

Auto traffic increases on walkway

Margaret Donaldson
Staff

The University of Idaho is considered a pedestrian campus, but you might never know it by the amount of vehicle traffic on the campus walkway streets.

Jim Fazio, professor of resource recreation and tourism, said he thinks the amount of traffic on the walkway is dangerous and seems to be getting worse every year.

"I've seen lots of close calls with pedestrians," he said.

Although driving regulations on the walkway system have not changed for several years, campus parking statistics back up Fazio's claim of increased traffic.

Between June 1, 1996 and March 6, 1997, Parking Services issued 595 parking violations on the walkway system, compared to 250 violations issued the year before. In one year, the number of cars illegally parked on the walkway has more than doubled.

Phil Waite, assistant director of Capital Planning said, "I can tell you it is a personal disappointment of mine that there are so many vehicles in the core for what appear to be less than legitimate reasons."

The statistics do not include the cars that were illegally passing through the walkway. Parking Services can only ticket parked cars, and it is the Moscow Police Department's duty to ticket moving vehicles.

David Sexton, Parking Services supervisor, said, "We've always had a problem with cars up there. We've done our best to limit traffic."

Waite said the Campus Planning Advisory Committee has also noticed the problem with cars on the walkway. The CPAC has been discussing strategies to encourage a decrease in the number of vehicles on the walkway.

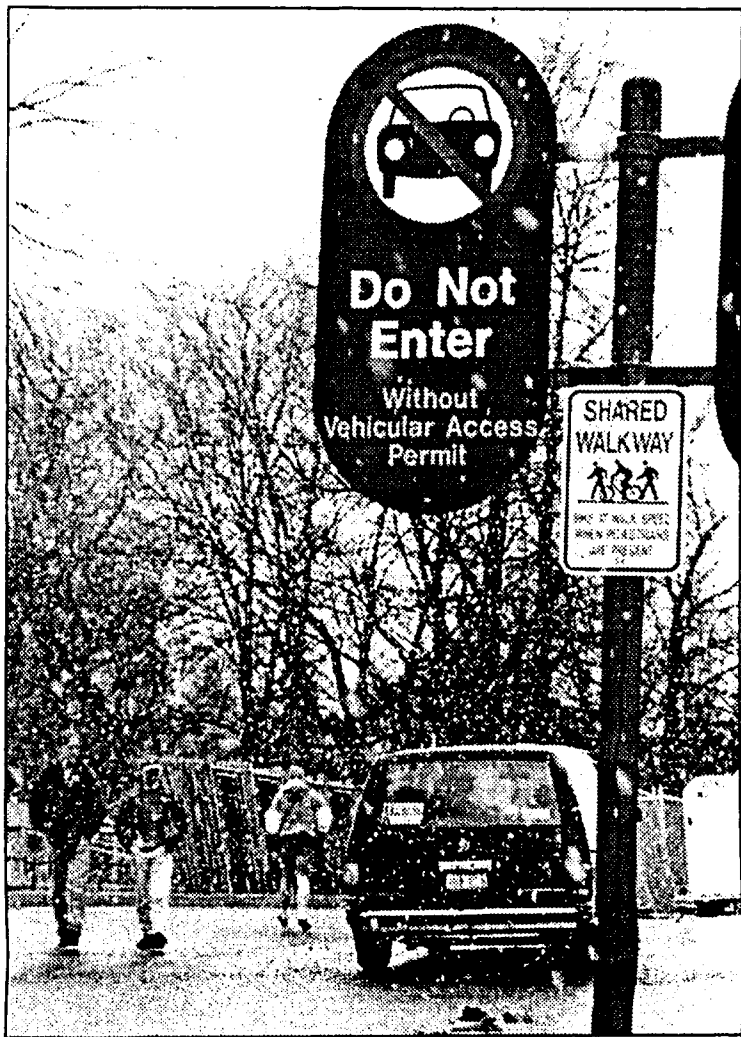
Sexton and Waite agree that it is necessary that some vehicles drive on the walkways.

"We can't have a fully functioning campus without some vehicles in the core of that campus," Waite said.

The walkway system is restricted to vehicles with disabled permits and service vehicles, but other vehicles are issued permits with time limitations on a case-by-case basis.

Sexton said the University has considered several ideas for controlling traffic on the walkway system, but so far none have been implemented.

They considered closing off critical areas to traffic by placing obstructions at the intersection by the



Erin Siemers

Autos on the campus walkways cause problems for students.

Communications Building and Food Science. This would force people to drive onto campus and come out the same way, eliminating short-cutting.

Another consideration involved limiting the hours service vehicles, like IDA-VEND and Sharp

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12 computers stolen from Forestry lab

Eric Barker
Staff

All of the computers were stolen from the University of Idaho Forestry Building computer lab late Friday night or early Saturday morning. Police have no suspects in the case, which has been assigned to detectives.

Thieves took 12 central processing units, the boxes containing the computer hardware. The keyboards and monitors were left behind.

Capt. Hershaw of the Moscow Police Department estimates the combined value of the CPUs at \$12,000 to \$18,000.

"These things take a while to solve. We're going to look around and sniff around until we solve this thing," Hershaw said.

The theft occurred while both the lab and the building were closed. It is not known how the perpetrators gained access to the building, but police determined the lab door was forcibly entered.

The lab is closed and will remain so for at least two weeks.

The stolen computers, new Gateway 133's, were just purchased last summer. It is not yet known whether the loss will be covered by the university's insurance.

Kari Dickinson of Computer Services hopes to have the computers replaced within a few weeks. However, if the theft is not covered by insurance, it could be quite some time before new computers are purchased, she said.

"It's really unfortunate for us and all the students on campus," Dickinson said.

The computers were purchased with student fees.

AIDS medication gets state support

Erin Schultz
Staff

Though \$4,500 sounds like a lot of money, most people are willing to reconsider spending habits when it comes to a drug that could help work against a life threatening disease — especially when the disease is AIDS.

On Feb. 17, a new AIDS medication called Crixivan gained approval to be distributed in Idaho to eligible patients.

Crixivan belongs to a group of drugs known as protease inhibitors, the latest trend in AIDS medication. Though they are far from a cure for AIDS, protease inhibitors are thought to help prolong a person's life and improve overall health.

While the ideal cure would wipe out all traces of the virus from the body, Crixivan and other protease inhibitors work to slow down replication and reproduction of AIDS virus cells.

"Protease is relatively new. It affects cells and the cell function.... It influences the reproduction of the AIDS virus, reduces the amount of virus in the system so the body is better able to repair itself. From this, we hope the quality of life improves," said Cameron Lewis, resource development and training coordinator for the state of Idaho Bureau of Clinical & Prevention Services.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare estimates the yearly cost of Crixivan to be \$4,500. A state drug program is in place to give assistance to those who meet eligibility requirements. Last month, Crixivan was chosen to become part of this program, which supplies state dollars for AIDS medication.

In order to be eligible for treatment through state funds, patients must meet certain requirements.

Alice Vollbrecht, epidemiologist for the North Central District Health Department, said there must be proof that people have a serious enough case. Also, patients must agree not to stop and start treatments, as this could cause a resistance to the drug to develop.

Vollbrecht explained, "Crixivan is still so new that doctors don't know how long people will have to be on it. So far, they've discovered it's going to require pretty long-term therapy."

Jerry Galloway, an AIDS advocate from the

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Tomorrow— Showers with some sun. Highs 45 to 50.



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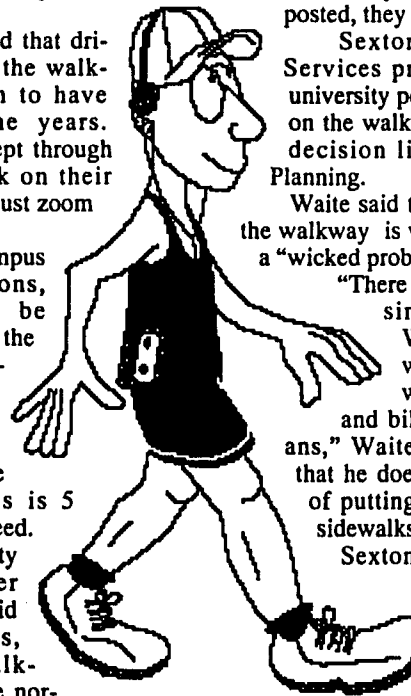
Copiers, could have access to campus. Sexton said they had a problem conflicting with companies' business hours.

Fazio has noticed that drivers' attitudes on the walkway system seem to have changed over the years. "Earlier, people crept through with a guilty look on their face, but now they just zoom through," he said.

According to campus parking regulations, nobody should be "zooming through" the walkways on campus. The regulations state that the speed limit for vehicles using the campus walkways is 5 mph, or walking speed.

Campus Community Policing Officer Terry Haldeman said the UI campus, including the walkways, is part of the normal patrol of the Moscow Police Department. However, Haldeman said, "I'm 99.5 percent sure there haven't been any speeding tickets issued on the walkway in years."

Haldeman explained that in



Moscow the speed limit is 25 mph. He believes this includes campus, and if the 5 mph speed limit is not posted, they can't enforce it.

Sexton said Parking Services proposed that the university post the speed limit on the walkway, but the final decision lies with Capital Planning.

Waite said the speed limit on the walkway is what planners call a "wicked problem."

"There is no easy, quick, simple solution.

Whatever solution we use has to work for vehicles and bikes and pedestrians," Waite said. He added that he doesn't like the idea of putting speed limits on sidewalks.

Sexton and Waite said that despite some problems, the walkway is important on the campus.

Sexton said, "The benefits of the walkway make for a nice campus and a nice community to walk around in."

Announcements

Today:

Learn about horses

Three classes for horse owners, breeders and trainers are being offered by UI Enrichment. For more information, call 885-6486.

Note the new hours

The Law School Building has new hours beginning this week. It is open 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Plan your schedule

Summer and fall time schedule information is now available for viewing on the Web at <http://www.uidaho.edu/registration>. Summer session registration begins March 17. Academic advising for fall semester begins April 17 and registration begins April 21.

Buy some wood

The UI Logger Sports Club is selling Tamarack firewood for \$110/cord, cut, split and stacked. Contact Richard Folk at 885-5850 (days) or Russ Hegedus at 835-3365 (eves).

Tomorrow:

Say what you think

A public hearing on the proposed student fee increases will be held in the Student Union Silver and Gold Rooms at 3 p.m.

Get ready for questions

"Preparing for the Interview," a free workshop by Career Services, will be held at 2:30 p.m. in Brink Hall. For more information or to pre-register, call 885-6121.

Hear the woman

Dr. Francesca Sammarca will be speaking on "Women in Science" at the Society of Women Engineers meeting at 6:30 p.m. in JEB 321.

Upcoming:

Win a scholarship

Rotary International announces two fellowships for qualified individuals who would like to study internationally in 1998-1999. Contact Dr. John R. Sturgul at 885-7939 for more information.

Be an ambassador

New Student Services is looking for student ambassadors to visit high schools in their area over spring break. Call Lloyd Scott or Melissa Eberhard at 885-6163.

Be a campus host

Vandal Friday is March 28. To volunteer for the event, call 885-6163.

Be a hazard volunteer

Volunteers are need for the ninth annual Household Hazardous Waste Day, April 26. Sign up for a shift by calling Heather at 882-2925. Safety training, lunch and protective clothing are provided.

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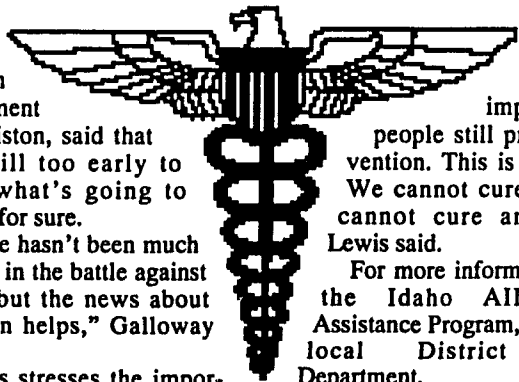
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Health Department

in Lewiston, said that it is still too early to know what's going to happen for sure.

"There hasn't been much positive in the battle against AIDS, but the news about Crixivan helps," Galloway said.

Lewis stresses the importance of realizing that Crixivan is not a wonder drug.



"It is important that people still practice prevention. This is not a cure. We cannot cure any virus," Lewis said.

For more information about the Idaho AIDS Drug Assistance Program, contact the local District Health Department.

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School counselors address programs, cultures

Robert Hall
Staff

John Dudley, director of counseling services for the Lincoln, Neb., public schools, spoke at the 1997 spring conference for the Idaho School Counselor Association and Idaho Career Development Association held at the University of Idaho last week.

Dudley is author of *When Grief Visits School: Organizing a Successful Response*, and is co-author of the book, *Comprehensive Guidance Programs that Work*.

"Today, more than ever, there is a very important need for active counseling in the schools. Children are fragile, they need all the help we can afford," Dudley said.

His presentation, called "Remodeling Your School Counseling Program While Living in It," focused on the assessment of programs, prioritizing programs, networking and the development of counseling programs.

"The time is critical. We need to change. The population of 'at-risk' kids is growing. If you can get someone to believe in one of these kids, it can change

their lives. A counselor, a teacher can do that," he said.

To give an idea of the need for ongoing development in the counseling field, Dr. Patricia Arredondo, president of the Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development and keynote speaker for the Idaho Career Development Association, said, "In 1995, 70 percent of the people in the (United States) were Anglo-Europeans, while only 30 percent are considered minorities. By 2010, 49 percent will be Anglo-European, while 51 percent will consist of people other than the Anglo-European race. The demographics are changing. This is going to happen. These people are already born."

