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## University budget cuts ignite controversy

#### Faculty members upset with the solutions offered

**ERIN SCHULTZ** 

STAFF

motions ran high on the issue of budget cuts the first Faculty Council meeting of the semester Monday

At the first general faculty meeting Monday afternoon, foreign language professor Alan Rose stood and read a prepared announcement from the American Federation of

Speaking to President Bob Hoover, Rose read, "You (President Hoover) need to know how many of us are feeling. You need to understand our frustrations so you can forcefully carry them forward. You need to know that morale is at an all-time low. You need to know that the institution does not have our good will."

The rest of the announcement discussed ways that budget cuts have personally affected Rose and other UI professors. President Hoover followed up with a remark that the state Board of Education has made the budget their priority this year.

The challenging financial situation currently facing UI is due to a cutback issued by the state of Idaho. Last year, a temporary state-issued holdback was solved by implementing a lag payroll system for UI employees. This year, UI is facing a new and permanent cut of 1 percent across the board, explained Larry Branen, executive director for Institutional Planning and Budget, which lag payroll alone can't solve.

"Essentially what we did with (the 1 percent cut) is that all units, including administration, were reduced by 1 percent in terms of their total budget, so they had to identify within each area how they would deal with that," Branen said.

The total loss facing UI comes to approximately \$2 million dollars. Depending on departmental size, individual colleges must sustain losses of \$30,000 to \$150,000 each.

David Lineback, dean for the College of Agriculture, said the cuts are mostly being absorbed by eliminating staff

"We didn't fire anyone. We just didn't fill vacant positions," Lineback said. This year, 11 to 12 staff positions were eliminated, making a total of around 40 vacancies that haven't been refilled in the last three years.

Other colleges have chosen to use similar methods to deal with the cutbacks. The College of Engineering also has many vacant positions which have not been refilled

The results of this, professors say, is increased work loads

on other faculty.

"It is uncomfortable of course, but it is a better solution than some other options we have," Richard Jacobsen, dean for the College of Engineering said.

Other options included things such as giving all UI employees a certain length of furlough, taking money from the university's medical insurance reserve fund, or releasing a number of employees.

Though Rose hit on major concerns of many faculty regarding the cuts, not all supported the AFT's announcement which he read during Monday's meeting.

"I'm not going to get on any bandwagon that takes a negative slant. While I may agree that there's low morale, it's more like a hangnail than a broken ankle. It's annoying and it hurts, but it's not going to make the whole university fall apart," Jacobsen said.

In the big picture of higher education, UI budget cuts represent just one effect of an even larger problem — that of competing forces for state money. Presently, many areas of the nation are heading down a road where correctional institutions have more support than places of higher education. As an example, Hoover cited the state of California, where the correction systems budget is actually higher than the University of California budget.

Part of Hoover's strategy for the upcoming year is to increase stagnating enrollment numbers, and work toward gaining state funds.

Freshman Kevin Dunn, Snow Hall, received a citation for minor in posession of alcohol at The Perch Saturday night from officer Tom

Nine MIP of alcohol citations were issued Wednesday night. Officer Carl Wommack said they "seem to be related to [the party] at the Delta Tau Delta house.



## Crime on campus centers around alcohol violations, theft

ANGELA HELMKE

STAFF

or a campus with concerns about alcohol use and violations, last weekend is patrol of the University of Idaho campus by Moscow Police Department's officers "seemed normal," said Captain Dale Mickelsen of the Moscow Police Department.

"Approximately 20 citations were issued for alcohol related offenses," Mickelsen said. Mickelsen also said that no major incidents or problems occurred. The number of citations that were issued last weekend or are issued throughout the year are reflected by the amount of time officers are able to patrol campus between other calls.

According to campus crime statistics cited in the UI Policies and Information handbook, there were a total of 80 alcohol offenses last year on the UI campus and 76 in Moscow. These figures show a decline in alcohol violations from 92 on campus and 163 in Moscow in 1995.

Despite the attention given to alcohol, theft may be the biggest crime problem at

According to the crime statistics in 1996, there were 185 reports of theft on campus and 532 in Moscow. Theft is the most reported crime on campus and in Moscow according to the statistics.

Car burglaries and other thefts are ongoing problems on campus, according to the Moscow Police Department Web page.

Some crime statistics may be misleading or may be interpreted in several different ways, said Valerie Russo, sexual assault prevention education program advisor at the UI Women's Center. The handbook reports one rape on the UI campus last year and nine in Moscow. Russo says those are the ones that were reported and made it through the

A survey conducted by the Women's Center last year showed that one of every three women surveyed had either been raped. someone had attempted to rape them, or they had experienced some type of unwanted

sexual encounter.

Russo says they all knew their attackers. "I have not known of any stranger-rapes at

Most rapes on the UI campus are date and acquaintance rapes, Russo said. She advises students to use common sense.

