem of notoriety for the Festival, but also at other problems which need redress.

In that article, Festival head Lynn Skinner was quoted as saying Festival attendees

filled every hotel room in Moscow, Pullman, the Lewis-Clark Valley and even some in Coeur d'Alene and Spokane. He also said the 17,000 attendees at this year's Festival broke all-time attendance records. Due to this record attendance, Skinner said, with some regret, that many students — university and otherwise, I assume — were turned away because there simply weren't enough seats for them at various concerts.

Au contraire. The seats are there. Festival organizers simply aren't thinking big enough. Or perhaps they're thinking too locally.

Two concerts were held outside of Moscow this year — one in Lapwai for a Nez Perce school group, and another at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston. Both were well-attended, appreciated and allowed

for groups who would otherwise probably been kept out of Moscow's concerts due to lack of space the chance to hear some great jazz.

Why not expand that idea a little further? Skinner is looking to keep the Jazz Festival as the No. 1 jazz event in the nation. Rawls is looking for more exposure and less apathy among fellow jazz artists in relation to the Festival. Local students are looking for a chance to participate in an event they have otherwise been left out of due to lack of space and high ticket prices.

If Jazz Festival attendees are filling hotels in Pullman, why not have a concert at the Beasley Coliseum, which is simply bursting with seats many Moscow and Pullman students and jazz enthusiasts would quickly fill? There's got to be a good spot for a concert in Coeur d'Alene. Spokane's got that snappy opera house right on the river.

If Skinner and Rawls want a bigger, better festival which will shake the apathy out of the jazz world in regards to the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, they've got to take more events outside of Moscow's city limits. This is not, after all, the University of Idaho or Moscow Jazz Festival — it is meant more to celebrate jazz than anything else, isn't it?

This is not meant to disparage Moscow or the University of Idaho in the least. Facts are

there are limited hotel accommodations and concert seats available in this city and at this university. Adding a few more concerts outside of Moscow and extending the Festival a few more days would certainly do much to accomplish the goals Skinner and Rawls hold so dear.

An expanding Festival wouldn't necessarily mean higher prices, either. Spokane and Coeur d'Alene have their fair share of public and private deep pockets who — with a little prodding — would finally decide having a bit of the Festival in their towns wouldn't be a bad idea.

Expand the Festival's offerings outside of Moscow — without compromising the quality of events in town, to be sure — and you'll see attendance numbers which will make this year's 17,000 look like a convention of Everyone in the World Named Farley Q. Farqueharsen.

More people hearing more jazz will bring more jazz artists and certainly would go great lengths in increasing the notoriety and nationwide appeal of a festival which suddenly wasn't timid enough to stay in a little Idaho town only otherwise known as the biggest Moscow outside of Russia.

In short, jazz it up.

—Brian Davidson

Letters to the Editor

Higher education is much more than a grocery store

Upon seeing Peter Griffiths' letter (Argonaut, Feb. 2), I could not resist. He is critical of Corinne Flowers' recent editorial "Time+effort+money+studying=F." I could not agree more with what he has to say, and I suspect that there are many faculty and students who would agree.

But what worries me is the naive and distorted sense of academics and learning that your editorial conveys to the students. Are you saying that just because one has expended so much "time, effort, money and studying," therefore, learning has happened? Yes, higher education is like a grocery store! It is that kind of attitude, often coming from some students and others, that has led to the massive "dumbing down" of higher education in the last few decades. Let me add that is not just my observation — at least six or seven national commissions since the early 1980s have concluded just that.

And then there was the editorial not long ago about the "Totalitarian professors!" It was tempting to react, but then it seemed best to ignore; I am glad that it was (I did not see any reactions). On the other hand, there was a rather mature, thought-provoking opinion ("UI: Higher Learning or Edu-K-Mart," Feb. 7) by Tim Lohrmann, which had the desperately-needed counter to the "dumbing down" messages otherwise seen all around. And last May 7, Dennis Sasse said some similarly encouraging things in an editorial on student evaluations that is worth reading by some of the current Argonaut writers.

—S.M. Ghazanfar
chair, department of economics

Decision raises red flags on student fees

Recently a Federal District Court has held that mandatory student fees at the University of Wisconsin violated the First Amendment right of students, because the fees were used to support student organizations that advocated positions ideologically repugnant to the student plaintiffs.

This ruling was relevant to many groups on that campus, and could be very significant for college campuses across the country. I wouldn't mind being able to pick which organizations I wanted to contribute to. Think about this — it could affect our student organizations in the future.

This information comes from the newsletter *Fraternal Law*, January 1997.

—Matt Stull

Article needs more information to fit the given headline

I am writing this article to supplement the article published on Feb. 25, called "Malaysia an example to the west."

First of all, I am dissatisfied with the editorial work done by the editor who changed the article's title from the original "A Land Called Malaysia" to "Malaysia an example to the west," but leaving out the supporting facts after editing. Along with the title change, the new title contains a technical writing mistake in which the first letter of "west" should be capitalized.

I believe that in order for the readers to have a more complete picture about the subject of this article, the important facts about

Malaysia's achievement should be included to explain why Malaysia is an example to the West. These facts include low governmental income taxes, low social welfare spending (part of it due to no homeless to feed) and high tax incentives for foreign investments that have boosted the Malaysian economy and keep it rolling. As a result, the economic growth rate has sustained at least 8 percent each year for the past three years, and this growth rate is anticipated to continue for years to come. The success is also attributable to the government's program to transform the economic focus from labor-intensive and investment-driven schemes to productivity-driven industries. The government understands that solely relying on cheap labor will not enable the country to be competitive on the international market. Besides that, Malaysia also focuses on research and development programs to train young Malaysians to be productive, innovative and competitive. At the same time, the government encourages overseas investment of the Malaysian companies. On top of the government programs, the public favors societal orientation and solidarity over the individualism and materialism of the West.

These facts were omitted by the editor and resulted in misleading about Malaysia being an example. Otherwise, the article would be more fair, interesting and informative.

With these few sentences added to the published article, I believe that the new title would make more sense and be supported by the context. Definitely, the Argonaut has done quite a good job for a student newspaper, but even a good work still has room for improvement. No struggle, no progress and no pain, no gain. Hopefully, this little comment could stimulate the editor for further improvement.

—Wei Lien Liang

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losing even the possibility of influencing decisions that affect them? If all that matters politically is money, where do those who have little or no money go for that famous "redress of grievances" that the First Amendment has promised? Tough questions to answer, but it looks like a few of our national politicians are trying to at least feign interest in them.

There's one Clinton news story from last week we haven't covered, though. The one that shows Clinton

with a 60 percent approval rating in the polls. How to explain it? Well, I heard an old semi-reggae song the other day that might help. The chorus went something like this: "The harder they come, the harder they fall, one and all." Makes sense to me.



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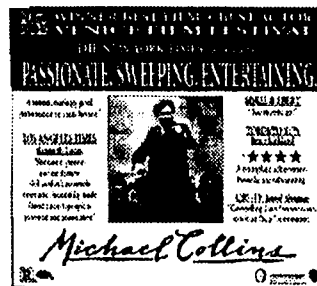
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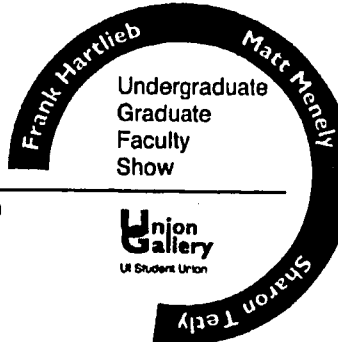
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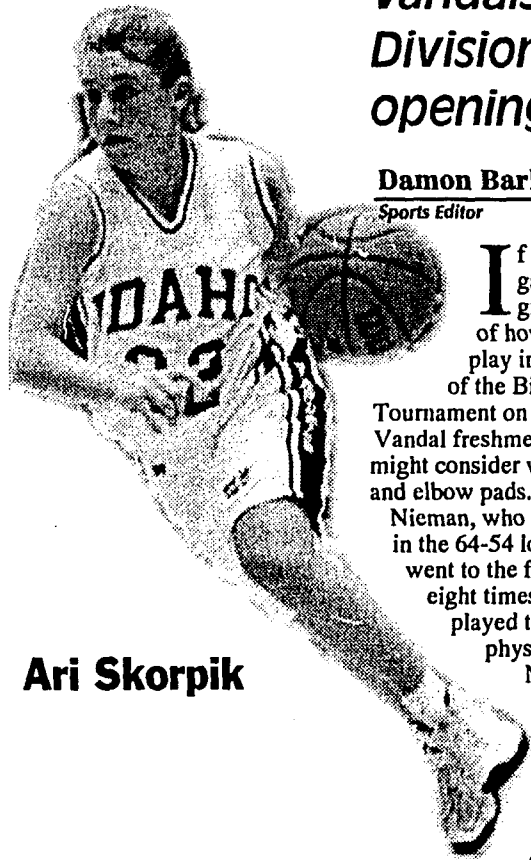
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SPORTS

Idaho headed to Big West tourney

With a loss to New Mexico State on Saturday, the Vandals grabbed the second seed in the Eastern Division of the Big West and will face Pacific in the opening round of the tournament.