The change in demographics affects the way teachers and counselors help children. What is considered important to one culture is not necessarily important to another. When different cultures mix in environments like the classroom, the facilitator can no longer assume that he or she is effectively reaching all the children.

Dr. Jerry Fischer, an assistant professor in adult, counselor and technology education, told his class of aspiring school coun-

selors, "We must change our perspectives. Our culture is changing. We must begin to see with a multicultural perspective."

One of the basic goals of the ISCA is to advance the academic discipline of counseling and human services in order to maximize the educational, vocational and personal growth of each student; and to foster, within each school, offerings which are tailored to each student's particular aptitudes, needs, interests, achievements and motivations.

The ISCA is an association of over 300 professional school counselors and their supporters. Chartered in 1971, the ISCA is a branch of the American School Counselor Association, and maintains alliances with other counseling and educational associations.

The purpose of the ISCA and its conference is to promote excellence in school counseling. Its vision statement includes the desire for all students to have access to a professional school counselor and that all professional school counselors belong to and have the support of the ISCA.



Sarah Wichlacz
Dr. Patricia Arredondo spoke on multicultural career counseling Friday in the Student Union.

Spring brings increase in bike citations

Eric Barker
Staff

As spring approaches, more and more students are taking to the streets on bicycles. Cpl. Carl Wommack of the Moscow Police Department warns that citations will be issued to those who do not follow the rules of the road.

"The most prevalent violation we see is riding on the road at night without a light," Wommack said. He warns bike riders to obey all traffic laws or risk being issued a citation.

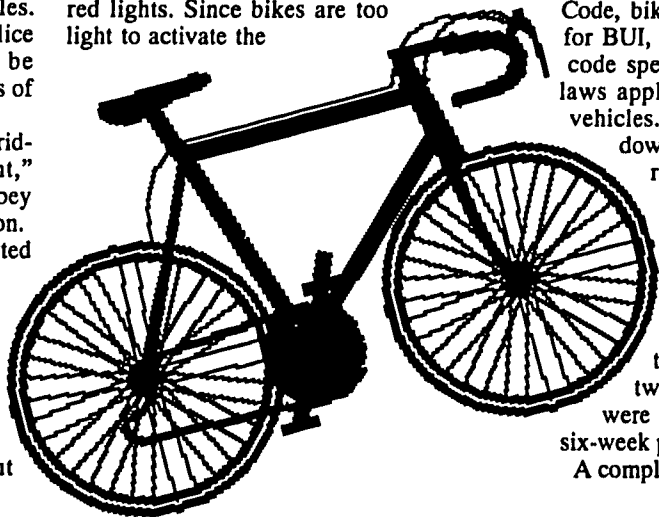
The fine for all traffic violations committed on a bicycle is \$32.50.

Almost all the laws that apply to operators of motor vehicles also apply to bicyclists.

There are some exceptions to this rule. Bike riders are not required to make a full stop at stop signs. When approaching a stop sign, a cyclist may proceed without

stopping, provided there is no traffic. However, if another vehicle is approaching the intersection, the biker must yield.

Bike riders must always stop for red lights. Since bikes are too light to activate the



automatic signal-changing sensors at intersections, bikers may proceed before the light turns green if there is no approaching traffic.

Because of inconsistencies in the Idaho Code, bike riders cannot be issued citations for BUI, or biking under the influence. The code specifically states that drunk driving laws apply only to the operation of motor vehicles. The Idaho Supreme Court struck down the conviction of a bicyclist for riding while intoxicated.

Wommack still warns against riding a bicycle while drunk. "It's not a safe idea, but it is within the law," he said.

Riding against the flow of traffic is illegal and a common violation, Wommack said. He noted that two accidents resulting in injuries were caused from this practice within a six-week period last fall.

A complete listing of all the laws that apply

to bicyclists can be found on the Moscow Police Department's web page under the heading "bicycle patrols." The address is <<http://www.uidaho.edu/~police/bikelaw.html>>.

"I implore people to follow the rules of the road.... Most of the codes have to do with the protection of bicyclists," Wommack said.

As bike traffic increases, so does bike theft. In 1995, 38 bikes were stolen on campus and 92 throughout Moscow. Wommack said those numbers include only thefts that are reported.

"I guarantee you the actual number is much higher," he said. The MPD annually auctions off many bicycles that are found but never claimed. Wommack speculated many of these are the results of intoxicated persons taking unlocked bikes for joy rides.

Registering your bike with the MPD and consistently locking it are the best deterrents to theft, he said.

ASUI Elections

Wednesday, April 16th

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9:30 p.m. Daniel Ray Stephens of 222 Snow Hall was issued a misdemeanor citation for possession of marijuana.

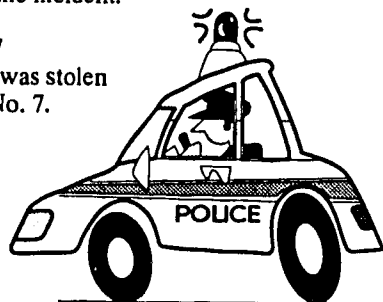
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9:24 a.m. Twelve computers were reported stolen overnight from the Forestry Building Computer Lab. Detectives are investigating.

10:07 p.m. Two reports of possible shots fired were taken from student housing on Sweet Avenue. Police were unable to confirm the incident.

03/09/97

12:43 p.m. A bicycle was stolen from 528 Taylor No. 7.



Robert Hall

Staff

Summer jobs are available now with land tour companies in Alaska's national parks and on cruise lines, but interested students should apply soon, said Eileen Garvin of Progressive Media.

"These jobs won't be around in June. Employers are currently accepting applications, and the time to begin your job search is now," Garvin said.

She suggested that, "The Alaska fishing industry is a great option for students who are ready to work hard and want to experience the beauty of America's last frontier."

Micheal Jones of Jamestown, N.Y., worked on a tender boat the summer of 1995 and enjoyed the job for several reasons.

"Besides the money, it is such a great place to work. Alaska is so beautiful and relaxing. I worked my butt off, but after one week up there I didn't have to use my ulcer medication. You become more focused on things like work and survival. And you don't sweat the little things," Jones said.

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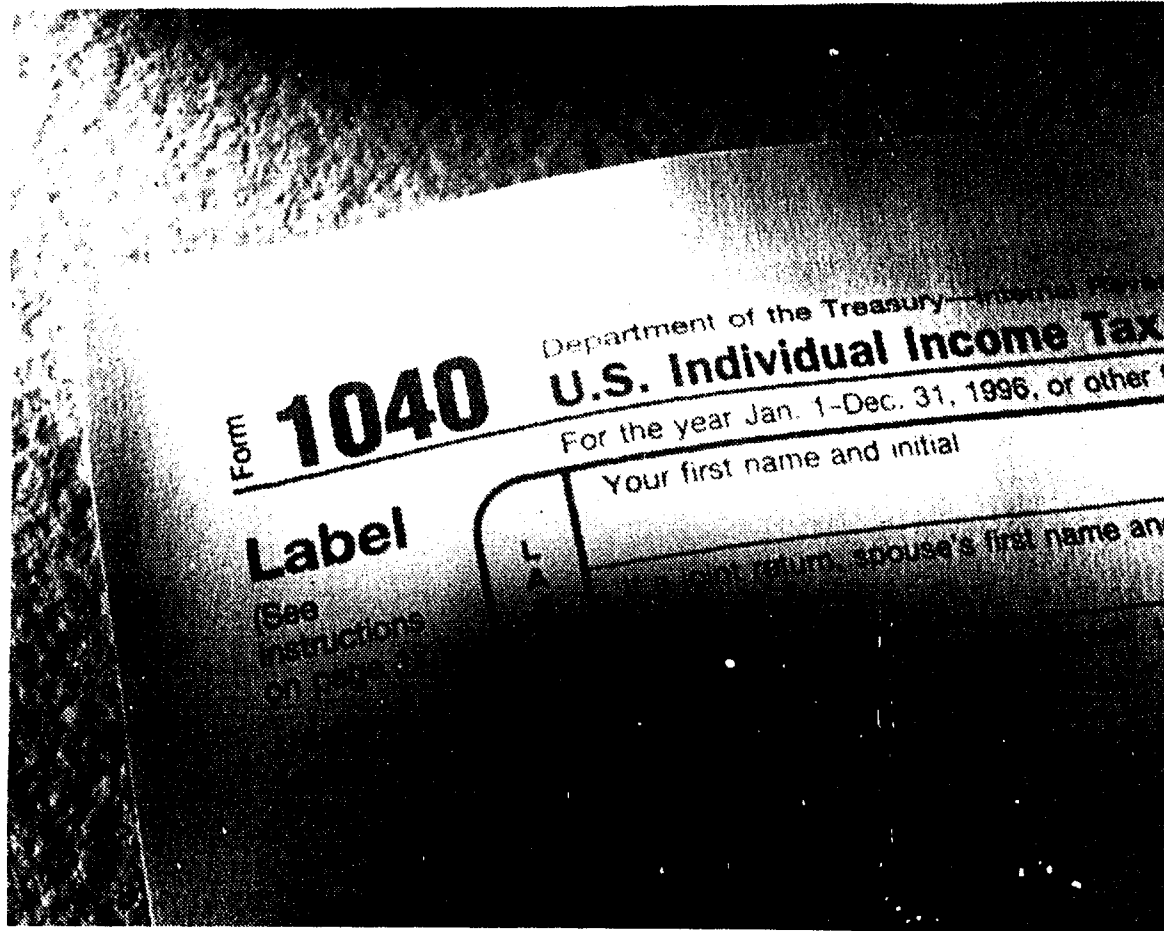
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Internet vulnerable to abuse despite new policies

Eric Barker
Staff

Despite changes in campus computer policy, the system is still open to abuse. Users must take extra care to protect their passwords and to log out in order to ensure security.

The new log in procedures have been adopted to add security to the system. However, if students walk away from a computer without logging out, security becomes very fragile, said Kari Dickinson of Computer Services. She likened failing to log out of a computer to leaving cash or other valuables on a table.

"If someone walks away, there is that potential for abuse," Dickinson said.

There are cracking programs that can be used to randomly guess passwords. The first thing students should do if they suspect their Novell accounts have been illegally accessed is change their passwords.

"It's real important for people to have passwords not easily guessed," Dickinson said.

Cpl. Carl Wommack of the Moscow Police Department said he has taken three complaints from people who have had their e-mail accounts accessed and used in an inappropriate manner.

He cited one recent case in which a woman forgot to log out of her account before leaving the computer lab. Within minutes, an unidentified person began sending lewd messages from her address. That night, the woman received several angry phone calls at

her home from people who received the messages.

Wommack said this abuse of the system is a crime.

"It falls under phone harassment because it goes over the phone lines," he said. Phone harassment is a misdemeanor, but Wommack said the second conviction is a felony, punishable by up to five years in jail.

Dickinson said there is a responsibility involved in using the Internet and its services. She is pleased with campus as a whole, and said most students do not take this responsibility lightly. However, if extensive abuse were to occur, it could limit or shut down the system, she said.

Dickinson also said that the Internet is not an anonymous place. The new log in policy

makes it possible for Computer Services to trace an individual's activities on the World Wide Web. Most Internet providers do require subscribers to log in. Not having to log into the net was unusual.

The new policy also allows Computer Services to trace the number of prints made by individuals. Lab assistants have reported that abuse of toner and paper is a common problem. Dickinson said \$60,000 is annually budgeted for these items.

That money could be used purchase more equipment or software, she said. Eventually, lab users will allocated a set amount of paper and toner, and those who go over budget will have to pay. But for now, Computer Services is tracking patterns of use.

Students hope to park in Admin lot at night

Lighting, other safety issues at stake

Robert Hall
Staff

One of the most important issues facing students is campus safety. To confront this issue, the ASUI Safety Board and ASUI President Jim Dalton have committed themselves to making the UI campus a safe place for all students.

There were 10 rapes reported in Moscow last year: one on campus and nine in the city. There were eight assaults on campus, 65 cases of vandalism, two suicide attempts, one arson, 136 thefts, seven burglaries, six narcotics violations and two weapons violations.

Dalton and the Safety Board have submitted a proposal to the UI Parking Services that asks for free student parking in the gold lot west of the Administration Annex at night.

"It's a drop in the bucket," said Dalton, "but it's important."

His concern is that most of the parking lots on campus "are too dark and many students don't feel safe parking and walking to wherever they might be working, whether it be the library or one of the labs."

Originally, the issue was brought up by art and architecture students because they work late at night and are often ticketed.

It has been proposed that students be allowed to park in the gold lot from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. without being ticketed unless there is snow. If it snows, the lot would have to be plowed and the cars could be towed if they are not moved out of the lot.

"The students will be notified on any progress concerning the availability of the parking lot behind the Admin Annex. It is well lit and at a central location," Dalton said.

This issue is one of many campus safety concerns, Dalton said.

"Although the campus is a fairly safe place, we need to be prepared for growth," he said. "People need to feel safe. We are also looking into the availability of telephones on campus. Unfortunately, there are

not a lot of places to call for help.

Fred Hutchinson, campus head and safety officer, said "Right now, people can go to the Library 'fish bowl,' the dorms and married student housing if they need a phone."

Hutchinson is also the manager of UI Nightwatch, a group that walks the campus at night. "They check doors and police areas for safety. They are the eyes of the campus, reporting problems directly to the police."

The safety staff have been working to improve conditions on campus.

"There are concerns and we are working on them. Lighting is very important. Blue light telephones," he said, "add a false sense of security. They don't add any more security than normal phones. What we need are phones that are available 24 hours a day in areas that are accessible to all students. We are also discussing police presence. We need to know that they are here at 4 in the morning."

UI student Debbie Johnson disagreed about the telephones.

"The telephones and lighting are deterrents to crime. We need to address prevention issues and not wait for something to happen in order for change to take place.

What about the girl who is raped on campus, do we say we're sorry and then put the lights in? What do we say to her parents?" Johnson said.

Dalton said students think there is not enough police presence on campus.

"We are involved in discussions right now concerning the presence on campus," he said. "Unfortunately, it takes an incident to make change — like alcohol and the changes it has created on campus. We need to make it a priority, and of course, money is a big concern. There is about \$90,000 allocated for lighting on campus. That might seem like a lot, but if you take into consideration that each light costs about \$5,000, the total amount doesn't go very far."

The Safety Board has also allocated \$1,000 for a Women's Center survey on acquaintance rape. Dalton said, "as soon as this is completed, we'll have numbers and facts that will aid in prevention and intervention programs."


Hutchinson said, "The ASUI Safety Board is doing a very fine job. They are asking some very good questions, and getting some very important things done. They are making real progress."

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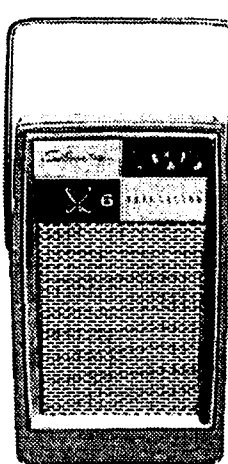
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Idaho News Briefs

Idaho tries to stop grizzly plan

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has authorized another attempt to keep a grizzly reintroduction plan for the Bitterroot Mountains safely boxed away.

The commission on Friday directed Fish and Game Director Steve Mealey to ask the federal Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee to withdraw its plan to publish an environmental impact statement.

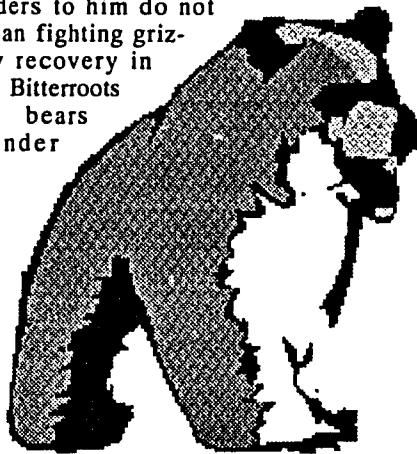
Mealey plans to attend the panel's meeting this month to make the pitch.

The draft statement would offer several alternatives, ranging from no releases to transplanting grizzlies to the recovery area and turning management over to a citizens committee.

The bear is listed as a threatened species. The recovery zone includes the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness between Idaho and Montana.

The commission has been on record opposing the reintroduction, as is Gov. Phil Batt, who asked Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt to scrap grizzly releases.

The commission's marching orders to him do not mean fighting grizzly recovery in the Bitterroots if bears wander



in on their own, Mealey said, adding they occupy the Selkirk Mountains in northern Idaho.

The commission's directions smack of an "almost authoritarian" attempt to limit the public's right to decide about recovery, said Don Smith, the Alliance for the Wild Rockies' Idaho representative.

Smith said he did not fault Mealey, who began his career as a wildlife biologist working with grizzlies.

"I think that if he were to challenge the commission at this early date, his confidence-building measures would be set back."

Biologists want to use lights, noise to scare fish

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Fish and Game Department may use discotheque-style strobe lights and music to save the kokanee salmon fishery at Dworshak Reservoir.

Biologists on Friday told the Fish and Game Commission they want to scare the fish away from the dam's outlets. High water a year ago flushed more than a million kokanee out of Dworshak, effectively killing a popular fishery.

Keeping kokanee out of the dam's spillways offers the best hope for consistent angling, said Al Van Vooren, fisheries research manager.

The department hopes to use Bonneville Power Administration money for the kokanee study, which could take several years to put in place, he said.

Trying to rebuild a reservoir from ground zero is tough.

By one estimate, he said, the department would have to stock 435 million kokanee this spring to jump-start fishing.

"You can only do so much with stocking

and we could never stock enough so the key is managing the losses."

The department still hopes to collect enough eggs this fall so it can release 2 million fry next spring.

"And then it gets worse," said Steve Huffaker, Fisheries Bureau chief, told the panel.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to draw down Dworshak by 100 feet late this summer so it can fix cracks in the bedrock beneath the dam.

Once the reservoir gets so low, anglers have a tougher time reaching the water to fish, he said.

Girl in coma after fall into cave

BOISE (AP) — The condition of a 15-year-old girl who fell into a cave near Mountain Home has improved, but she remained unconscious Sunday.

Carlye Lemke fell 30 feet into Eureka Cave on March 1. She was at a party with about 12 other people. Most of those youths fled, apparently to avoid arrest for drinking.

Her father, Air Force Tech. Sgt. Craig Lemke, said doctors took Carlye off a respirator machine Friday and she is breathing on her own.

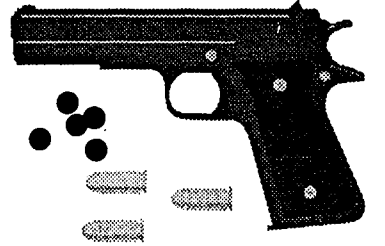
"She is not conscious, but she is showing some improvement," Lemke said. "I haven't talked to the kids who were out there. I'll sort that out later."

The Mountain Home High School sophomore suffered a fractured back, a ruptured disc in her neck and a serious head injury that caused brain swelling.

She was in a doctor-induced coma to help the swelling.

Family disputes review of killing

BOISE (AP) — The stepfather of 20-year-old Ryan Hennessey says he will ask national experts to review his stepson's shooting



death because he does not trust the official report from Attorney General Alan Lance.

That report found off-duty Police Detective David Smith acted properly when he fatally shot Hennessey Nov. 6 during a struggle after a high-speed chase.

"It's a sad state of affairs," stepfather John Billington said Friday. "Anyone on the street knows something is terribly wrong here, and the state's highest-ranking law official is just covering his rear end."

Smith, who was off duty at the time and with his family in his unmarked police car, began chasing Hennessey after seeing him driving erratically. The two sped through southeast Boise, and then Smith said Hennessey confronted him after Hennessey's car hit a curb.

Smith said the young man grabbed for the detective's gun and the two began fighting. Smith shot him once in the chest.

"If they said there'd been any wrongdoing, they know we'd have sued for millions of dollars and made a big national case out of it," Billington said. "This way, the burden of proof and the financial burden of proving wrongdoing are on us."

The family hired a forensic pathologist to do an autopsy and now will seek additional expert help.

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OPINION

We're guilty... almost

"If the world were to end," the e-mail forward I received said, "how would various papers and magazines report the event?"

USA Today: "We're Toast."

The Wall Street Journal: "Dow plunges to lowest levels ever."

The Argonaut: "Registratoin porblems solvved."

Ha ha, Biff. Real mature.

Since journalists brag so loudly about being the fourth branch of government, readers have the absolute right to demand the same amount of responsibility, accountability and accuracy journalists constantly demand from politicians and society.

Readers have certainly made their demands on the Argonaut known to those who dwell in certain offices on the third floor of the Student Union.

To borrow a line from President Clinton, mistakes were made. Some of us have grown complacent and sloppy. While in our third-floor ivory tower we've been brusquely reminded that UI students read this newspaper and care about the image it gives of them and of their school to the outside world.

If you can put your cynical smugness aside, you'll recognize the sincerity behind this statement: We at the Argonaut promise to do better.

Guy Wikum and others have brought up valid points in their columns and letters. If we as journalists aspire to be professionals in our chosen careers, we had better learn early how to seek the story behind the story, how to ask those tough questions and, yes, how to correctly identify people in the pictures we print. Errors in a newspaper show up — and ought to invite as much disgust — as if someone noticed a flyspeck on the nose of the Mona Lisa at the Louvre.

There are others, however, who are as guilty in their shortsightedness as we are in our sloppiness.

First, a quick lesson in Argonaut finances. At the start of each fiscal year, the editor in chief puts together and submits a budget to the ASUI Senate. If the budget is approved, the full amount requested is taken from the general fund and placed in Argonaut accounts in one lump sum.

The Argonaut then has one academic year to pay back the entire amount through advertising revenue, and faces strict penalties if payment is not made in full. If at the end of that year we have gone over budget, the deficit is made up out of the general reserve — usually to the tune of 50 cents per student. If we make more money than we were budgeted, that surplus goes — not to the Argonaut — but into the general reserve.

Students do not pay for the Argonaut — our advertisers do — this includes printing costs and salaries which are, on average, less than \$3 per hour.

Basic facilities — electricity and heat — are paid for by the Student Union. Telephone bills are paid out of the Argonaut budget. Most equipment, software and upgrades are paid out of the budget as well, but are the property of Student Media Services, not the paper.

Second, there are critics who either need to take better looks in the mirror or get their facts straight themselves before they sound off.

One letter writer, who promised to perform a unique ritual of personal hygiene rather than read another inept Jazz Festival article obviously forgot that during the summer of 1996 he wrote two articles on the Jazz Festival wherein he committed errors he castigated present Argonaut reporters for making: misspelling a name (in his case, Lionel Hampton's) and citing only one source (in both cases, Dr. Lynn Skinner).

Another letter writer complained of perceived callousness in the "Potshots" column of Feb. 28, shown towards fourth graders whose rattlesnake-as-state-reptile bill drew vicious venom from state legislators, while ignoring or being ignorant to the fact that in the Feb. 4 issue of the Argonaut the same author of the Potshots piece expressed sympathy for the kids' situation and contempt for the behavior of our legislators in an editorial titled "Idaho's official state reptile: state legislators." The latter Potshots piece simply acted as a recap of bills under consideration in Boise.

Other readers, whose letters will not be printed, have gone beyond pointing out errors or calling for improvements in the paper and have stooped to little more than petty personal attacks against the character of various Argonaut staffers. Such letters are at best sophomoric — at worst, slanderous.

Some of our biggest critics are also those who decide whether the Argonaut gets funded at all — the ASUI Senate. Although, as explained earlier, the Argonaut pays its own costs and salaries, some in the Senate still feel — in direct violation of the First Amendment — they should be able to "control" us.

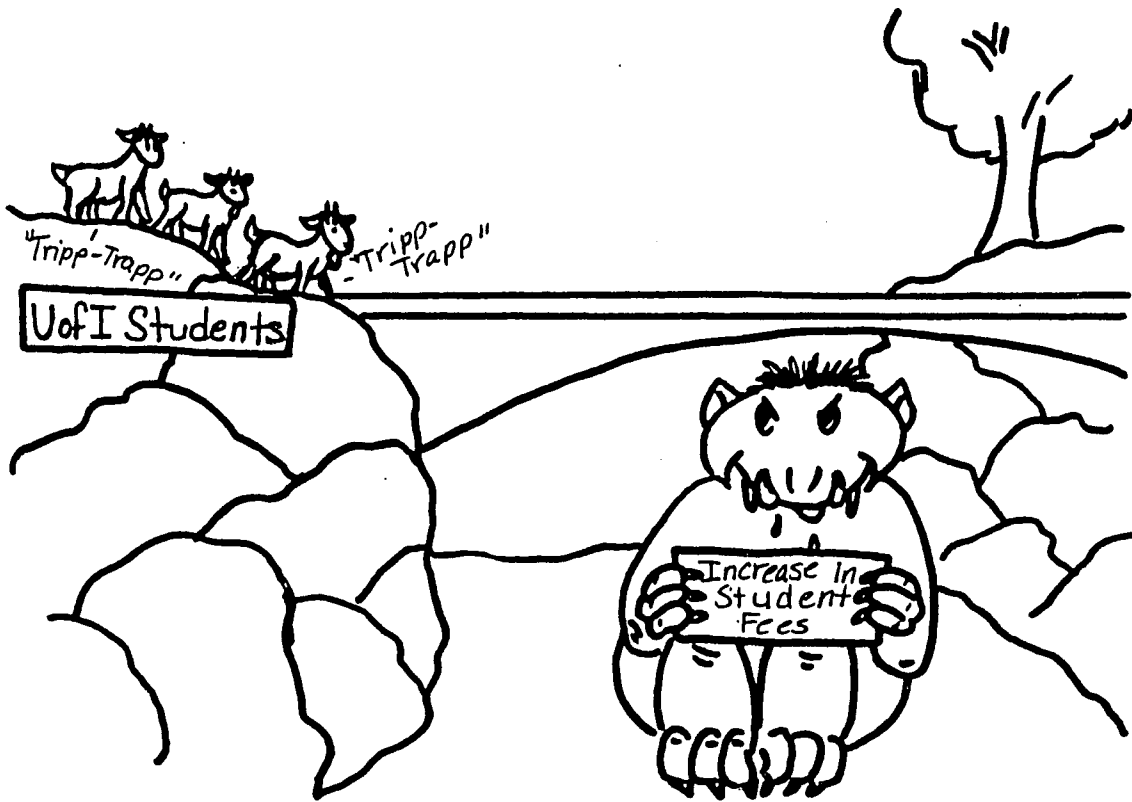
They are absolutely wrong in that assumption.

We admit we make mistakes. We are not professionals yet, merely students in training for professional careers. We are sure we are not the only students on this campus who make mistakes, but we are sure ours are highly visible and deserve redress.

We are also not afraid to admit our mistakes in as public a forum as we make them — it is not "admirable" that we print complaints against us, it is our duty as an objective disseminator of news and opinion.