Ari Skorpik

Damon Barkdull
Sports Editor

If the Idaho-Pacific game on Jan. 18 gives any indication of how these teams will play in the opening round of the Big West Conference Tournament on Wednesday, Vandal freshmen Alli Nieman might consider wearing a helmet and elbow pads.

Nieman, who chipped in 15 points in the 64-54 loss to the Tigers, went to the free-throw line just eight times; although, Pacific played the Sandpoint native physically tough as Nieman picked herself off the court several times. The mid-January loss at home dropped Idaho to 0-2 in conference and 5-9 overall.

Since then, Idaho has gone through a basketball metamorphosis.

Although losing on Saturday to New Mexico State on the road and giving up the Eastern Division first seed to Nevada, Idaho maintains a 8-6, 13-13 record and looks inspired of late clinching the second seed.

On Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. (PST) the Tigers (8-7, 9-17), third seed in the Western Division, will tackle a talented Idaho squad in the 1997 Pizza Hut Big West Tournament at Lawlor Events Center in Reno, Nev.

"I feel very good about our team, we're excited about being in the tournament," UI coach Julie Holt said. "We would have liked to have come in as the No. 1 seed but I think our team accomplished a lot. We were picked to finish last in the conference and finished second."

Likewise, Holt is excited about a rematch with Pacific.

"We're excited about having an opportunity to play Pacific," Holt said. "They did a great job against us up here. Anytime you play teams for the first time, University of Pacific, UC-

Santa Barbara, Long Beach, a lot of the teams from the Western Division we had not seen — we're excited about the opportunity to play some of those teams again."

This season, the Vandals haven't fared well against the other division, going 2-4. However, Holt and Pacific coach Melissa Taketa agree that earlier season games have little meaning in the post-season.

"I think both teams have changed considerably," Taketa said. "I know we've changed our roster a couple times since Idaho. It's just a different season — it's March."

The Tigers bring some experience to this year's tournament, having been in the conference in the last two tournaments.

Kate McAllister/Nieman matchup could prove important

The Kate McAllister-Alli Nieman matchup could be the Big West women's version of the Tyson-Holyfield battle.

McAllister, Pacific's 6-foot-1 all-conference center, leads the Tigers with 16.2 points and 6.8 rebounds a game. Nieman on the other hand is averaging 18.3 points a game and 9.4 rebounds.

Pacific's senior is fifth and fourth in the Big West scoring and rebounding category while Idaho's sensation is third in both categories.

Not bad for a first round matchup.

"I really can't say enough positive things about her (McAllister) to be honest," Holt said. "I really think she's great."

"Obviously, she's someone we've got to contend with."

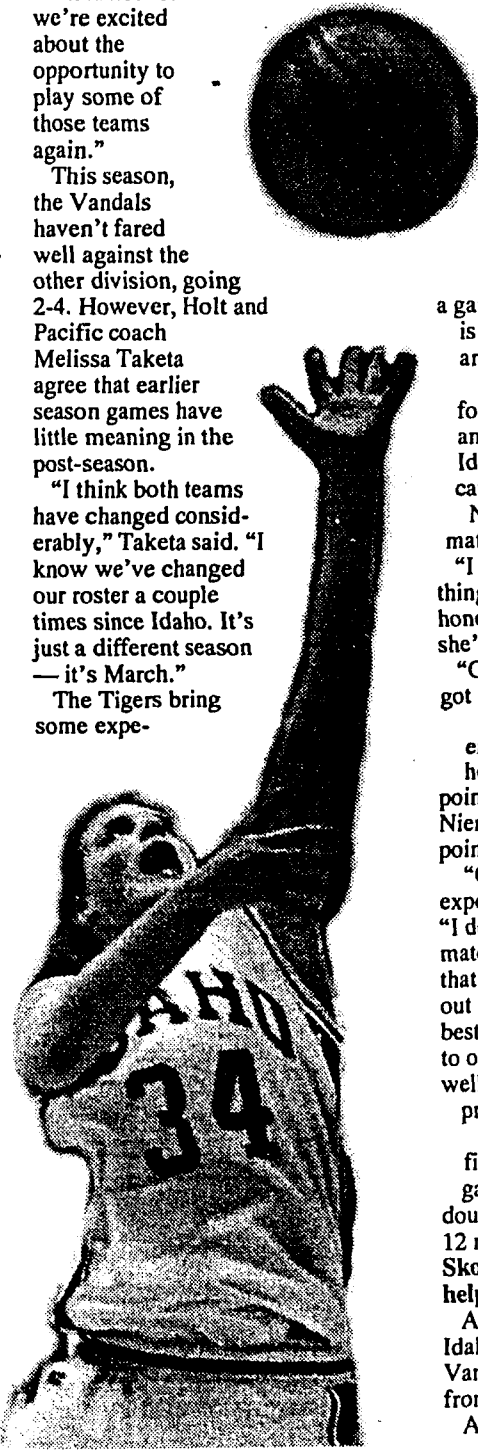
In their last meeting, the experienced McAllister outperformed her younger counterpart with 19 points and nine boards, although, Nieman wasn't far behind with 15 points, nine rebounds and a block.

"Obviously Kate's a bit more experienced than Alli," Taketa said. "I don't know that it's the key matchup. I don't know that. It's just that those two are expected to go out and play their game and do the best they can. It might come down to other kids. If Alli and Kate play well against each other — it's a pretty close game."

Nieman has scored in double figures in 17 games straight and recorded her eighth double-double with 19 points and 12 rebounds against North Texas. Skorpik, Johnson and Gussett help spark the Vandals

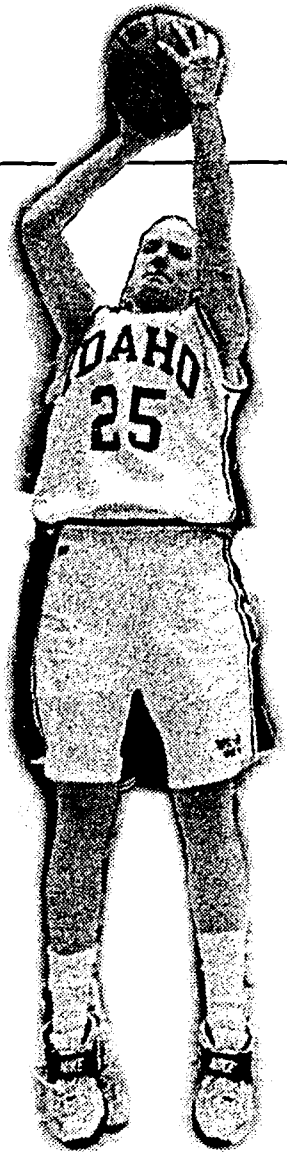
Although Nieman might be Idaho's most notable player, the Vandals also receive some support from several other players.

Ari Skorpik, a senior guard,



Alli Nieman

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Michelle Greenwood

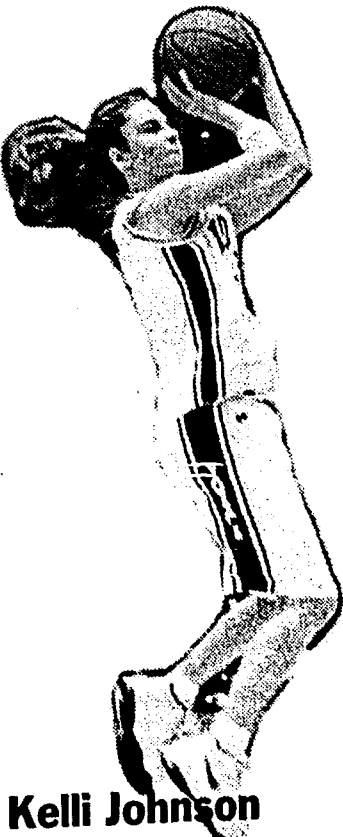


Idaho vs Pacific

Game Notables

- Pacific beat Idaho 64-54 in Memorial Gym in a Jan. 18 meeting
- Idaho enters the game ranked third in the Big West in both scoring offense (68.1) and scoring defense (65.6).
- The Vandals have an 8-4 conference record after starting the season 5-9.
- The Tigers are experienced in the Big West Tournament, having reached the championship game two straight seasons.
- Idaho is just 2-4 against teams from the Western Division this season.
- UI freshman Alli Nieman enters the tournament having scored in double figures 17 straight games.

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Kelli Johnson

Vandals lose on road to end NMSU

Kindra Meyer
Asst. Sports Editor

The No. 1 seed elusively slipped out of the University of Idaho women's basketball team's hands Saturday as they fell prey to a New Mexico State team out for blood.

A win for UI would have meant an uncontested first place seat in the Big West Tournament but now they enter the tourney with the second seat in the East Division.

In their final season game, Idaho couldn't keep up with the Roadrunners, whose scorching shooting and senior leadership left the Vandals in their dust.

Kathryn Gussett helped Idaho to slow the Roadrunner onslaught, halting New Mexico State's speedy scoring with 15 points, six

rebounds, two steals and two assists.

NMSU built on a four-point lead at the half to result in a healthy margin of 12 with 9:00 to go.

The Vandals would not go down without a fight though, as they answered by bringing the lead to 61-60 in the game's final minutes.

This time senior Ari Skorpik was Idaho's saving grace, as she showed her Big West guns with four three-pointers for 16 points in the second half.

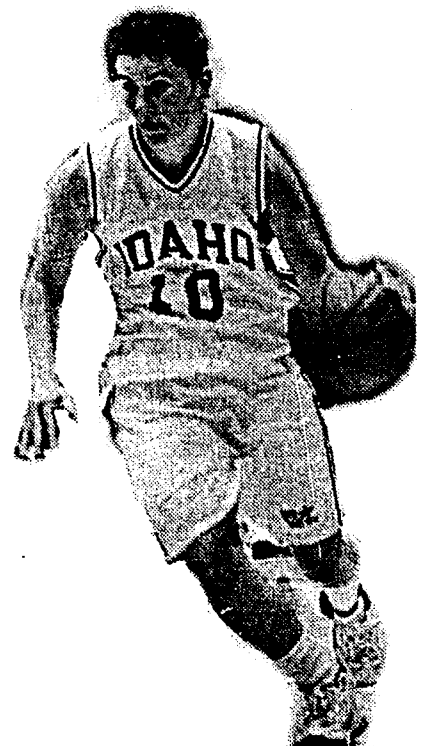
Despite UI's efforts, nothing blocked the Roadrunners from their path towards victory. They shot an admirable 66 percent on the night thanks in part to stars Wendy Ray and Annette Robinson. Ray hit 8-11 from the field for 19 points, while Robinson

also sank 8-11 for 20 points in addition to 12 rebounds.

"You expect a team to shoot 67 percent when a majority of their shots are lay-ups," coach Kate Rue said. "Our post players didn't get the job done defensively and they killed us with easy baskets."

Gussett finished the night without a single rest, leading the Vandals with 20 points, seven boards and five assists. Skorpik led with four steals in addition to 19 points and three assists.

Idaho, who finished the regular season 13-13 and 8-6 in league will face Pacific, the third seed from the Western Division on Wednesday. Nevada earned the first seed for the Eastern Division while NMSU ended up in third.



Kathryn Gussett

Vandal men lose to BSU in final game

Staff and wire reports

On Sunday, the University of Idaho men's basketball team had a bit of irritating dirt and infection added to their already open wound — compliments of arch-rival Boise State.

In the Vandal's final game of the season, emotions ran high as usual against the Broncos as did the margin of victory, with the Broncos thumping Idaho 73-53 in front of 8,702 in the Pavilion in Boise.

The loss drops Idaho's record to 5-11 in the conference and 13-17 overall and sums up a bleak inaugural season in the Big West Conference.

Meanwhile, Boise State (9-7, 14-12) marches on to the Big West Tournament in Reno, Nev., with a fourth seed in the Eastern Division and will play Western Division champion Pacific in the first round.

UI coach Kermit Davis, who was cited two technicals and was eventually ejected, felt that

Vandal guard Robert Scott was singled out in a pushing match with BSU's Mike Tolman.

"I thought the official came after my player," Davis said.

"I was not disputing any calls, I was just protecting my player."

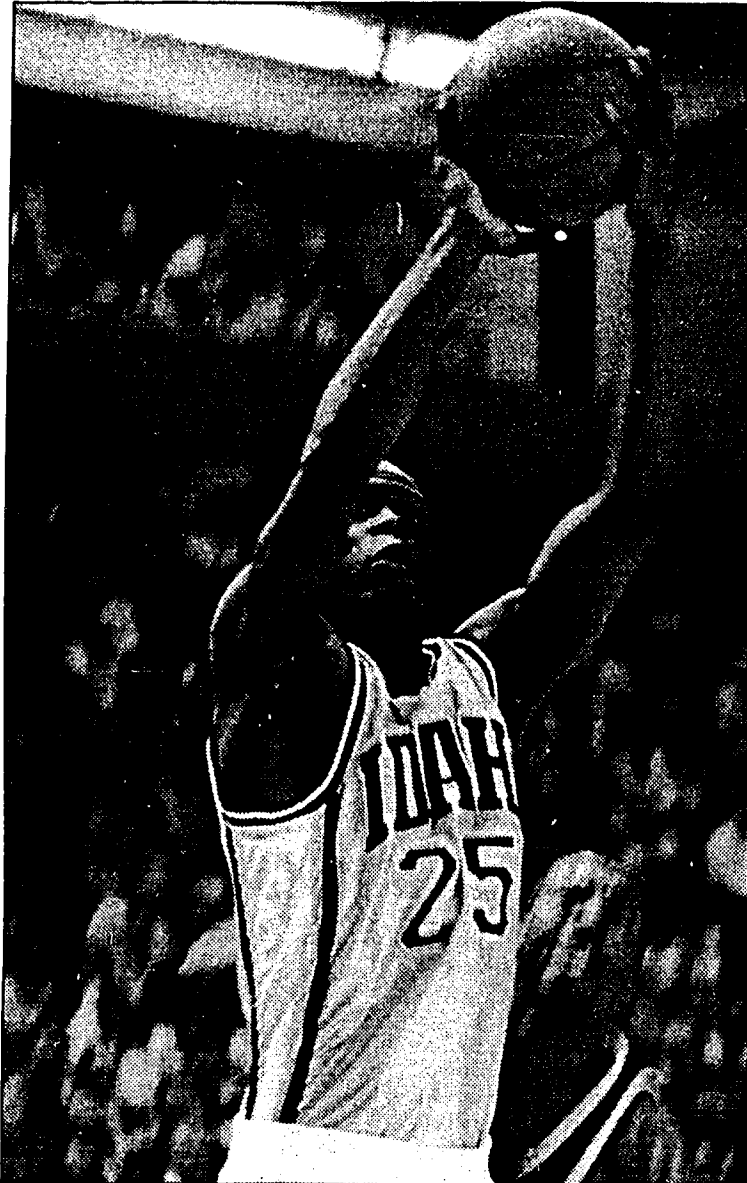
Idaho shot 44 percent from the field and even outrebounded the Broncos 30-25. However, the Vandals had just one player in double-digits, with senior guard Eddie Turner leading the way with 19 points and six rebounds.

Senior center Jason Jackman, who is usually Idaho's go-to-man, scored only eight points on 3 of 10 shooting from the field.

The Broncos led 39-18 at half-time and never looked back.

"Boise State just beat us in every area," Davis said. "It wasn't even close."

The Broncos were led by Roberto Bergersen and Joe Wyatt who each had 15 points.



Bruce Twitchell

Idaho senior Eddie Turner put forward a great senior effort with 19 points against Boise State in the Vandal loss.

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moved into sixth place on the Idaho's career steals list with 172 after totalling nine picks last week. The team leader is also sixth in the Big West in steals, averaging two a game.

The Vandals also receive solid perimeter play from junior Kelli Johnson. The Moscow native is fifth in the conference in three-point goal percentage with 34 percent.

Kathryn Gusset, one of UI's more emotional players, contributes 3.2 assists a game.

With a combined team effort, Holt likes Idaho's chances.

"Our biggest focus isn't on individual players," Holt said. "Our focus has got to be with the Vandals. I can't control what Pacific will do. If we stay focused, we'll be in good shape."

Holt is back after having baby boy

In the midst of a 67-66 win over Boise State on Feb. 23, it was announced over the loud speaker that Holt had a bouncing baby boy.

Holt is back with the Vandals after resting and sitting out during Idaho's road swing through North Texas and New Mexico State and is ready to coach her Vandals in the Big West Tournament.

In Holt's absence, assistant coach Kate Rue took over for Holt and led the team to a split on the road.

Holt is proud of the way her team played under the circumstances.

"Actually, I feel pretty good," Holt said. "Without the head coach there, I think the assistant coaches did a good job. I'm proud of what our team accomplished."



Vandal

News and Notes

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Fresno State, ranked 31st in the nation, beat Idaho 8-1 Sunday afternoon dropping the Vandals' record to 5-3.