But to make their complaints valid, readers must be as sure of their facts as they ask us to be of ours, else we at the Argonaut are not the only ones who end up looking foolish.

— Brian Davidson



Hypocrisy runs rampant hypocriphobes just run away

Are you a hypocriphobe? A simple yes or no to the following questions should help you decide. Uh-huh, this is one of those tests.

Do news reports revealing that some person or persons have not lived up to publicly stated beliefs send you into private fits of righteous resentment?

Do you often suspect particular individuals of hypocrisy even when there is no evidence to support your suspicion?

If an individual associated with a particular population segment or group demonstrates hypocrisy, do you then look on all members of this segment or group as hypocritical?

Does your loathing of hypocrisy lead you to isolate yourself from participation in activities you would normally find helpful or productive?

A yes answer to one or more of the above many mean you are in at least the beginning stages of hypocriphobia. But take comfort from these words: you're definitely not alone.

Hypocriphobia, which is characterized by the imposition of God-like standards for evaluating the behavior of others, has been around as long as humanity. Only recently, though, has it become the pernicious disabler we see today.

We are the driving force behind this advancing "hypocriphobization" of America, and how is it so damaging to our lives? I'm glad you asked that question. Read on. If this article saves even one person from becoming hypocriphobic or lessens their suffering, it will have been well worth the effort.

First of all, is it true as the paranoid hypocriphobe believes, that hypocrisy is everywhere? In a word, yes. Let's go one better. Hypocrisy is humanly universal. And yes

again, that includes even you and I. The subject of your own hypocrisy is no one's business. However, as a recovering hypocriphobe, I do feel moved to share how hypocrisy has reared its ugly head in my life. It's possible that you read and might even recall an editorial in these pages bearing my name and the heading "UI: Higher learning or edu-K-mart?" In this sanctimonious rant I berated fellow students who didn't live up to my own lofty standards for classroom attentiveness, attendance and general decorum. I went so far as to recommend that students not living up to my standards be disallowed from participating in the teacher evaluation process. I was even commended for my mature outlook by one kind senior faculty member in a recent letter to the editor. Well and good. After all, I'm quite near a perfect fellow, right? Well, not every day.

Recently the true hypocritical nature of my student identity oozed out. The scenario was this: I was behind in a class and an exam was approaching. I mentioned to my professor that I might stop by his office that afternoon. No definite appointment. I stopped by. He wasn't there. Test-related stress took over. I fired off a terse e-mail requesting his office hours for the following day. No apparent response was received. Exam time came. Visions of sub-F's were dancing through my head. I launched another e-mail barrage, this time full of spoiled, brat-like whining and near accusations seeking to lay blame for my own lack of classroom savvy at the good professor's feet.

My exam grade? Not wonderful — a low B, but nowhere near the anticipated bomb-out. The real clincher came in the e-mail response I received. It advised me that the canceled office hours had been unavoidable and that my e-mail had indeed been answered. I discovered that the response had been deleted through my own clumsiness. Hypocrisy? I think we can answer affirmatively.

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Opinion Gap



Tim Lohrman

OPINION

Where are all you Renaissance people?

Hearty appreciation for the well-rounded individual, interest in many things, diverse talents and perpetual live curiosity are all values not apparently praised by our society or our school. If you will declare a major, then for gosh-sakes stay focused! An art major? Ignore math for sure.

On the other hand, forcing people to take a wide variety of core classes is not the answer. We simply deserve an expansive interdisciplinary approach in each class offered.

Guest Columnist

Robin Jenkinson

I am currently enjoying chemistry 114-honors this semester. We learn of chemicals and physics, yes, but also of Dali's paintings, the history behind world wars, of ancient alchemists and philosophers, as well as addressing many current questions and events. This makes class fun — makes it applicable and interesting.

If the knowledge gained isn't applicable, why study it? Esoteric, as they say. The beauty of attending a university is becoming skilled enough to actually do things — improve the world with our skills. If we aren't learning interdisciplinary, day-to-day applica-

tion, how will we use our knowledge in the future?

The Renaissance person is deeply involved in music, arts, religion and the physical and social sciences. These are synthesized into one's dynamic existence, fueled by one's will to know, to learn and to improve. A good example of this Renaissance approach is illustrated not only by Leonardo da Vinci, but moreover in a small book I came across in the University of Idaho library describing Italian Tommaso Campanella's Renaissance-inspired vision of utopia, called *The City of the Sun: A Political Dialogue*.

In this short work — 127 pages, including both Italian and English translations — Campanella lays out his master plan. Not only was he supremely intrigued by astrology and magic, but also by the study of architecture, the arts, anthropology, nature and science.

In describing his city, Campanella goes into beautiful detail about its construction:

"The temple is perfectly circular and has no enclosing walls. It rests on large, well-proportioned columns. The dome has a large cupola at its center with an aperture directly above the single altar. Nothing rests on the altar but a huge celestial globe, upon which all the

heavens are described, with a terrestrial globe beside it. On the vault of the dome overhead appear all the larger stars with their names and influences they each have upon earthly things set down in three verses."

Education is of utmost importance to the Renaissance Man. All the world's learning is displayed on the walls of the city, so that children and adults alike may go about their merry way, continuously learning. "All the mathematical figures," Campanella wrote, "are shown in their significant propositions. On the outer wall there is a map of the entire world with charts for each country setting forth the rites, customs and laws; and the alphabet of each is inscribed above the native one." *The City of the Sun* illustrates the promise of available knowledge coupled with a hungry mind and a vivid imagination.

Campanella compares the society of his day to the Society of the Sun. The Sun People "laugh at us (UI students) because we consider craftsmen ignoble and assign nobility to those who are ignorant of every craft and live in idleness, keeping a host of dissolute and idle servants about them to the great detriment of the state."

"You term (us) a man learned if he

knows more than others do about Aristotle's grammar or logic or about some certain author — knowledge which requires only servile memory and which deprives the mind of vitality because it meditates upon books instead of other things. Such inert stuff deadens the spirit which knows neither how God controls things nor how nature and nations operate. The Sun People also realize that anyone who knows only science knows neither that nor any other well and that anyone trained through books in one science alone is really worthless and ignorant."

Concerning our relation as Americans to the global community, Campanella idealized: "They are convinced that the whole world will eventually bring itself to live as they do. Yet they are forever exploring to learn if others live better than they do." Multiculturalism? At UI? We desperately need more involvement.

In his or her entirety, the Renaissance Person should be especially present in our lives today because, as Campanella wrote, "Our present century, which has produced more history in 100 years. More books have been written in the last century than in the preceding 5,000 years. And what they say about our stupendous inventions — mighty signs of the imminent union of the world."

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So, does this incident mean that everything I say, do or write is negated? To the hypocriphobe, the answer is yes. The hypocriphobe mind-set now also demands that the human worth of all novice opinion columnists be called into serious question. After all, I'm guilty, so they're all guilty.

Apply this reasoning to other situations and the tragedy of hypocriphobia is revealed. Has a religious crusader been found to be an embezzler and a charlatan? Then all religious folk are thieves and all spirituality is a sham.

A politician took a bribe and told a lie. Now all political action is a waste of time. Better to withdraw to a comfy isolation than to be politically active and risk being tainted by dread politico-hypocrites. They're all the same, you know.

This is the truth of hypocripho-

bia, this creeping vampire of the spirit. If perfection can't be attained, life is worthless. Doing nothing and believing nothing is the only answer. This focus on hypocrisy is striking in the hyper-reality of commercial news media. The end result seems to be a love affair with general contempt for society and advanced social alienation. But more importantly, the result is an excuse for laziness. An excuse to withdraw further into the cocoon syndrome and do nothing. To concentrate more on the negative and to blot out all the positive.

Just as the true racist must refuse contact with those outside his racial group for fear of discovering falsity in his racial ideas, so must the true hypocriphobe isolate from all hypocrites. In other words, from everyone who doesn't share his own distorted world view. From "them." That's the end result for the

hypocriphobe. Us v. Them. "They" are the corruptors. "They" are the self-righteous and the liars. "We" are the sophisticated; the truly enlightened. "We" know that everything is dreadful, so why bother? "They" are hypocritical idiots for even trying.

It has been often observed that loneliness is epidemic even in our teeming urban centers. This search for impossible human perfection just might be a factor.

Gain some perspective. There are worse things than hypocrisy. Don't allow common human frailty to force a rejection of the human race. After all, everyone's a hypocrite, especially me. And you. Hypocriphobia is paralyzing. So is self-hate.

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Letters to the Editor

Complaints show readers care

In light of the current criticism, I would like to point out that the layout looks better, the photographs are better and overall the coverage is more complete. People that I know who never read the paper in the past have started to pick one up.

Remember when people complain, it means they care enough to want a change. If the paper was as bad as these people have been saying, they would not read it or care enough to write in.

Thanks for working away up there to put out two papers a week. I hope that the paper continues to grow and improve, and that people continue to complain.

—Melanie April Murphy

Those Crusaders just go too far

Is anybody else out there sick of the door-to-door religion salespeople running around campus, specifically those from the Campus Crusade for Christ?

I'm certainly sick of it and so are many of my friends. I believe that people have a right to practise religion and worship in any way they see fit, as guaranteed by our Constitution, but I have a right not to have to listen to the rhetoric and not to be harassed wherever I go.

They pester you on the phone, they pester you at registration, they pester you going in and out of the cafeteria — they just won't leave you alone. Persistence, in this case, has had the opposite effect intended and has driven many away.

They also put pamphlets and fliers up all over the campus, adding to the already cluttered look. Think of all the trees that are wasted. Just think if all the religious groups at the university put up those eyesore flyers. The UCC and other campus buildings would have outdoor wallpaper. I find this a wasteful, unattractive and repulsive practise.

There has to be a better way to recruit people who need to be brainwashed and told how to think than harassing those of us who can form our own ideas without the meddling of others. Why not use the radio or some other environmentally-friendly form of advertisement instead? At least with a radio or TV you can turn the channel if you don't like it.

Obviously, this letter is going to hurt some feelings, but I just don't know how else to express my annoyance or make my point, since these individuals couldn't catch a hint if it hit them in the side of the head. I wrote this letter with the sincerest hope of driving home the fact that some people do not wish to have religion rammed down their throats every time they turn around. I apologize for hurting anyone's feelings, but I do not apologize for my opinion.

—Rachel E. Darling

Kudos to Alpha Phi Omega

As Regional Director of the American Heart Association, I have the opportunity to work with many wonderful organizations. Recently I had the opportunity to work with Alpha Phi Omega.

I wanted to let you know what a pleasure it was to work with such an organized and dedicated group of individuals. I was truly impressed with their commitment and the scope of their activities.

It is a rare pleasure to meet students who are willing to give so much of their time and energy helping others.

I also wanted to thank them and all those who participated in the Rub-a-thon. This event was not only a success but a very unique and fun event.

—Peg Hamlett

Theft hurts students in need

Sometime over the weekend of Feb. 21-23, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Association's telephone and answering machine was stolen from the group's desk in the student organization center of the Student Union Building. The telephone is the main avenue of contacting the GLBA and is necessary for the group to function. What good is the GLBA if students, faculty and residents cannot access us? Fortunately for the campus, the GLBA maintains a home page that can be used to e-mail the group. What the group would like to know is whether this was an act of vandalism or common thievery.

If it was thievery, the perpetrators were able to gain very little of value. The phone and answering machine might get at best \$30 from a pawn shop.

As an act of vandalism, however, it was very costly. First, the GLBA receives ASUI funding to pay the \$16 monthly phone bills. So as a consequence of this act, student money will be wasted paying for useless telephone service until the equipment can be replaced by the GLBA. Replacing the equipment will set the GLBA back about \$100, or roughly half of its current balance. Sounds not too bad, except that this money had been raised by the group and was to be used to send some members to a Northwest Regional College Gay Organization conference being held at Central Washington University in May. The ripple effect will leave the group with less to spend on the conference and limit the number of members who can attend.

How can we assign a value to the loss of contact? What if a professor cannot schedule to do a speaker's bureau for their class? A large number of students that paid tuition to take that class then are denied an experience that the professor deemed beneficial.

Most importantly, what about the students who are in the most desperate need for the GLBA? It is no stretch of the imagination to say that at this moment there are UI students deeply confused about themselves and as a result very depressed, maybe even suicidal. If they make the decision to call the GLBA and get no response, the UI could lose them — to drop out or worse. Hopefully this scenario won't come true.

I just wanted to point out the less-obvious consequences of people's actions. Stealing the GLBA's telephone equipment has hurt the group's financial situation and morale, but it has also detrimentally effected the campus by reducing the GLBA's visibility and participation.

—John H. Streiff



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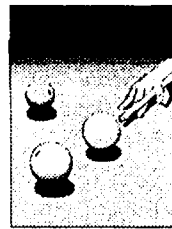


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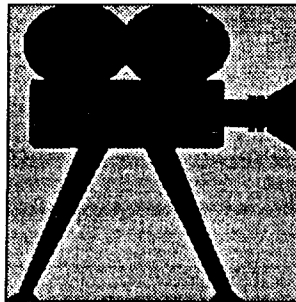
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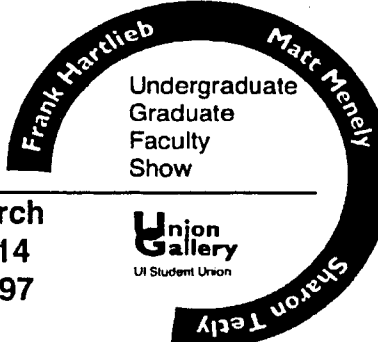
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OPINION

Hey, toss me that bottle of Diazanon

The trouble with grass roots is you never know which ones will sprout into crabgrass.