Freshman Georgina Whitem was Idaho's only winner at No. 4 singles. She defeated Terje Pallo in straight sets 6-2, 6-2.

The Vandals' Nos. 2 and 3 doubles teams hung tough with the Bulldogs, but each lost 8-5 in the pro set matches.

Fresno State improves to 4-5 on the spring season.

The Vandals host the Idaho Invitational in Moscow from March 7-10 which features Boise State, Yale, New Mexico State and Montana State among others.

Singles — Dora Dijilianova, FSU, def. Katrina Burke, UI, 6-2, 6-1. Kara Warkentin, FSU, def. Rachel Dive, UI, 6-3, 6-1. Liz

Marpuri, FSU, def. Claudia Leigh, UI, 7-5, 6-1. Georgina Whitem, UI, def. Terje Pallo, FSU, 6-2, 6-2. Shana Peete, FSU, def. Gwen Nikora, UI, 6-1, 6-1. Laura Townsend, FSU, def. Liza Mulholland, UI, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles — Dijilianova-Warkentin, FSU, def. Burke-Dive, UI, 8-1. Peete-Pallo, FSU, def. Whitem-Nikora, UI, 8-5. Marpuri-Jones, FSU, def. Leigh-Mulholland, UI, 8-5.

In Friday's edition of the Argonaut a headline read "Vandals upset Gauchos." It should have said, "Vandals upset 49ers." As sports editor, I apologize to readers, the basketball team and the UI Athletic Department for this terrible error. This occurrence is rare and should never happen.

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Three UI tracksters travel to Indianapolis

Idaho's Tawanda Chiwira, Niels Kruller and Chris Kwaramba head to the NCAA Championships

Byron Jarnagin

Staff

Before the Vandal track team takes its talent into the great outdoors to kick off the 1997 outdoor track and field season, Tawanda Chiwira, Niels Kruller and Chris Kwaramba will be packing their bags for the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis.

This coming Friday and Saturday these three individuals will be taking on the elite competition from around the nation at the RCA Dome.

Sophomore Tawanda Chiwira tops the list for the Vandals in the 400 meters where he's ranked third in the nation and is the only athlete of the three who is an NCAA automatic qualifier. Chiwira ran his fastest 400 at Idaho's Big West Conference meet in Reno recording a mark of 46.55. Chiwira is making his second appearance at the Championships.

"I would say that Tawanda could win the thing," Keller said. "He has as good a chance as anybody to win it, and it just goes back to the fact that an athlete who does what they did to get to the meet will score every time."

Chiwira, who made big strides last season as a freshman, hopes to come out on top.

"If things go my way, I'm not saying I'm going to win the NCAA's, I believe that I am capable of running a faster time and right now I know that my 46.55 will place but it isn't going to win it," Chiwira said. "Over all, I am happy to be running at the NCAA's because it is a chance for me to run against all of the big boys on the collegiate circuit."

Turning to the field events, senior Niels Kruller takes the honors in the long jump and Chris Kwaramba will be representing UI in the triple jump. Kruller comes in

ranked second in the nation in the long jump with a distance of 25-09 1/2. Kwaramba is ranked 11th in the nation in the triple jump with a mark of 52-07 1/2.

"I think Kruller is going to have to jump well over 25 feet to place and Kwaramba's best right now is probably not going to score so he will have to probably go 53 feet to place," Keller said.

UI is ranked 16th in the nation based on how many points the NCAA assumes that these three athletes will score at the NCAA meet. The individual rankings awarded to these three UI athletes are tentative and could change based on meets around the nation over the weekend. This meet will be a combination of the best athletes from Division I and II.

"For us, this is a great opportunity to score some points being there as a team, but it is really not a team meet like the one we just came out of at the Big West Conference Championships in Reno," Keller said. "It is nice to be able to claim a top 10 ranking; however, when it comes to this meet you have to look at how many people it took to get you there. Two guys scoring a win and gathering 10 points a piece might claim a position of five or six in the nation."

"Right now we are ranked 16th, but if all of our guys were to place in the top fifth or sixth of their individual events we would move up a few more notches," Keller said.

Looking back to previous seasons, UI has sent at least one or two athletes every year to the NCAA Championships.

"It really gives a small school like ours an opportunity to compete against the big boys and those who are good on those two days are the ones who are going to score some points," Keller said.

While Chiwira, Kruller and Kwaramba have the NCAA Championships on their mind, the rest of the Vandal tracksters are gearing up for the outdoor track and field season right around the corner. UI track will make its Big West outdoor debut March 15 in Berkeley, Calif. Besides the California Golden Bears, the UCLA Bruins will be making an appearance at this meet.

Soon to follow the Berkeley meet, UI will travel to Stanford, Calif., for a meet March 22 and 23. The first outdoor season track meet on the Palouse will be the Washington State Cougar Invitational March 29.

Give it up Leonard



Nate Peterson

In Atlantic City, N.J., on Saturday night, five-time boxing champ Sugar Ray Leonard found out the hard way the boxing profession doesn't welcome you back with open arms, but with closed fists.

The 40-year old Leonard's return to the ring proved a disaster, as he was beaten handily by Hector "Macho" Camacho in the fifth round.

Camacho improved his overall record to 63-3-1, while Leonard's record fell to 36-3-1.

Leonard, who has been a champion in five different weight classes, suffered his first knockout of his 20-year career. Furthermore, for the first time in his illustrious career, the match was stopped by the referee.

Previous to this match, Leonard's last match was a loss to Terry Norris in 1991. Leonard, however, lasted 12 rounds and finally lost on a decision. Saturday, after Leonard was knocked down twice in the round, referee Joe Cortez stopped the bout with 1:08 remaining.

At that point Camacho had just landed a succession of blows and Leonard was pinned defensively against the ropes.

"My mind was good, my energy was high," Camacho said. "I was ready any which way he comes, I studied him. I wasn't nervous. I was getting stronger and stronger and stronger without being excited to go inside."

After the first two knockdowns, Camacho started his final assault with an uppercut to the chin, followed by a combination of overhand lefts and right jabs. Finally Camacho threw three consecutive uppercuts, with the first going hitting Leonard's gloves and the second two connecting hard on his chin.

The one-sidedness of the match was apparent to everyone in the arena, including Leonard.

"I'm sure my career is definitely over in the ring," Leonard said. "No one's ever put a halt to me in a fight. Not even (Marvin) Hagler or Tommy Hearns. I'm through."

Leonard says this now, but can we believe him.

After an amateur career that included two North American amateur titles, two Golden Glove titles and two AAU titles, Leonard won gold medals at the 1975 Pan-American games and a gold medal at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal before turning pro.

Leonard won his first title by beating Wilfred Benitez for the WBA Welterweight title in 1979. After three more successful years, Leonard retired in 1982 after being diagnosed for a detached retina. After undergoing surgery, Leonard returned two years later for a bout against Kevin Howard.

Again Leonard retired, only to return three years later for a bout against "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler. Leonard defeated Hagler successfully in a most memorable 12-round split decision. With the win Leonard recaptured the World Middleweight title.

Leonard continued to box for four more years. His last bout was in 1991 against Terry Norris for the WBC Super Middleweight and the WBC Light Heavyweight. Ironically, like Hagler, the match ended in a split decision, only Leonard lost.

That was Leonard's final match before his recent bout with Camacho. It should've been his last, but as a competitor Leonard was unable to stay out of the ring.

In the match Camacho proved tremendously superior to the rusty Leonard and at one time landed 12 consecutive blows. It seems Leonard greatly underestimated Camacho but more importantly, overestimated himself.

Leonard said previous to the match, "Yeah, I could [win a championship]. When I'm motivated, when there's a reason to do something, nothing stands in my way. It's only been five years."

It seems five years can take its toll, even on someone who seemingly drinks from the fountain of youth. For his age, not to mention his title of grandfather, Leonard is in extremely good shape and can still box.

"I'm pretty good at boxing, even at age 40," Leonard said earlier. "I'm a young 40. I just happen to be a grandfather. I'm very excited about my venture back into the ring."

It's time Leonard hung up the gloves for good. After a brilliant career in which he's won championships in five different weight classes, he should quit before experiencing any more embarrassment.

Leonard has a great deal of pride, for he is one of the greatest athletes boxing has ever had. That time has passed on and there is a new generation of fighters.

Leonard must understand as great as he still is, he will never be as effective of a fighter as he once was. With all of the respect in the world for Sugar Ray Leonard, I must ask that he not return to boxing again. Instead, return to your job as a sportscaster and focus on your title as grandfather.

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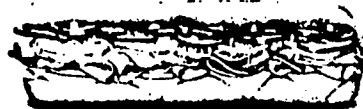
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Outdoors Editor

Venturing to Utah's snow country is akin to paradise.

Leaving the dreary, slushy, cloudy days of Moscow behind to behold the majesty of the sunny, steep, snow-covered Wasatch Range is like plugging into a battery recharger.

It is here, under the bright blue sky, blinding sunlight and spring-like conditions that I managed to do several things.

First, I forgot about bills not getting paid, that ex who was with someone else doing God knows what, the flooding of my basement, school work, work-work and familial obligations.

The fresh air and friendliness of the natives allowed me to find that illusive smile I had traded in for a concerned look of discontent about Jan. 13.

Solitude ski resort is a locals secret. We had heard that on Saturdays all the bigs were crowded — Alta, Snowbird, Park City — but that many overlooked the quiet little gem called Solitude.

True it isn't as glitzy and glamorous as the others. It has fewer lifts — seven total — and less terrain — 1,200 acres in all — but what it does have is efficient and for all levels. It is a family place and no one is that concerned with the latest fashions or equipment. The children giggle as the careen down the slopes with their brightly painted helmets and various

"Wahoo's" can be heard in appreciation from the lift if you're having a particularly good run on the ground.

Second, I remembered how much I love to ski. While atop my high performance side cut Rossignol 10.4 demos, I reveled in their quickness and ability to turn. I didn't even need to think about turning, for once in the groove, they did their own thing. Just point them downhill and away you go.

Although there haven't been many recent dumps in the area, merely 6 inches here and there, the snow was holding up remarkably well. We were cognizant of the face of the slope — morning snow on those with an eastern exposure was usually softer than those facing west. We followed the difficult terrain and sun throughout the day in order to find those pockets of supreme bliss.

Because of its size, Solitude allowed me to repeat runs if I desired. This may sound boring to some, but I loved the idea that I could see progress on the same slope. I could set goals, such as the whole pitch without stopping, and I could challenge the fall line more aggressively on known terrain.

The most interesting innovation in area technology is at Solitude. Your ticket is a piece of cardboard on a stretchy string (or for those frequenting often there is a retracting device much like the janitor's key ring). This ticket, made in

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Through the eyes of a stranger

Alyssa Muth

Guest Writer

As I stepped off the airplane in the San Jose airport, I wondered what I had just gotten myself into. I did not know a single soul; furthermore, my Spanish vocabulary was limited to what I had learned on *Sesame Street* so many years ago. But somehow or another I'd made the crazy decision to study in Costa Rica for the year.

There I was, suddenly in a new world — a world full of smiling faces. I am still not sure what my host family said to me at the airport, but I soon arrived safely at my new home.

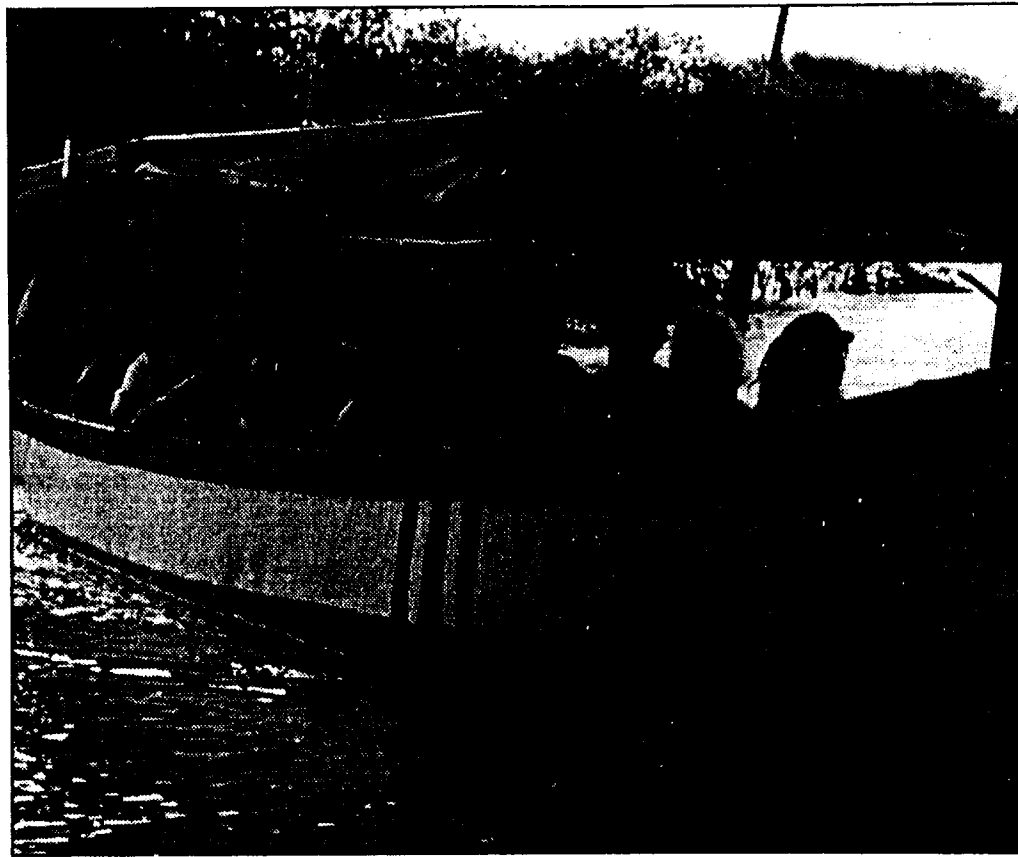
My new family and I became good at hand gestures, and I quickly began learning Spanish. I am taking 14 credits of intensive Spanish that has helped the communication process tenfold. I am also taking a Latin-American dance class and conservation biology.

The program that I am participating in also offers other classes such as literature, economics and history. My classes are not only teaching me a new language, but a whole new way of life. Many classes have been spent at the market tasting new fruits and vegetables as well as learning how to bargain for a lower price. I have also become a pro at breaking pinatas and cooking traditional Costa Rican desserts, such as tres leches. Field trips to butterfly gardens and serpent museums are also common. Class is always an adventure and very little time is spent behind a desk.

Perhaps even more enjoyable is the food here. I have never seen so many different fruits and vegetables in my life. There are avocados the size of cantaloupe, grapes the size of small plums and bananas of many different sizes. Small stands full of fresh produce dot the streets. The other day I tasted my first coffee bean straight off the plant. Each morning I drink freshly squeezed juice as well as a rich cup of coffee. Rice and beans are the true staple here and they are a part of almost every meal.

Costa Rica is a true ecologist's paradise. There are more species of plants and animals here in any one square kilometer than any other place in the world. So many, in fact, that it is impossible to keep them out of the house.

On many occasions I have had to chase off



One form of transportation in the Mangrones.

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birds that entered the pantry for a taste of our bananas; however, the bird-sized spiders usually end up scaring me away.

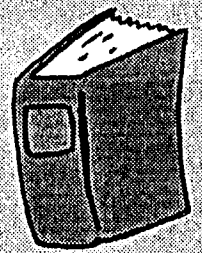
Lizards and geckos are common as well, and I try to let them have their space. There is also an incredible number of things to see outside of the house to say the least.

I pinched myself a couple of different times as I watched red lava tumble down one of the world's most active volcanoes. I was able to hike up to the base of it where only molten lava was present. I also had the chance to swim in a lagoon filled with primitive fish at the base of the mountain.

The rainforests here are unarguably amazing as well. I felt a bit like Tarzan as I climbed through vines, ducked under tree branches and crawled up broken trails to arrive at a waterfall. I took a break from the trek to watch a family of white-faced monkeys playing in the trees overhead. Less than two minutes later, a toucan straight off of a cereal box landed in a nearby tree. I was so busy looking at all its different colors that I almost stepped on an orange snake in the trail. Fortunately, it was preoccupied with chasing a foot-long grasshopper.

Equally amazing are the beaches. Palm trees

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Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch?

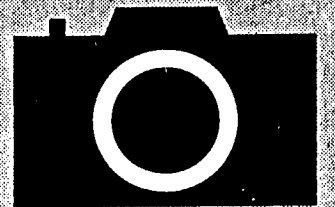
The University of Idaho Bookstore picked three students to receive their textbooks on UI. Todd Richardson, Connie Grant and Mary Schadler all got lucky, so to speak, by winning the Bookstore's "Textbook Scholarship" held during the Holiday Celebration promotion last December.

Todd Richardson, a law school student, won first prize and received \$527 worth of free spring 1997 textbooks.

Connie Grant won second prize for free textbooks for any two of her classes. And for third prize, Mary Schadler won books for one class.

Keep an eye out for the contest forms next year during their Holiday Celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tales of the Earth Photo Contest:

The University of Idaho Outdoor Program is offering an outdoor photo contest open to students, faculty and citizens of the surrounding area.

Categories are: people interacting with nature, nature-scenic and wildlife in nature.