When Cold War roast-your-owns, bad pseudopatriotic movies starring Tom Cruise and yearly invasions of small, spice-infested islands became passe at the start of the '90s, folks were lost for things to do. Foolishly they listened to altruistic yet naive politicians who pointed out with the easing of international tension, the Home Front was ripe for activist-inspired improvement.

I knew we'd rue those days.

Now instead of nuclear missile-destroying networks of satellites whizzing about unseen above our heads we have blanket laws so far-reaching and nebulous whizzing about in

books of law and state legislatures they could — if launched into geosynchronous earth orbit — blot out the sun and make nuclear winter look like a case of the sniffles.

California's "Three Strikes, You're Out" law — which imposed life prison terms on offenders in court for their third felony offense — sounded good for the bumper sticker brigade and made for some snappy television commercials, but may turn out to be the biggest dud since New Coke.

Rather than cleaning the streets of the Golden State of dangerous repeat offenders, the law filled already bursting

prisons with three-time car thieves, schmucks who got caught three too many times with vials of cocaine stuffed in their socks and scores of others who committed felonies from robbery to defacing public statuary. The criminal net designed for quick TV spots and Hallmark moments in the voting booth is ready to break.

Writers of law, tired of "soft" laws and angry with seeing criminals "get off" through aid of "loopholes in the system" are writing new laws which, due to their banal generality, rarely leave law writers enough rope to hang themselves and the citizen groups which back them. Voters, who wish to "crack down" on crime, approve such laws. Then they are sent to the judiciary system, where judges and lawyers find out how ill-tuned the laws really are.

A state law in Nevada, for instance, aimed at cracking down on juvenile felony offenders — sounds good, doesn't it — recently netted a notorious graffiti artist cleverly disguised as a 9-year-old elementary school student who left his name, footprint and handprint in wet sidewalk concrete at the behest of a construction worker.

"The man said I could," said Jeremy Anderson of his heinous crime, "So I did." The cement contractor called Jeremy's mother (because, after all, even criminal geniuses of 9 slip up and forget to use aliases) and asked for \$11,000 to replace the walk. She refused to pay. On Jan. 28, her son did not come home on the school bus. Police had come for him, school officials said, and had been unable to reach Anderson at work.

Nevada's law allows police to legally

arrest anyone over the age of 8 for a crime — and property crimes above \$5,000 are considered felonies.

"I think the charge is ludicrous," Jeremy's mother said. "The whole thing has been mishandled." Indeed. Before booking at juvenile hall, and still without his mother for comfort, Jeremy was stripped to his underwear and searched. He has been charged with the felony and evidently will stand trial.

"That's a lot of mental anguish to subject a mother to," said civil rights attorney Robert Kossack, who will represent Jeremy. Not to mention, one might add, a lot of mental anguish to fork onto a 9-year-old child.

This case brings to mind, of course, tort reform. If Jeremy's mother was to sue the state of Nevada for civil wrongs and win, by golly they shouldn't get one of those ludicrous, monstrous cash awards juries hand out as if they were passing out two-penny candy.

Tort reform is a favorite pet of lawmakers on the national front, who cite cases such as — you'll remember this — the woman who was dumb enough to spill hot McDonalds coffee in her lap and the jury with the collective intelligence of a dust bunny who ordered McDonalds to give her \$10 million in punitive damages.

Ten million? For one cup of coffee some woman spilled in her own lap? That's outrageous.

To McDonalds, it was peanuts. University of Idaho professor and lawyer Linda Pall — who makes her disgust for tort reform no small secret — said the jury arrived at the magical \$10 million figure by following this simple

formula: Fine McDonalds for two days' profits on coffee sold in the United States only.

Ten million profit on coffee in only two days? That's what's outrageous.

Punitive damages, as the name implies, are meant to punish those found guilty in civil cases. Cutting two days' coffee profits seems a mild slap on the wrist, but for journalists, lawmakers and citizens who saw only that magic number and the tragic countenances of McDonalds' lawyers which seemed to ooze the fact that losing \$10 million would absolutely cripple this company, this cornerstone of Americana, and decided \$10 million was too cruel a punishment.

The plaintiff's award was significantly reduced. Still, she had enough cash to pay for treatment of her third-degree burns and to start a charitable trust for burn victims. And McDonalds coffee is still piping hot.

Fortunately, some of these crabgrass laws are easy to recognize and are rejected by voters. Still, brace yourselves for Round Four of Idaho's One Percent Initiative, and question your legislators who refused to tighten the screws on Idaho's over-abused citizen initiative process.

We need fewer laws which fit on bumper stickers and more laws which more accurately fit the demands on justice, society, fairness and equity. Those grassroots law makers — with little knowledge of the workings of law and our justice system — need dousing in weed killer.

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SPORTS

Vandal women have a lot to look forward to

Kindra Meyer

Assistant Sports Editor

All good things must come to an end and so must the University of Idaho women's basketball season.

The year was a roller coaster ride, full of many triumphs marked by a number of disappointments such as losing freshman guard Susan Wolf early to injury. Banding the old with the new, the Vandals were a mixed crew, bringing in a number of talented freshman and junior college transfers to mesh with a handful of seasoned members.

For the first time in a decade, the team swept rival Boise State University, coming back to beat them in their own gym by a slim margin and cleaning up at the home court. Speaking of Memorial Gym, another Vandal highlight was breaking the attendance record. And who could forget hearing that Idaho head coach Julie Holt had delivered a healthy baby boy at the halftime mark of the team's final home game?

UI entered the Big West Tournament seated second, but after tearing up first round opponent Pacific they faltered against UC-Santa Barbara, the eventual champions. The team dug themselves out of an 18-point deficit to come within four, but couldn't hold on to their momentum.

Even though the year may not have ended with a trophy, Holt is very proud of her team and what they have accomplished.

"They played with a lot of heart and they played hard," Holt said.

No doubt Idaho will miss their three seniors. Ari Skorpik, Michelle Greenwood and Jill Ortner have played an integral part of Vandal wins throughout the years.

Nonetheless, the cycle continues and Holt looks eagerly toward the future of Idaho women's basketball. This season UI has made it known they are a team to reckon with in the Big West and they are on the



Bruce Twitchell

After their first-round victory over Pacific, the Idaho women's basketball team is in elation. Although they put up a great effort, UI lost in the second round to top-seeded UC-Santa Barbara.

road to establishing a strong tradition in years to come.

Three starters will return for the Vandals, including Big West Freshman of the Year Alli Nieman. She certainly earned that title and a position on the first team all-Big West list. In conference play, Nieman led the Big West in scoring with 18.8 points per game, was third in rebounding at 9.9 and ranked fourth with a free-throw percentage of 77 percent.

She will no doubt be a focal point for the continued success of Vandal

basketball, and with a year under her belt knows what to expect in the Big West.

Another newcomer that has considerably sparked this team is Kathryn Gussett. This fiery guard posted a solid season, making clutch plays in many games where all hope seemed lost. She averaged 3.2 assists per game, good enough for sixth in the Big West and 1.9 steals per game, seventh behind teammate Skorpik. "Kat" stepped it up in the tournament as well, averaging 11 points a game compared to

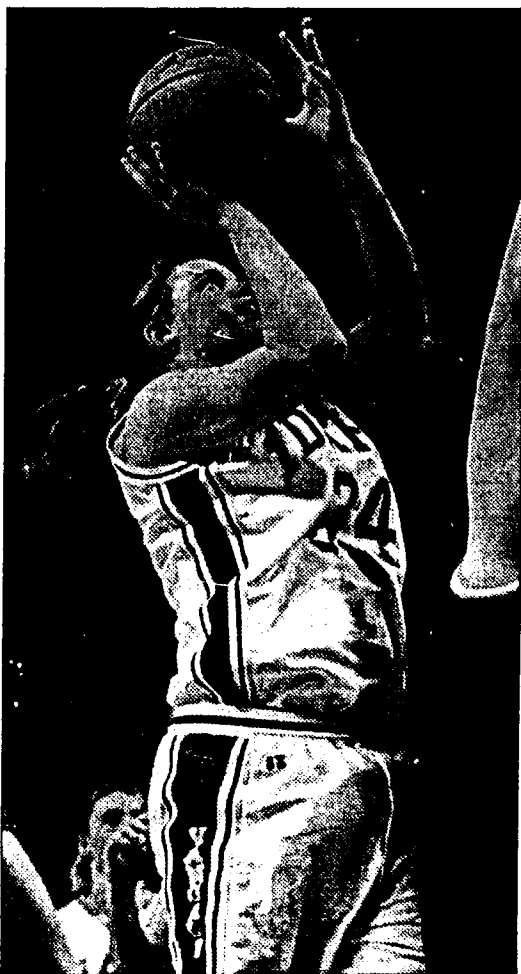
her seasonal 8.3 average.

The third returning starter is junior Kelli Johnson, who will finish out her senior season as a shooting guard. Johnson broke Idaho's three-point goal record this season, but it's not only her shooting that keeps her in the game. Johnson stepped it up considerably on defense this year, a goal she has been striving for. She finished the season averaging 9.7 points and 2.9 rebounds per game.

Rising stars to watch are sophomore Jennifer Stone, junior transfer

Lauren Newman and true freshman Amy Lemm. Stone's performance has been solid over the last two years, always managing to chip in and get on the board. She will be competing for a starting position along with Newman, who will be relied on heavily for defensive duties.

Statistics can be deceiving, and although Lemm may not have posted overwhelming numbers, her spark and hustle turned a couple key games around for Idaho.



Bruce Twitchell

Alli Nieman (34) has established herself as a Big West player to reckon with.



Vandal News and Notes

Idaho tracksters score at Nationals

Idaho's Chris Kwaramba and Niels Kruller each scored one point for Idaho at the NCAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis this weekend.

Idaho placed 58th out of 64 teams, which saw Arkansas dominate the field with 59 points.

Auburn took second with 27 points.

Kwaramba, a sophomore, placed fifth Saturday in the second flight of the men's triple jump with a mark of 51-09 3/4.

Kruller also took fifth place in the second flight of the long jump. The senior leaped 24-08 1/2.

Meanwhile, the Vandals' Tawanda Chiwira didn't make the 400-meter finals Friday. He placed fourth in the fourth heat with a time of 48.03.

— Courtesy of UI Sports Information

Golf team places second at Invitational

The University of Idaho women's golf team placed second with a team score of 354 at the University of Idaho Women's Invitational Monday afternoon at The Country Club in Lewiston.

Washington State took first-place honors

with its 18-hole total of 342. The tournament was originally scheduled for 36 holes, but inclement weather cut it short.

Idaho sophomore Elizabeth Carter nearly won the individual title, but lost on the first hole of a playoff to WSU's Margaret Switzer. Carter missed a 6-footer for par while Switzer nailed a point-blank 3-footer for par.

"It was like follow-the-leader out there," Idaho coach Don Rasmussen said.

"Elizabeth hit a good drive, Margaret hit a good drive. They both hit strong second shots."

Idaho results: Trisha Einspahr - 87, Elizabeth Carter - 83, Darcy Ritz - 91, Sara Thompson - 93, Kellee Vosberg - 105.

— Courtesy of UI Sports Information

Idaho women's tennis team whips Cal-Poly SLO

The University of Idaho women's tennis team bounced back from Saturday night's loss to New Mexico State with a convincing 9-0 win over Cal Poly SLO at the Kibbie Dome Monday afternoon.

The Vandals wrap up the four-day Idaho Invitational with a 7-4 overall spring record.

In singles play, Idaho scored straight set victories in each match, except at the No. 2

spot.

The doubles matches were won by default.

Idaho next competes at the Washington State Quad in Pullman from March 27-29, which features WSU, Oregon and Wyoming.

UI soccer team scores shutout

Tobias Turner turned in a hat trick for the University of Idaho Soccer Club on a wet field in Clarkston, Wash., Sunday afternoon to lead the team to a 5-0 win against Bud Light in the Lewis-Clark Valley Adult Co-Recreational Soccer League.

Ryan Caulder and Walid Nassar also scored for the Idaho club team.

Playing the entire game two players short because of a lack of women players, the UI club relied on the defensive play of D'ann Slyter at the stopper position, Steve Walker at sweeper and Kerry Brent at left-defensive back.

Team organizer Ron McFarland was especially pleased with the play, considering that the club hadn't practiced outside because of the wet fields.

Those interested in the UI club should contact McFarland at 882-0849 (home) or 885-6937 (work).

Suck it up and play ball, Barkley



Byron Jarnagin

So the old jump shot just isn't doing the trick anymore; well, maybe it's time to take a pay cut until it improves or maybe for the right reasons retirement is in the future.

Basketball star and legend Charles Barkley's career seems to have hit a temporary climax. The former Philadelphia Seventy-Sixer, Phoenix Sun and now

Barkley should take heed of the past protests of baseball fans — play ball — anyway.

Houston Rocket is not performing the way he used to. Barkley is usually among the top 10 scorers and rebounders in the league, but has sunk into a slump this season due to injuries.

However, the whole ordeal with Barkley does not stop with his season's shooting and rebounding numbers.

It always revolves around money, of course. Houston Rockets owner Les Alexander is looking to make Charles Barkley pay — and pay big if things don't improve.

Barkley gathers \$4.5 million a year, but that figure may be headed down. Legally

the Houston Rockets can cut Barkley's salary due to a clause in his contract.

If Barkley does not achieve first or second team all-NBA honors or finish out the season in the top seven in both scoring and rebounding, the Rockets might give him a pay cut of \$2.5 million.

Contracts or no contracts, a coach or an organization should not pay someone for a job they are not doing. Don't just give a man money, make him earn it!

Given Barkley's attitude and pride, some are betting he wouldn't play basketball for only \$2.5 million but would retire from the game altogether. Only \$2.5 million a year!

Sure, it's not the \$100 million the Lakers are paying Shaquille O'Neal, but so what. If this salary cut turns out to be the move by the Houston Rockets at the end of the season, Barkley should take heed of the past protests of baseball fans — play ball — anyway.

It's not the money fans want to see players throwing around on the court, but a round leather ball.

Hypothetically speaking, why would Barkley throw everything away just because he was paid only \$2.5 million a year?

That still is a considerable sum, and the most important part of basketball should be the "game" aspect — regardless of whether a player wants to be a role model or not.

If the contract can take a certain sum of money away it probably can restore certain amounts based on play the following season.

Just like someone who gets up to go to the office, a professional athlete's job begins when he takes the hardwood. The performance is graded, and these days

Pacific earns the Big West bid in the NCAA tournament

Nate Peterson
Staff

The University of Pacific returns to the NCAA tournament after an 18-year absence with their 63-55 victory over the University of Nevada-Reno Wolf Pack last Sunday in the championship game of the Big West Tournament at the Lawlor Events Center in Reno.

Guard Tim Bowman paved the way for the Tigers with his 25 points, including 10 free throws in the final two minutes to ice the game.

"This is like a dream come true. You can't even explain it," Bowman said. "I wanted this so bad for our team. We just thought we would come out, play hard and show people how good a team we are."

The Tigers (24-5) were the first Big West team to defeat the Wolf Pack (20-9), who were previously undefeated (10-0) at home against Big West opponents.

Each team entered the tournament as the top seed from each of their divisions.

After taking a 10-point lead into halftime, Pacific began the second half with a three pointer by Bowman.

With consecutive jumpers, Tiger forward Rayne Mahaffey extended Pacific's lead to 39-25 with 13:55 remaining in the game.

"Every time we needed a basket, we got it," UOP coach Bob Thompson said. "Tim Bowman and Rayne Mahaffey hit some big shots and our defense was so outstanding tonight. It's been our strength all year."

The Tiger defense held the Wolf Pack in check by shutting down their highly touted perimeter game.

The Wolf Pack made only 5-of-23 three-pointers. Nevada's top guns, guards Jimmy Carroll, Paul Culbertson and Richard Brown, went a combined 3-for-15 from behind the arc and were just 8-of-27 from the field.

"The inability to hit shots or the inability to get in position where you can get them off does you in and today was a classic example," Nevada coach Pat Foster said. "We didn't execute sharply. It's disappointing but as a player, as a coach, when you do the best you can, that's all you can do. I felt we did the best we could. You have to take the disappointments with the wins. That's part of athletics."

In contrast, Pacific had a number of contributors. Mahaffey scored 14 points and Michael Olowokandi had 12 rebounds, which was part of a 43-31 rebounding edge.

Big West Player of the Year Faron Hand led the Wolf Pack with 17 points and nine rebounds.

"We came out, played hard and just came up short," Hand said. "We came back. We were fighting. They were just a better team."

With 4:58 remaining, Mahaffey hit a three-pointer extending Pacific's lead to 52-39. Nevada then went on a 10-2 run to pull within 54-49 with 1:10 remaining.

Nevada then had to start fouling and Pacific made 9-of-10 free throws, including eight by Bowman, in the last 1:01.

Pacific will now play St. Joseph's of the Atlantic Ten Conference in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"I have a saying that I always say at the end of the season, 'You get what you deserve,' and this team definitely deserves where it's going."

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Anything can happen in March Madness

The sports writers of the Argonaut try to predict who will be cutting down the nets at the end of the NCAA tournament

By Damon Barkdull
Sports Editor

Here we go, just one more expert's opinion on the Big Dance, The Big Tourney or in layman's terms, the 1997 Men's NCAA 64-team Tournament.

In past years I've done quite poorly in predicting the Final Four, probably because the title of expert hindered my judgement — in essence, I wanted to go out on a limb — I wanted to be the cool sports writer who predicted Tim Buck Too University to beat Georgetown in the Sweet Sixteen round.

After the 1996 Tourney, I'm the one who looked like an idiot. While I predicted UCLA to go all the way, Joe Shmoe picked the obvious favorite, Kentucky — now he's writing for *Sports Illustrated*.

So, I'll take a different approach this year. I'd first like to shed a bit of humor on such a serious competition — and add a smidge of truth. **Best first-round matchup (individual):** Big Continent versus Tim Duncan

Big Continent of St. Mary's, Calif., matches up against Wake Forest's all-World center Tim Duncan. Lets hope this doesn't turn into a wrestling match — or the Demon Deacons might be in trouble. Big Continent, a 7-foot-2 center from the Western Coast Conference, is slow but can score. Duncan might try confusing him, but it will be difficult to get around the monster.

Best first-round matchup (team): Montana versus Kentucky

This may be the only game where cowboy boots and a pint of moonshine are required as admission. The fact that they even scheduled this game is a knee-slapper. Montana, who hasn't been to the Big Dance in a few years, will bring its shotguns and sling-shots in hopes of stopping the Wildcats from scoring over 200 points.

Best name: God Shamgod

Notre Dame was hoping to get a pity vote for the NCAA Tournament just so they could give

one solid blasphemous slap to God Shamgod, Providence's star player. Could you imagine playing with the name God — going to a new school as a kid, meeting others and saying, "nice to meet you, I'm God." There's a slim possibility for a heavenly war — if the Demon Deacons meet up with Shamgod in the Final Four.

Darkhorse: Kansas (just kidding). The Pacific Tigers

I know, you're probably saying, "because Idaho is in the Big West, he's picking Pacific."

Nope, I really believe the Tigers are tough. After roughing up Georgetown earlier this season and barely losing to Fresno State, Pacific is for real.

Final Four: Boston College, Minnesota, North Carolina and Kansas.

Kansas will win it all. The Jayhawks are just too tough. They've got more weapons than Rambo and Sadaam Hussein combined.

By Byron Jarnagin
Staff Writer

Once again, pull up a chair and a bag of chips for a look at college basketball's top scoring machines hunting for a title and underdogs proving they can hang with the big boys by beating the odds.

March madness is upon us. Teams all over the nation have either seen their tournament window close or open with opportunity. At the top of the list this season, carrying the burden of No. 1 in the country are the Kansas Jayhawks.

It looks like these boys have come to play. This season the Jayhawks have carried something many teams could not claim — they have experience. When it gets down to the wire, those with experience won't necessarily prevail, but

have a distinct advantage over their opponent in pressure situations.

Kansas has that seniority atmosphere surrounding their program, but the key is the court time the players have spent with each other. The lingo is at the right frequency in Kansas and the blind connections to the hoop have Jayhawk opponents on their heels. The advantages of a veteran team at this stage of the season are unmatched. Even with mediocre personnel, a team with experience can be a run away freight train in the NCAA Tourney.

Making a name for themselves as the team stepping on toes in the state of Washington, the UCLA Bruins are one of the few Pac-10 teams to receive an automatic

performance.

However, they have stepped it up a few notches and are currently ranked fifth in the nation. The latest big win over North Carolina State in the ACC Championship game has given the Tarheels a new high going into the post season. UNC has made a total 180 degree turn on their season. This kind of momentum can be deadly in the NCAA Tourney.

By Nate Peterson
Staff Writer

In the NBA, image is everything. In college basketball there isn't much of an image — the image it did have went with the phenomenal number of underclassmen to jump to the NBA for the big bucks and shoe endorsements.

Marcus Camby, Allen Iverson, Antoine Walker, Stephon Marbury and Shareef Abdur-Raheem will not be seen in the NCAA Tournament this year.

Their exciting play will be missed by their teams — as for the fans, the NCAA

Tournament still offers the best sports entertainment in the world.

This year the tournament is more open than it has been in recent years. With the exception of Kansas, there are at least six teams who could very easily run away with the National Championship. Then there is always the factor of the darkhorse, who won't show his face until the Final Four.

Who you will see in the Final Four are the 32-1 Kansas Jayhawks. The Jayhawks are ranked No. 1 in the country for good reason.

With only one loss this year to Missouri, the talent loaded Jayhawks have proven to be too much for most teams to handle.

If I could compare them to a team, it would have to be the 1992 repeat National Championship Duke Blue Devils. For the most part, the Blue Devils had a stacked team just like Kansas.

The Blue Devils had the best point guard in the nation in Bobby Hurley, the Player of the Year in Christian Laettner and the best underclassmen in forward Grant

Hill. Kansas has the best point guard in Jacque Vaughn, one of the best forwards in Raef LaFrentz and one of the best underclassmen in forward Paul Pierce. Furthermore, quality role players existed on Duke that are much like those on Kansas.

My summation, unless Kansas gets rattled, they should have more than an easy ride to the National Championship. The first quality team they face will ironically be in the elite eight, where they will most likely play Duke. Granted that Duke doesn't slip up.

The most interesting bracket is in the West, with Kentucky, Wake Forest and Utah all battling to reach the Final Four. Wake will play Utah first and will beat them handily behind all-American center Tim Duncan. Duncan had 31 points against Clemson and 33 points against North Carolina in the ACC tournament, so don't expect him to slow down anytime soon.

Kentucky, however, will beat Wake with its pressure defense and full court traps. With sophomore forward Ron Mercer running the floor, Wake will have problems matching up. Count on the Wildcats in the West.

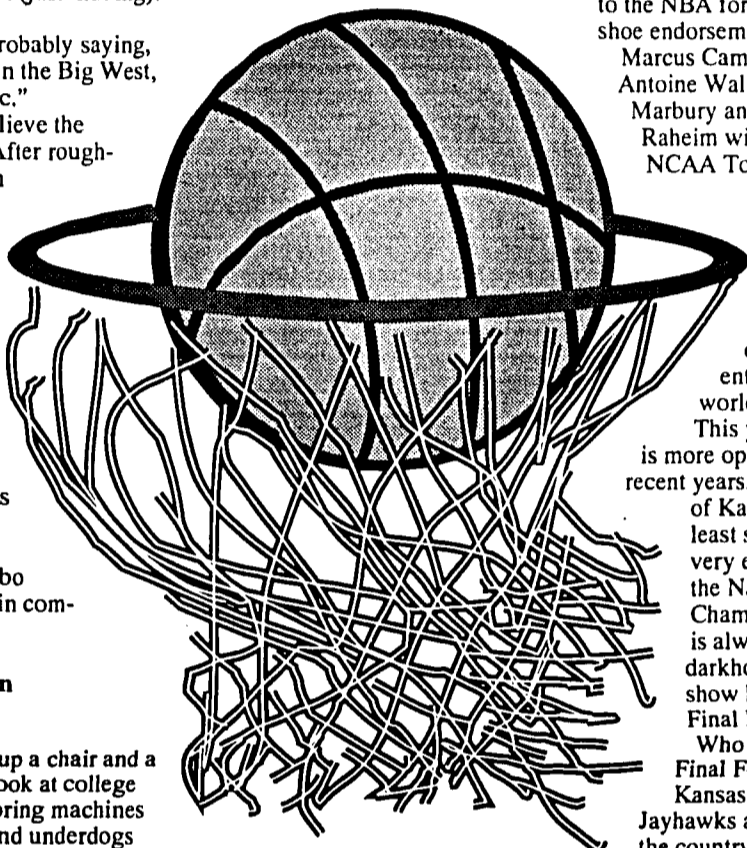
The Midwest bracket has three more teams that will battle neck to neck. Minnesota, Cincinnati and UCLA will find out just how good they are and how good their respected conferences are.

Although Cincinnati lost in their conference tournament to Marquette, the Bearcats are going to make a statement this year. Having undergone criticism, the Bearcats have a chip on their shoulder.

The Bearcats have the biggest, broadest shoulders in the game with junior all-American forward Danny Fortson. They have one of the best coaches in the country in Bob Huggins, who has taken them to two Final Fours in the '90s. Expect Fortson to put up big numbers in the tournament, and expect them to advance to the Final Four to play Kentucky.

The East bracket in my opinion is the most predictable. Besides North Carolina there really isn't too much competition. If South Carolina gets hot, then the Tarheels will be in trouble. Otherwise, you're going to North Carolina playing Kansas.

My darkhorse pick is either Cincinnati or South Carolina but in the NCAA tournament, anything can happen.



NCAA qualifying bid. In the last few weeks, the Bruins have pulled out slim but decisive victories in the PAC-10 over the Washington Huskies and the Washington State Cougars. Led by the playing power of Charles O'Bannon, who mounted 31 points against the Huskies, UCLA is a team to watch for in the big dance.