Three photos are the maximum entry per person ranging from 8x10 to 11x14. They must be prints mounted to be hung, dropped off at or mailed to the UI Outdoor Program by April 4 and accompanied by a \$1 hanging fee per photo.

Winning photos will be displayed on the gallery wall of the Student Union Building, first floor from May 5 through 16.

Contact Mike Beiser, (208)885-6810 for more information, or mail photos to: University of Idaho, Re: Tales of the Earth Photo Contest, Moscow, ID 83844.

Palouse Triathlon:

The UI Campus Recreation is sponsoring the 14th Annual Palouse Triathlon April 20.

Entry forms are now available: Either call, (208)885-6381, fax (208)885-2340, e-mail <tereecs@uidaho.edu>, or write to Campus Recreation, Room 2004 Memorial Gym, Moscow, ID 83844-2426.

The entry deadline is April 11

Spring Bike Repairs

Sarah Horn
Staff

Bringing your bike out of storage after a long winter can be a scary experience. All the things that were falling off or plastered onto the frame are now covered with a layer of cobwebs and dust.

How do you go about fixing all of those things that were going wrong last fall before you put the bike on its hooks? Well this article will help give you some hints to get your bike back on the road with as little time and money as possible.

This article will not cover bearings, suspension or wheel truing because there are books which cover each of these in depth; however, the minor procedures which a layperson can accomplish are here.

First of all, take a look at your bike. Observe it closely for anything that appears a little worn or tattered. If you make a quick assessment of the things you need to fix then you can save even more time by not bothering with areas of your bike that don't need any attention.

Here are the steps, so roll up your sleeves and grab your tools.

We'll start with cables. Inspect all your cables for rusting or fraying. Make sure that all housing is free of cracks, too. Replace any damaged cables after loosening the cable anchor bolts at the brake caliper or derailleur.

When replacing cable make sure to use a cable cutter to trim the cables. The cables also need to be the same length as the originals. After you cut the cables inspect the ends of the housing sections for snags and trim them with diagonal cutters.

When replacing housing be sure to also replace ferrules (metal end pieces). When installation is finished, put on cable caps to prevent fraying.

To lube cables open quick brake release to create a cable slack and lift the housing out of the frame stays. Slide housing to expose cables and lubricate them with oil. After you have finished reinstall the housing, making sure to leave enough slack.

The chain is the next section we'll focus on. If your chain measures 12 inches between links then don't worry about it. If your chain is 12 1/2 inches or more replace it with a new one. Although there are ways to fix individual links it is time consuming and takes some practice and special tools. The easiest option is to change the whole chain.

However, replacing the chain does sometimes lead to new drivetrain parts, such as the rear cog and front chain rings.

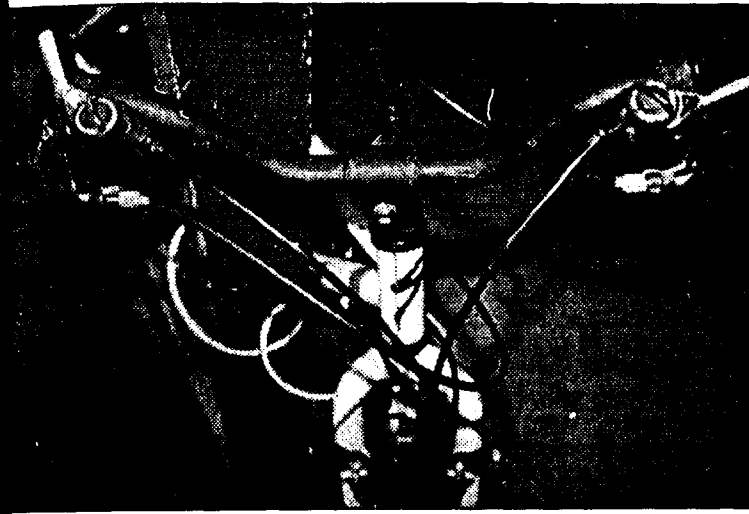
Oiling the chain is all that usually needs to be done. Apply oil while back peddling and wipe off excess with a rag.

Good breaks are a nice thing to have on any bike — especially when you are headed straight for a huge fur tree — so that is what we will look at next.

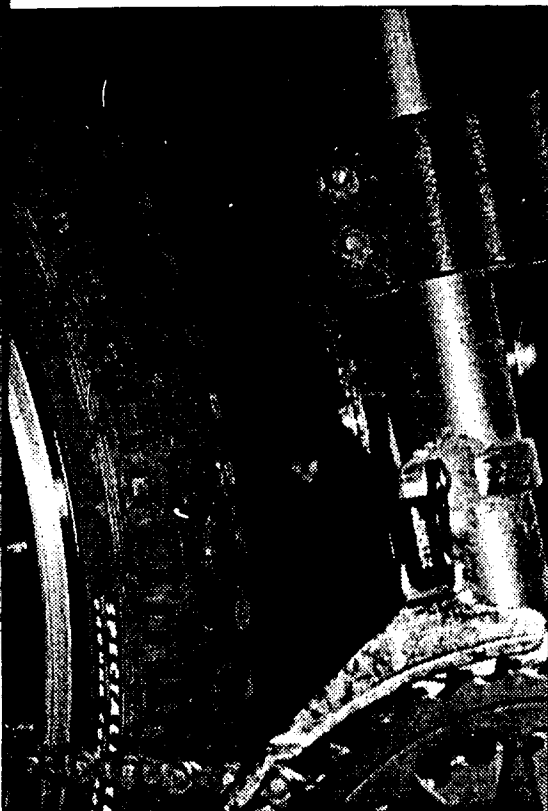
Brake pads have grooves in them. If yours don't have grooves, get new ones.

Adjust the pads so the front edge hits the rim first to prevent squealing. (Be careful not to allow the

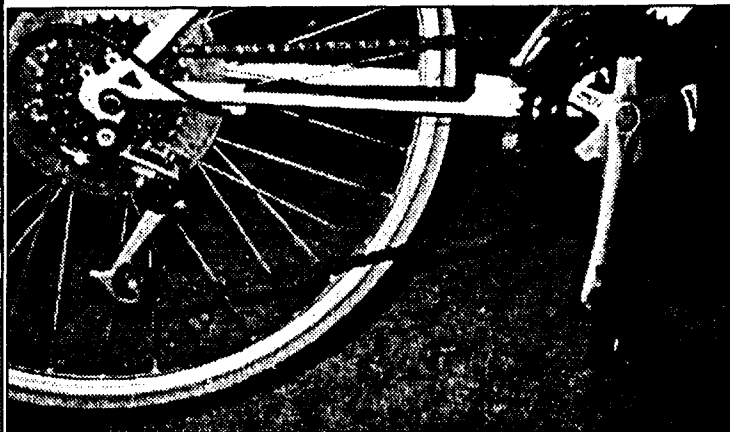
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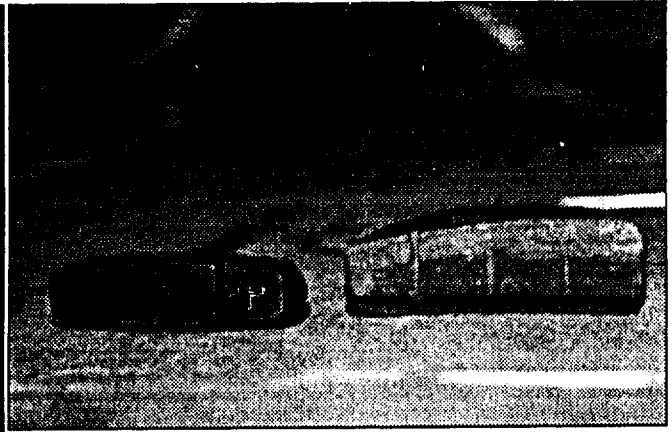
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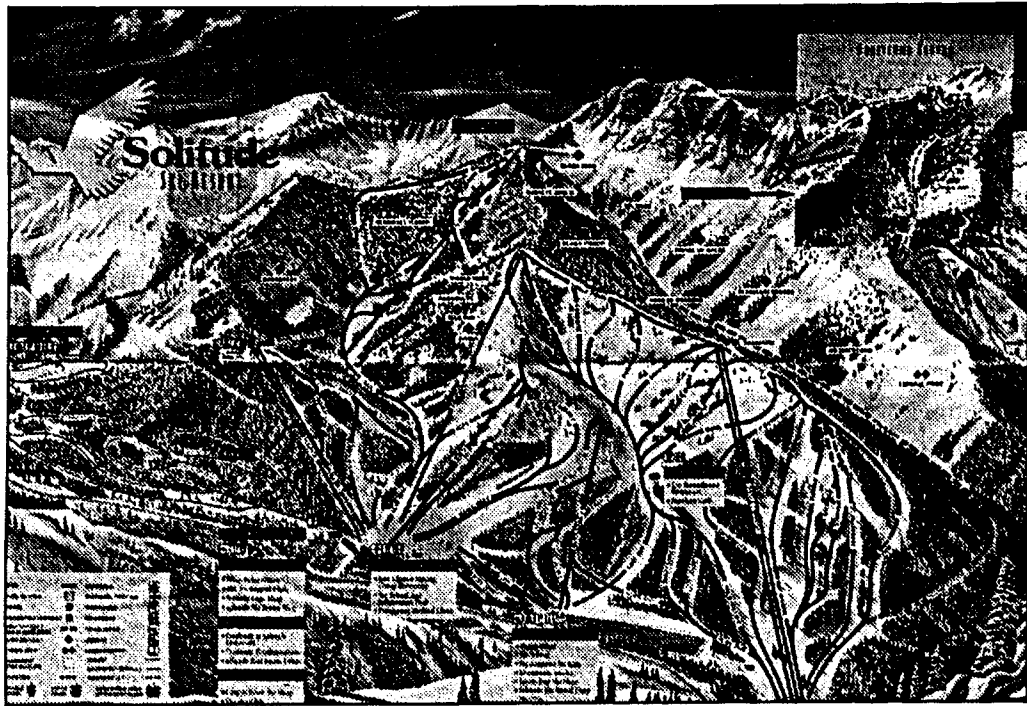
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Austria and therefore indicative of the European technology, is then inserted into a slot at the head of the lift-line and allows passage through a small turnstile. I am not sure I like it much because I got stuck behind a young person who got through the gate but did not get one of her skis through, therefore she was stuck and held up the line for a good couple of minutes.

Granted it is an efficient way to keep the employees from looking the other way if someone is without a ticket and/or digging your ticket out of the many layers you are wearing, it is also a bit difficult to get used to and tedious for every lift ride.

Finally, I found joy. Yes, that may be a novel concept to some. Are any of us really happy in this rat-race we call life? Does the bigger car, TV, house, clothes, walk-in closet, etc., honestly make us happy? Some would resound with a "hell yes!" Me, I'd rather be challenging myself outside.

I've said it before (and so has Ferris Bueller) "Life moves pretty fast, if you

don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." For me, the wonders of nature help ground my soul. With information zipping by me at a whirlwind pace, it is nice to reduce the day's tasks to "how many runs can I get in" or "should I break for lunch or just eat on the lift."

Overall I was pleasantly surprised by Solitude. I had set my sights on the bigger resorts, but we never had to wait in line for more than five minutes, and the terrain had great coverage. The people were nice and the employees cheerful. We could feel the local attitude — much like my favorite resort in Colorado, Arapahoe Basin — the prices were reasonable (\$34 for a day ticket and \$1.50 for a supreme hot chocolate) and you could ski to your car at the end of the day instead of taking a shuttle to BFE.

If you have the chance to get on down to Utah to make some turns, don't overlook Solitude, especially on a busy Saturday.



UI exchange students:
Back: Jefferson Davis,
Trena Bliven, Jill
Sauvageau, Marc
Beesley
Front: John Carpenter,
Shasta Radmacher

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and grass huts border the water. I almost felt like I was in flight when I was able to ride the waves on a surfboard. Surfing has given me one of the most natural highs in my life. But underneath the waves is where the real action is. The Caribbean coast contains some of the world's most beautiful and primitive coral reefs.

Observing blue, red, yellow and orange fish dart in and out of the reefs under water was like watching a 3-D version of the Discovery channel.

Whether it is the Caribbean, the Pacific, a rainforest or a volcano, there is always plenty to see. And if you can successfully dodge all the potholes in the road, you can get anywhere in the country in less than five hours. Buses will take you virtually anywhere, although you may have to help push when it gets stuck in the mud. Fortunately, the prices are very cheap.

You can go just about anywhere for less than \$5 and traveling is always enjoyable,

as the people here are friendly and helpful. Most of the people I have met have been very eager to share their country and they are very proud of it. Drivers have pulled over in the rain to offer me rides. Several people I have met on the bus have offered to help with my Spanish, or have invited me to the beach. Time does not seem to be a big issue here. Such expressions such as "tranquila" and "suave" are often used.

Now that I have been here for almost three months, I can honestly say that this was one of the best decisions that I have made in my life. Not only am I leaning about a whole new culture, but I am also realizing things about my own that I had not previously considered.

As I swing in my hammock and feel the warm Caribbean breeze brush across my face while sipping a pina colada, I must admit that I may never be ready to return to the University of Idaho!

Outdoors Editor's Note: Alyssa Muth is studying at the Universidad Nacional in Heredia, Costa Rica through the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC). Students interested in studying in Costa Rica or other sites throughout the world should contact Bob Neuenschwander (bobn@uidaho.edu) or stop by the Idaho Abroad Office in Room 225, Morrill Hall.

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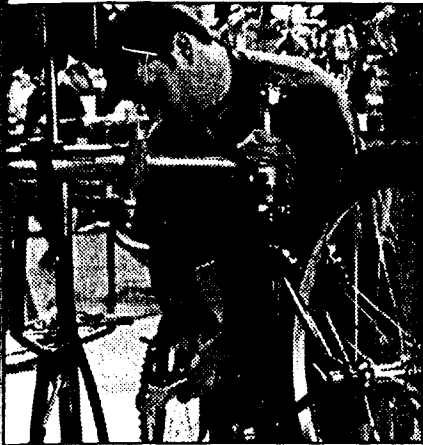
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sidewall of your tire if adjusted wrong, thus rendering them ineffective and your tire ruined).

Hook up new brake cables by holding the pads against the rim, loosening the anchor bolt, pulling the slack out of the cable, and tighten the bolt.

A simple way to adjust breaks is to turn the lever or caliper cable adjustment barrel left or right until you get the lever tension feel you like. Last, spray lube on the brake pivot points but never the brake pads.

Last on the list are grips and tape. If your grips are worn cut them with a utility knife. Pour a little alcohol in the new grips and slide them on. Wait for them to dry before riding.

Remove any worn tape and replace with new tape. Place a small amount of tape on the band behind each brake. Start wrapping the tape at the end of the

bar and work up. Make sure there are no wrinkles by stretching the tape. Cover the ends with the black electrical tape.

Hopefully these tips were enough to get you on your way, but if your bike needs a little more attention than was offered here check out the January 1997 issue of *Women's Cycling* magazine for suspension and wheel truing tips. For step by step bearing tips look at the February issue of *Bicycling*. If those tips don't help, break down and take your bike to a shop and have it fixed professionally. You could even consider biting the bullet and buying a new bike; however, depending on your passion — road, mountain or touring — nice new suspension bikes range from \$1,000 to the Mercedes model for \$7,500.



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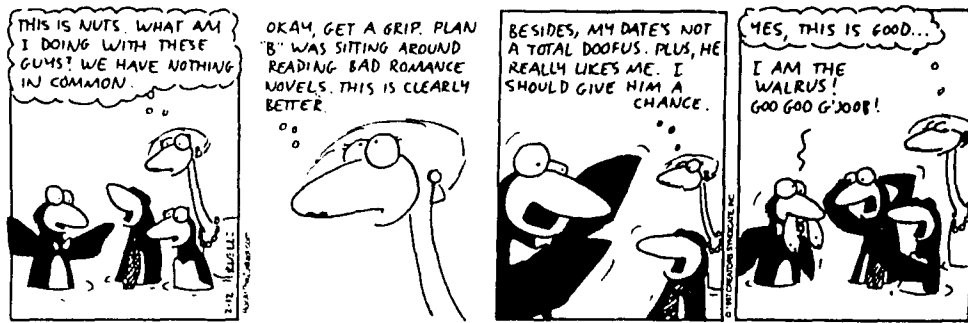
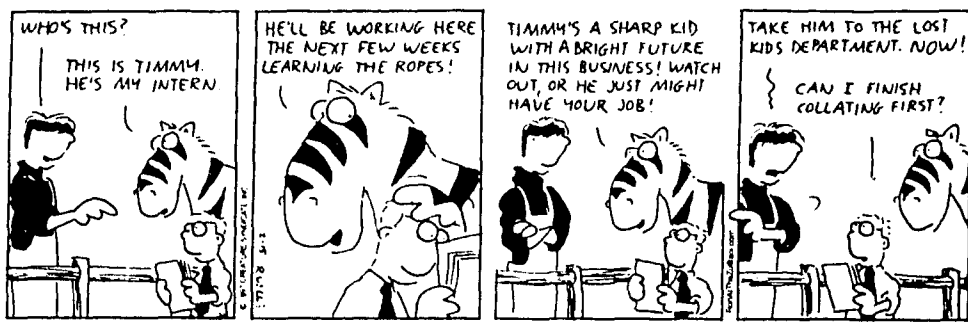