Other teams to look for: The North Carolina Tarheels have made a huge recovery on their season. The Heels started this season 0-3 in the hole with a less than average

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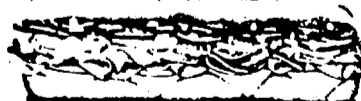
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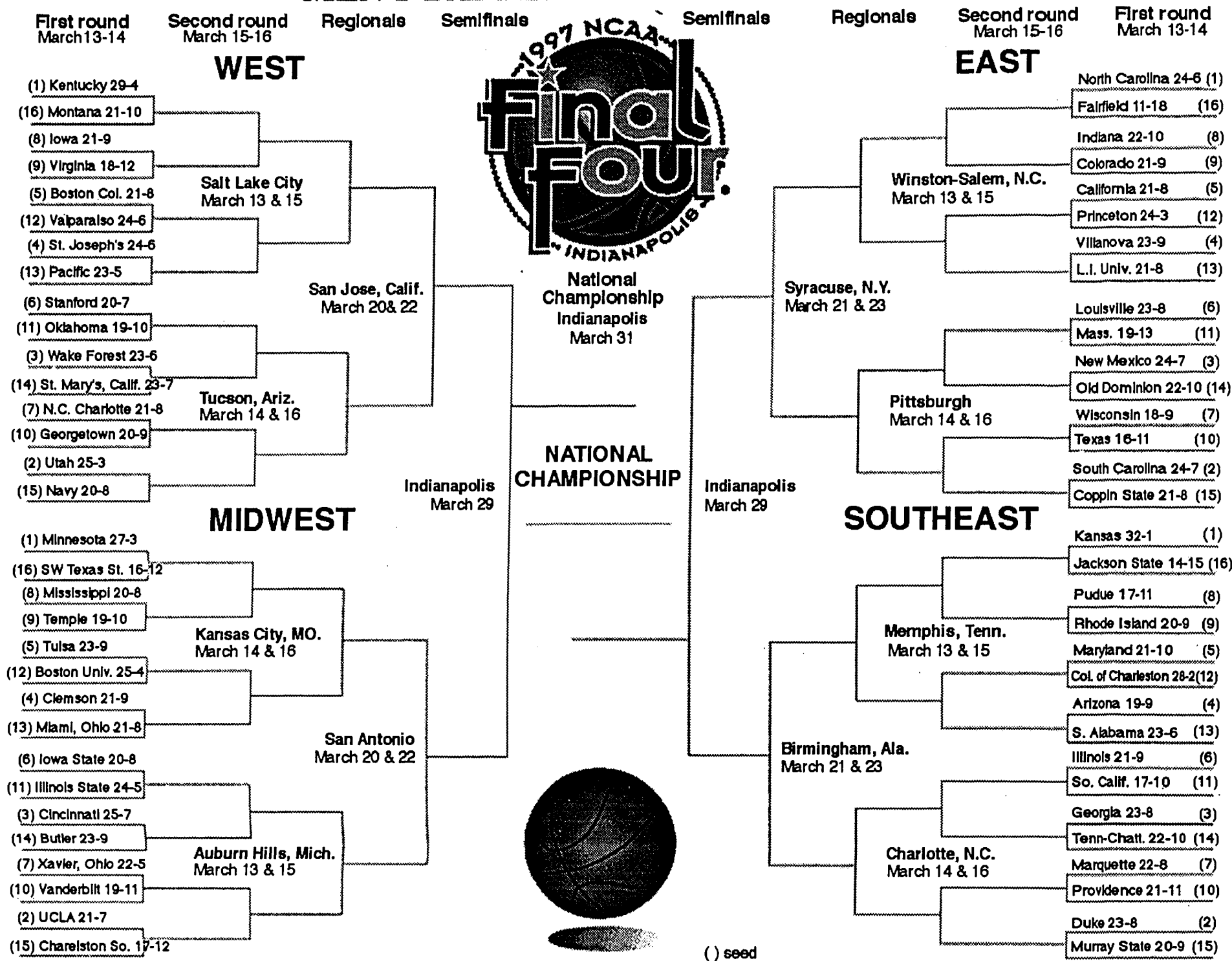
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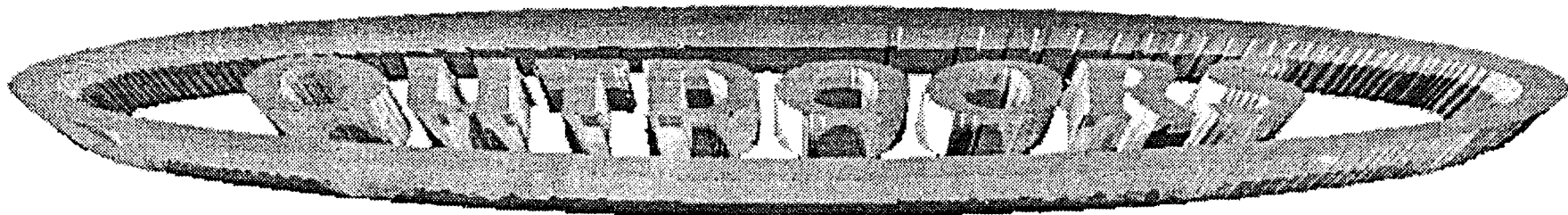
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Outdoors Editor

Stepping off the plane, exhausted from a day of school, work and then flying, I maneuvered through the "under construction" terminal housing Southwest and found the baggage carousel. I stood with other ski enthusiasts by the "oversized" counter waiting for my equipment.

After claiming my belongings, renting a car and finding the place my friends were staying, I slumped down on the couch ready for a nice hot tub, glass of wine, stimulating conversation and dreams of skiing. Mary Ellen and Dana had skied Alta that day and we were slated to ski it on Sunday.

"You'll love it," they both chimed together, a little punch drunk from the wine and hot tub combination. I smiled weakly and just imagined perfect turns.

A day later, driving up the canyon in which Snowbird stretched in front of us, looming over the seemingly minuscule cars and the ant-like people in the parking lot getting geared up, I thought Snowbird looked big and welcoming—could Alta be better than this?

Turning the corner, I realized it could indeed supercede Snowbird. The parking lot at Albion Base was quickly filling up and we were directed to one of the last parking spots. I rented my high-performance K2 78 sidecut skis, we bought our \$26 tickets, and grabbed the Albion lift to take us over the greens into the black diamonds — which primarily start at the summit reaching 10,595 feet surrounded by other peaks attaining heights of 11,000 feet and available for those hearty souls who don't mind a little hike.

While standing in line, a wee tike of 5 years or so cruised up with his helmet and no poles, face bleeding with a determined look in his eye. With alarm we all asked if he was all right and he just nodded while holding pink snow on his nose and upper lip. He knew exactly which door was first aid, and

we all concluded this was not a new occurrence. Thinking of his courage and the resilience of youth, my typical pre-first run jitters melted away.

The sun shone on our faces, we skied the short catwalk to the base of Sugarloaf lift and rode to its summit, which gave way to a beautiful view of the valley we drove up and the undeveloped next one over. It literally felt like the top of the world.

After our picture posing stunt was over, we traversed to the bowls containing Glory Hole, East Greeley and Greeley Bowl — they had been in the sun all morning and we figured they'd have the softest snow that early. We stuck to the trees and found some great pockets of the powder which had been dumped only 48 hours before.

Mary Ellen and Dana were both on telemark skis, and their prowess on the expert terrain was like poetry in motion. Only they, of course, could feel their mistakes, but from the viewing standpoint they were beautiful to observe. My knees ached in empathy as they kneeled for every turn.

The three of us fed off of each others' courage. It seemed that whenever I was having doubts about a run, Mary Ellen would pass me up with no hesitation and get herself down that run. I'd think, "Hell, she's on tele skis, I can do this." In turn she told me that whenever she had doubts I'd pass her up and she'd think, "Wait for me!"

Bouncing courage off of one another, as well as some healthy competition, we all pushed through our comfort zones into the insane zone, but laughing all the way.

Often those who shared a lift with us would inquire as to why Dana and Mary Ellen would abuse their bodies in such a masochistic way of skiing. Mary Ellen would quickly quip, "I



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Mary Ellen corrects some beautiful telemark turns.

wanted to find a whole new way to hurt myself. At 31, I'd broken 31 bones, now I'm 34 and I'm behind."

I can't tell you what effect this would have on our hapless friends, but the shocked lift companion would often wait until we were long gone before going the other way.

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Dreaming of paradise, then finding it: Maldives



Kike Calvo

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Guest Writer

It's amazing that today's technology has made inaccessible destinations easy to reach. Places that decades ago were just a dream — maybe impossible — are now reachable in just a few hours of flight. My theory is that adventure is a state of the mind. I can live real challenges not so far from home. But as I start discovering the world, I need more, I want more. It's like a drug.

The hunger for an adrenaline rush. Sport recreation. New things. I normally become tired of the same things day after day. I want different cultures, traditions, foods and a break from the day-to-day routine.

As usual, after earning enough money to start an adventure trip, I had to choose an unspoiled place that would satisfy my expectations for the unknown. I sat down in front of a world map to find a destination, but it's not always easy.

The flight to Maldives is long. Wherever I fly from, it will not often be easy to reach my destination: Dhiffushi.

Dhiffushi is small island of fishermen, one of those places where you can still taste the unique flavor of tradition. "Fushi" in Maldivian means a big island on the outer reef of the atolls.

After the never-ending flight I reached Male — capital of the Republic of Maldives. One of the only airports in the world a few meters from the sea, it is the real center of the life in Maldives.

200,000 people live in the entire country, and most of them live in Male — located just north of the equator. Maldives has a tropical climate with annual mean temperature of 85 degrees Fahrenheit and a great deal of sunshine. The hottest time of the year is April. Rainfall

frequently is greater from May to December.

From Male I took a "Dhoni," a typical Maldivian boat used as basic transport between places. Mind you this is a country of atolls — a small group of islands surrounded by a common reef. Access to the islands can only be done by boat. To reach the shore of the islands, the captain must find a natural opening created by currents. Normally moorings have been located to make the task easier. The greatest problem arises at night, making it difficult to transport anything or anyone at that time.

All the islands are surrounded by a "Faruthere" or Lagoon. These waters are full of sharks, sting rays and other really healthy aquatic biodiversity.

I arrived at the island looking quite weird with my vest and my orange cap. Maldives boasts some of the greatest diving in the world. I'd been diving for days, and it was time to enter the local culture again.

The origin of the Maldivian people is not altogether clear. I found that Indian features — as in India — are present. They are a dark skinned people, of the Islamic faith, and those I met had some of the biggest hearts I'd found during my voyages. They also have red teeth because they chew herbs and plants with dye in them. When talking with some of the inhabitants, I was amazed to learn that the mean age is 55 years.

I was the main attraction in this remote area. Walking around the island, taking pictures, watching the women clean their simple houses—gave me a feel for the culture. They all took pride in living life. Kids had great interest in knowing me. I began to walk barefoot like them — yet during the previous day's dive I had cut my finger on coral and the combination of that and the barefeet

caused an infection later— but it was worth it. To know people, to really try to understand them, I needed to make the effort to live and act like them. It would never be the same but at least it was an attempt.

Their diet is based primarily on fish, which is healthy, but I was dreaming for some of other food. The kids were awesome. They spoke just a few words of English, but it was enough. Many times communication is better and more intense with symbols, signs or gestures. I took many pictures of them, and then something got my attention.

A sweet and tiny girl was playing with something in her hand. As I went closer, she offered me a present. It was a big flying insect. They had tied it with a thin rope, and were using it as a toy. It was so sweet.

Many people don't really understand Third World countries whose inhabitants really appreciate the value of life. Yet we try to make them understand the intrinsic values of biodiversity, while sitting at home on the couch with a big Coke and a hot hamburger.

As I walked around the island, I visited the school. It was structure built out of palm logs and the classes were in the open, with some palm leaves offering some relief from the sun. Everybody started to shout and jump when they saw me. The teacher was surprised by my presence. The kids were dressed with white clothes that contrasted with the color of their skin. It was such a wonderful image. I will never forget it.

I later made a Muslim friend, Hafif. He invited me to his house. I entered the place trying to avoid disrupting the daily life. They treated me as a friend, even though I

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The girl with the prize.

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We proceeded to cover the mountain with no real order, but by feel. We had a narrow vision of finding the most challenging soft snow and avoiding the "express" runs as Mary Ellen and Dana called them. These runs were the steep bowls which had iced over and been skied off, so once you fell, you were "expressed" to the bottom, hoping you had all of your equipment with you when you arrived.

Even though the snow was great, the sun shining and the energy a plenty, we reluctantly decided to break for lunch. We have finally reached the age that we know that by not stopping, the afternoon just gets worse as our bodies run out of fuel.

The warm deck of the Alpenglow mountain restaurant — celebrating its 25 year anniversary — was a welcome sight. We found a table and spread out the lunch we had packed that morning.

Sitting back observing people come and go, we made up stories for those who ambled by. One older gentleman passed by with a rigging system we couldn't figure out. Of course we inquired as to what in the world he had going on. He was on the 70+ club (which means he got a free pass for being over 70 and still skiing) and had first been on skis in 1920. He had later been trained, like many aging skiers today, in the mountains of Colorado for the skiing troupes of World War II. The rig on his boots looped into his hips was a way for him to get on his edge better. Someone asked what he did in the summer and he replied, "Mountain bike." I saw visions of my own father in 20 years.

After filling our bellies with sandwiches, fruit and chocolate

chip cookies, we assembled our gear and headed back up the lifts to squeeze in a few more runs before rushing to the airport to return home.

By this time, we were tired enough that our legs had gone into auto-pilot and were finding their own grooves to follow. Luckily the grooves happened to also be the fall line, which makes sense because it is the most direct way down.

With smiles on our faces and the occasional "Yahoo!" we continued to ski until the lifts closed and we hauled our happily exhausted bodies back to Albion base.

Silently we packed the trunk, took one last look up to the mountain that we by no means conquered that day, but had enjoyed with great tenacity. The three of us vowed to come back again, each knowing it would never be the same, but aware that it could only be better.

Gazing into the crowd as I was about to get on the plane, I saw my two friends wave and turn to go back into the concourse pub. I knew we had many more adventures before us, and smiled at the anticipation of those. I had never skied in an all-girl group of expert skiers because the ratio is usually more men to women out there taking risks. I realized that although overtly everything should be the same — mountain, skies, weather, slopes — the experience was indeed very different.