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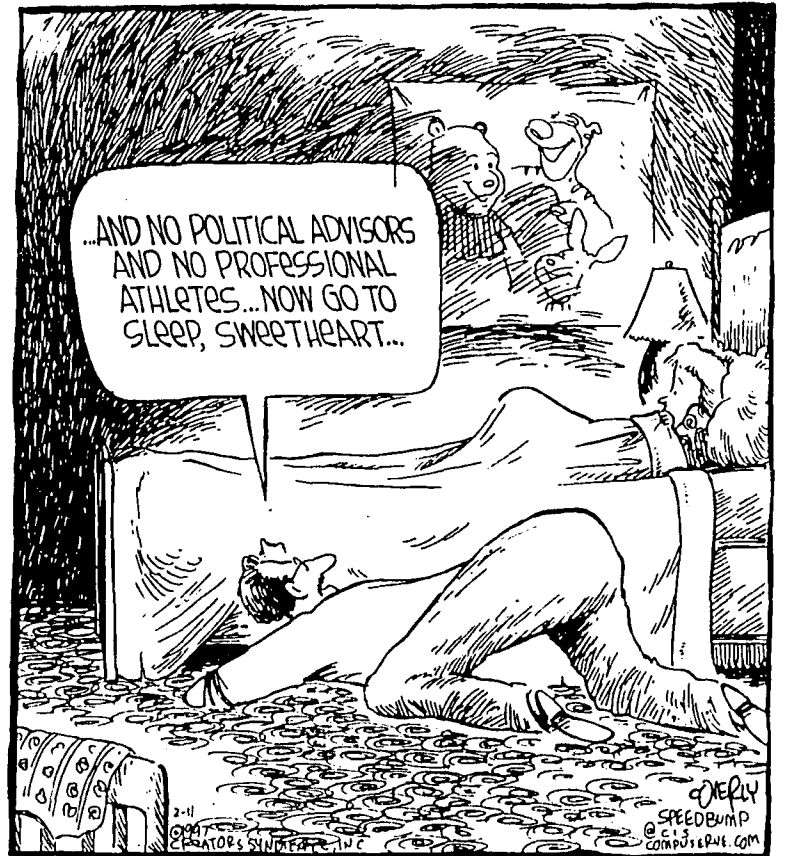
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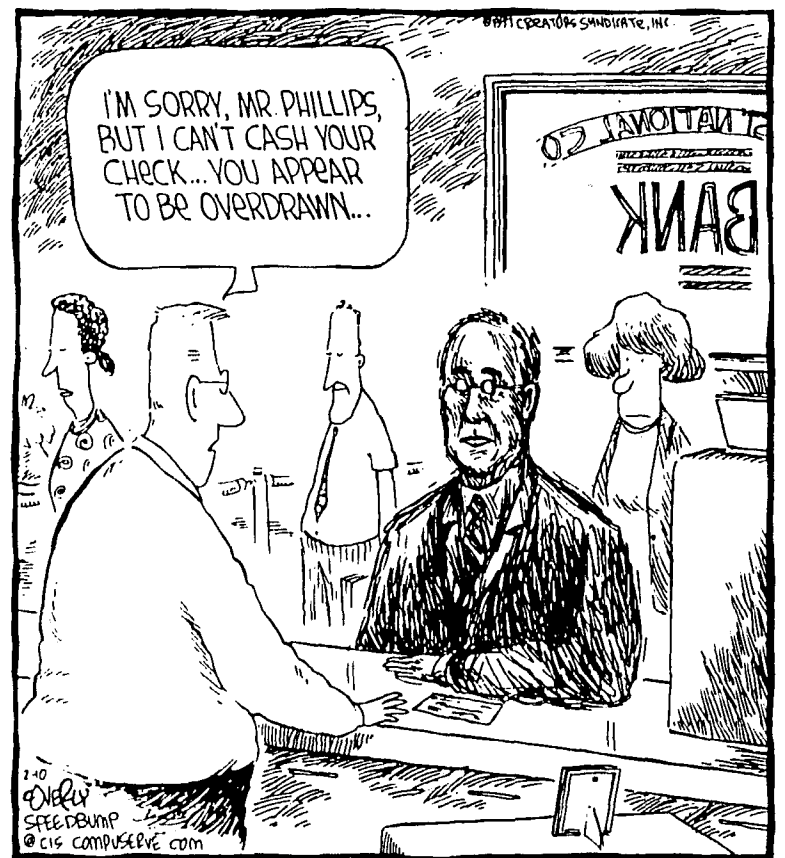
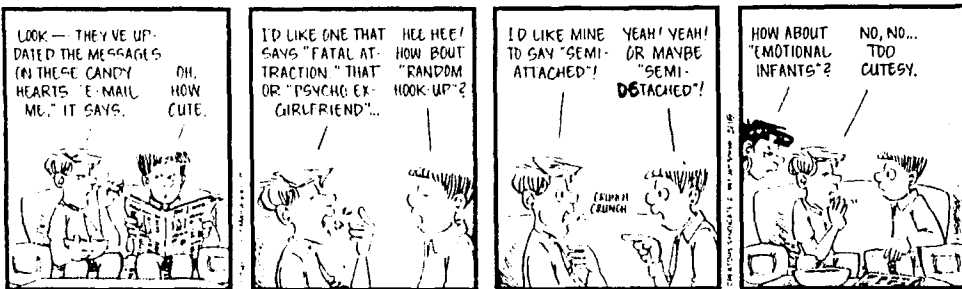
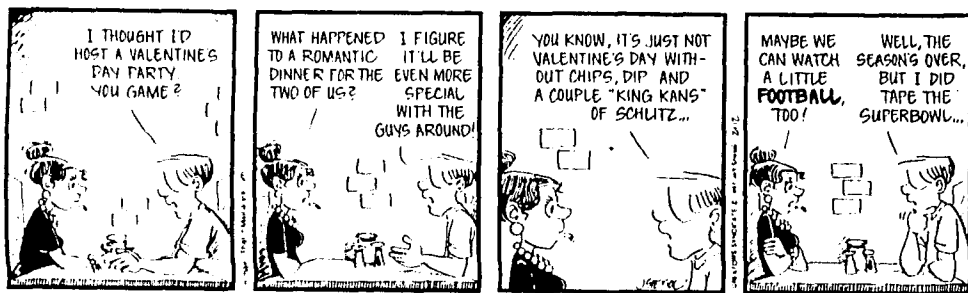
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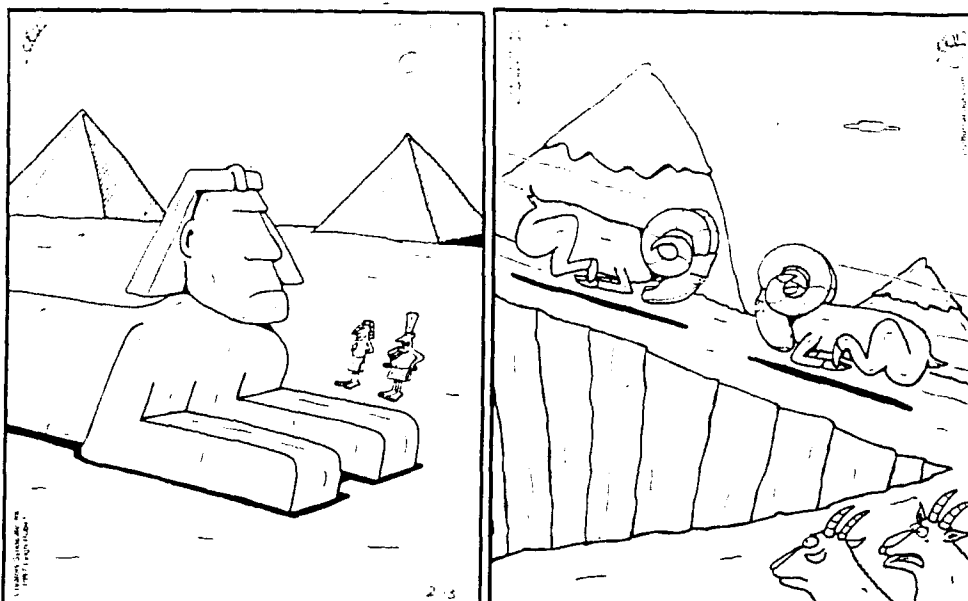
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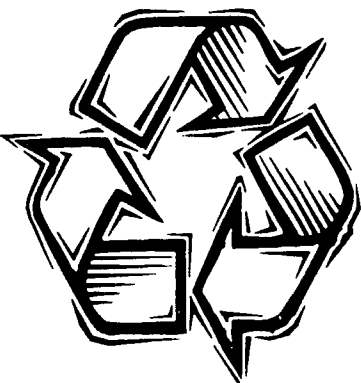
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