Our ability to share the decisions, democratically choose the slopes, and periodically be the leader was a fresh change from busting my butt just to keep up with my male counterparts of old. (I hate being last in a group of men because I don't



Shawn Vidmar

The three insane amigos.

want the stigma of holding up the group and having them blame it on my femaleness.)

Under any circumstance, Alta is a great place to ski, but this time it was phenomenal primarily because of the company. Probably after the 2002 Winter Olympics slated for Salt Lake City, places like Alta and Snowbird will be altered forever. Visitors will learn of the great terrain, serious skier heaven, inexpensiveness and accessibility that the Wasach offer, and it will become a destination for many. So if you want to witness it before the proposed boom which will, no doubt, happen, take a trek down to Salt Lake City and get into those bountiful mountains, invite some good friends and go for it! It is sure to chase away the Moscow melan-



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A break for lunch.

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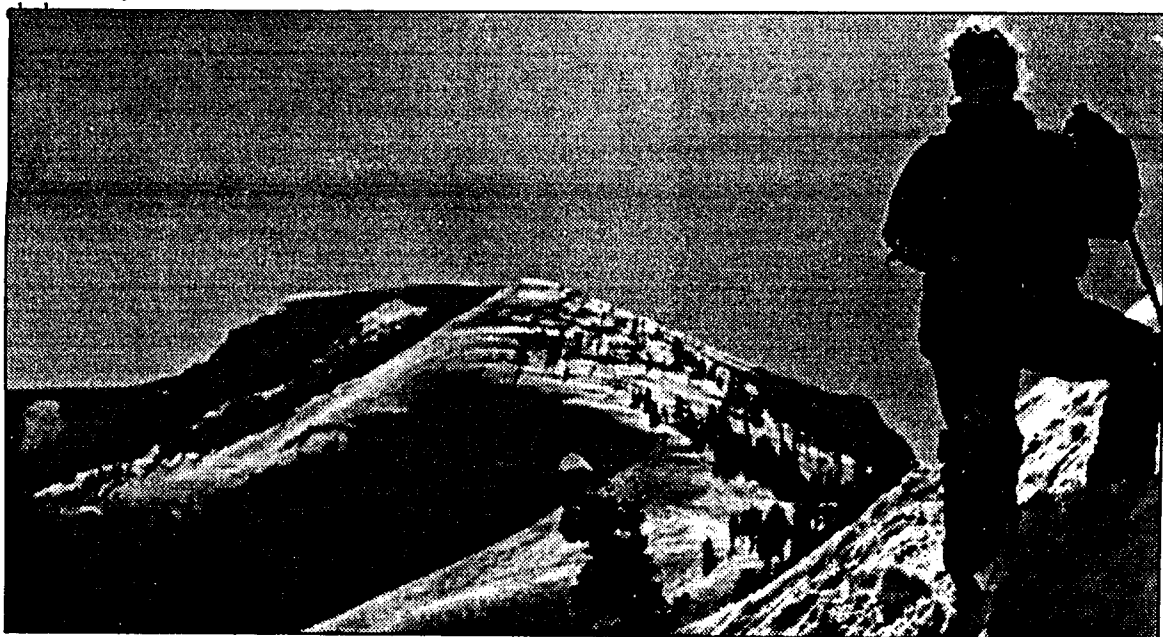
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*1997 rules brochures for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat hunts are now available. Applications will be accepted from April 1 through April 30.

*Idaho's bighorn sheep tag went for \$33,000 at the recent convention

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Dana poses for a mug before descending further.

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was a stranger to them. Yet, I still had to perform my big mission. I had brought a candy stick from Spain to give to the most lovely kid I encountered. I finally found the one. She was a thin girl wearing a bright yellow skirt. She was inside a dark house, with her mother, who was holding in her arms the girl's little brother or sister (I assumed). I made a sign to the mother and she understood. I went into the room and gave the present to the girl. Her eyes grew big. I saw those eyes. I observed that smile. She was the happiest girl in the world with just a 25-cent candy. How easy it was to make these kids happy. As I reached the dock, fisherman had just arrived from their daily tasks. They were emptying the fish onto the wooden planks of the dock. They looked tired. I knew it was a tough life, so I used my telephoto lenses to avoid any more disruptions. Maldives offers unbelievable sunsets, turquoise waters, enormous bats flying over the white beaches at dusk, sharks cruising the lagoon, colorful birds hanging from the branches, which are all a spectacle of light and color — a dream come true. Maldives is priceless spot. I would, one day, like my children to visit this place, rather than just hearing time after time the story of my four wonderful months there.

P.S. If any one is interested in getting more information about any of my experiences, e-mail me at <calv9678@novell.uidaho.edu.>

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OP gearing up for spring

Shawn Rider
Asst. Outdoors Editor

The University of Idaho Outdoors Program is getting ready to enter spring mode.

This semester, the program has sponsored several winter-oriented trips, including backcountry skiing, ice climbing, telemarking and snowshoeing.

Students have gone on trips all over the northwest this winter, including Aneroid Lake and Wing Ridge. Mike Beiser, UI Outdoor Program coordinator, said that winter is dragging on and many students are ready for some good spring activity. There is one last winter fling planned.

Beiser will lead a group to Banff National Forest in Canada over spring break for a week-long stay in Canadian hostels. The group will go telemarking, ice climbing, backcountry alpine skiing and cross country skiing during their stay.

Another group is going to southern Utah to explore desert canyons. Students will explore the backcountry of Moab for eight days, working out of a primitive base camp. They will explore canyons and see rock formations such as natural bridges, domes, pinnacles and some of the world's largest natural arches.

Although these trips are affordable and conveniently scheduled around school vacation, they are not for the beginning outdoors enthusiast. These trips and other more extreme activities — such as the Mount Logan expedition planned for May — are geared toward satisfying the desires of serious outdoors enthusiasts. Beiser said many students shy away from the classes, clinics and trips made possible by the Outdoors Program because they are intimidated by the accomplished level expected by the participants; however that is not always the case.

"Almost every trip we do is for beginners," said Beiser. Weekend trips are preceded by at least one introductory class to teach novices

and experts alike about the skills and equipment needed for the class. The trips themselves are also generally educational and well-organized to help beginners feel comfortable and have fun.

"We teach lifetime sports," said Beiser, "these are things you'll be doing for the rest of your life." This philosophy, coupled with the "No money, no time, no experience ... no problem" sign hanging in the Outdoors Program office, has prompted the program to make available a wide spectrum of outdoors activities.

On the schedule for after spring break are rock climbing, whitewater rafting, backpacking and kayaking. The program offers multiple levels of classes in each of these sports and there are one- and two-day educational excursions for students to get real world experiences.

In addition to its normal class schedule, the program has been offering the Logan Group Wilderness Skill Clinics throughout the semester. These clinics teach a wide variety of skills including waxing, tuning, ice climbing, map reading, rappelling, first aid and rescue. To get a schedule of Outdoors Program activities and classes stop by their offices in the basement of the Student Union Building. Classes are open for registration now.

Outdoors Program Classes and Activities

To find out more about these classes and trips contact the UI O.P.

- Open Kayak Pool Sessions; March 12, 26, April 9, 23, 30
- Rappelling; March 15
- Wilderness First Aid; March 22
- Crevasse Rescue; March 29
- Rock Climbing Series; April 1
- Backpacking Trip; April 18 - 20
- Kayaking Series starts April 2
- Mt. Logan; May 19 - June 14

The UI Outdoors Rental Shop is also offering students a "10 days for the price of five" discount on equipment, and special prices on skis and snowboards.



Shawn vidmar

The Outdoors staff wishes everyone a safe, adventurous and restful spring break.

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of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep in Philadelphia. One tag for the Hells Canyon area is also awarded in a lottery so that less affluent hunters can have a chance at one of these tags. s are available at licensed vendors.

• The Idaho Fish and Game Commission is considering changes involved in extending the season dates statewide and eliminating the harvest quotas on female mountain lions.

• Hunters born after Jan. 1, 1975 are required to have completed hunters education before obtaining a license. Bowhunters education is also required for first-time archers. Fish and Game offices can answer questions about course schedules and sign-up days.

• A reminder to all bow hunters that the use of traditional broadhead arrows are allowed. However, the expanding broadhead is illegal.

• Water conditions allowed the 1996 steelhead run to begin early and the fish to come in all at once. Idaho steelhead tag holders realized the run was more fishable than most in recent years and turned out in force with 2,500 more anglers than last year.

• Idaho licenses to hunt and fish are the cheapest in 11 western states but one of the most expensive for non-residents. Idaho is second lowest, only beaten by Montana. For non-residents Idaho is 50 percent higher than the next highest state.

• GILBERTSVILLE, Ky — Rickey Clunn took home first place in the initial leg of the Wal-Mart FLW bass fishing tournament series on March 1. The next part of the tour, a four-day elimination competition, will feature the nation's top anglers vying for \$368,400 in cash and prizes.

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• A new DNA test has been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that can detect Whirling disease in fish and in the aquatic worm host at lower levels than was previously possible. Whirling disease may be responsible for some decline in trout populations in the west.

• Kokanee numbers at Dworshak Dam have dropped since last year. Kokanee gathered near the dam, then went over the top during high water flows. High water flows also blew out nests of fry last spring.



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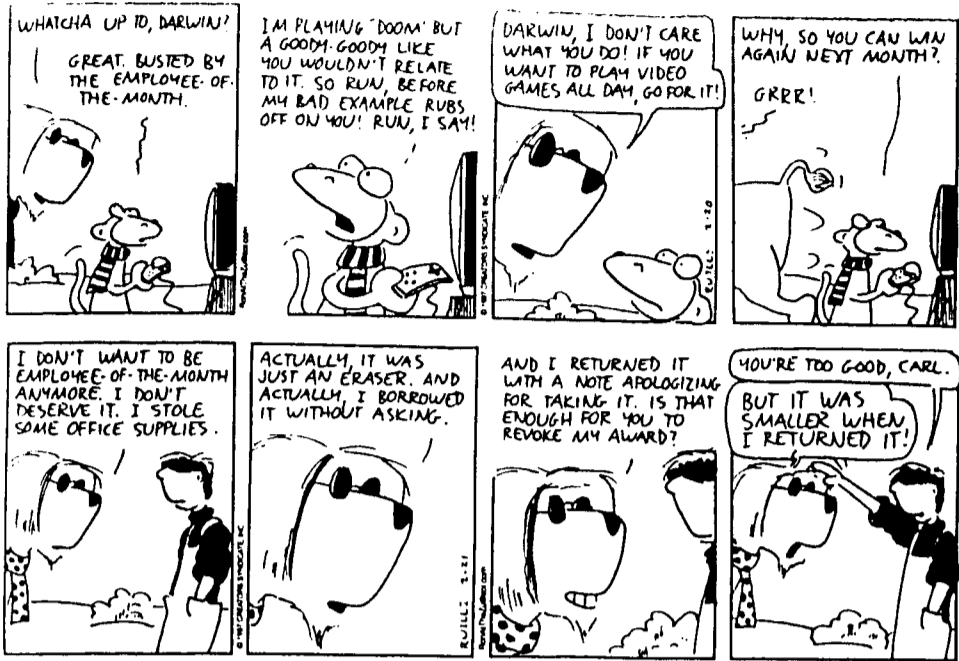
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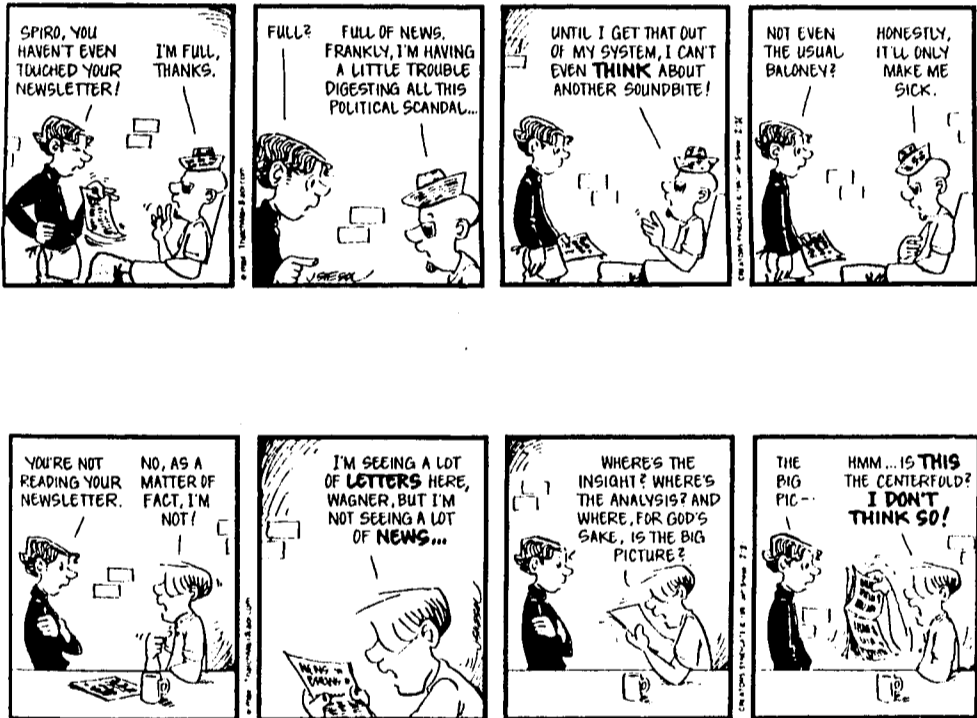
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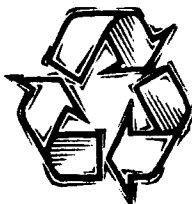
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