#### Car burglaries, book bag theft continue to plague campus

LISA LANNIGAN

MEWS ENITES

number of car burglaries have taken be doing those sorts of things are those place in the last year on the UI, that just registered for school, Wommack campus around the Wallace said. Complex, leaving campus police to warm students of the potential danger.

Cpl. Carl Wommack of the Moscow Police Department said one or two car burglaries have occurred around town in the past week.

As the students come back, not to be:

Most of the burglaries on campus occurred in lot 25, the gray-sticker lot behind the Wallace Complex. But Wommack says car burglaries around town happen on a regular basis.

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"As the students come back, not to be." Wommack said. But sometimes locked doors won't help when valuables are left in

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Local News

#### Vacancies reflect WSU enrollment

PULLMAN — Students returning to Washington State University this week found a renter's market not seen in years.

With the start of fall semester, apartment rentals are going begging with a vacancy rate that is as high as it's been in two decades.

"There's just not enough people," said Kathy Wilson, property manager for DRA

The city's vacancy rate usually hovers around 1 percent to 2 percent, forcing desperate single students to scrounge for basement apartments and others to commute from small towns 15-20 miles

A recent study by the Washington Center for Real Estate Research projects a vacancy rate approaching 9 percent.

Enough apartments have been built in

the last five years to house more than 2,000

people.

The buildup came as WSU officials talked about a projected "Baby Boom Echo"

— grandchildren of the post-war Baby Boom generation — that were supposed to graduate from high schools by the year

WSU's Pullman campus enrollment was expected to nearly double to 25,000. But last fall's enrollment of 17,300 fell short of

projections.
"We certainly aren't seeing the demand that was predicted," said Sen. Jim West, R-

WSU President Sam Smith said last week that enrollment could grow a modest 1 percent or 2 percent this fall. The official numbers are due out Sept. 3.

National News



## Four people killed in Washington storm

YAKIMA, Wash. — A fierce storm struck Washington state Tuesday, bringing heavy rain and 70 mph winds that knocked a tree onto a pickup truck, killing four

people.

The tree fell during a storm that battered the eastern Cascade Range, knocking out power and downing trees.

Details on the deaths near Bumping Lake, 70 miles west of Yakima in a remote, rugged region near Mount Rainier National Park, were not immediately available.

A funnel cloud was reported west of Olympia, and heavy rain, gusting winds,

thunder and lightning were reported throughout the state.

Another felled tree hit a trailer in Cle Elum, in eastern Washington along the

Gusting winds tore the roof off a lumber mill near White Swan, in the Yakima Valley, cutting power lines. A house was destroyed by falling trees along Washington.

The thunderstorms also knocked down power lines in the southern part of Okanogan County, in north-central Washington near the Canadian border.



World News

#### Mexico's Popocatepetl volcano spews ash

MEXICO CITY - Mexico's Popocatepetl volcano spewed intermittent bursts of ash as high as one-half mile Tuesday, but authorities said there were no other warning signs of activity at the snowcapped peak.

The Center for the Prevention of Disaster, which monitors activity at the 17,992-foot peak, said the "small and medium-sized" emissions contained ash mixed with water vapor and other gases.

The volcano, whose name means

"smoking mountain" in an Aztec Indian language, has emitted periodic bursts of ash since it awakened from a 70-year slumber

The center, which also monitors the volcano's seismic activity, said the was no sign of unusual movement and that an advance warning system would remain on "yellow" alert, as it has been for over two

Tuesday's emissions posed no threat to those residents, the center reported.

## Announcements

Today
• Career Services is offering an introduction session at 2:30 p.m. in Brink Hall. It will cover Career Services forms, oncampus interviews and the Career Services library. Preregister in Brink Hall or call 885-6121.

Monday

• Next Monday is Labor Day. No classes will be held and all professional staff have the day off, however, the Student Union will be open from noon to mid-

Tuesday

·Palouse Habitat for Humanity is holding a Friend of Habitat" meeting, 7:30 p.m., at St. Mary's Church., 618 First St. in Moscow. For more information call Donna at 883-8502.

· There will be a Cooperative Education orientation from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in Education 103. Cooperative Education helps students find paid work for real-world experience related to their majors. For more infor-

mation, contact Cooperative Education at 885-5822.

Coming Events

• Invite your parents up for UI Dad's Weekend, Sept. 5 through 7. Registration forms are available at the UI Alumni Office for events such as breakfasts, barbecues and a golf Tournament. Call 885-6154.

·Speaking of Dad's Weekend, two special encore presentations of the Idaho Repertory Theatre hit Forever Plaid will be held Sept. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. at the Hartung Theatre. Call 885-7986 for ticket information.

 The International Women's Association is holding its first meeting on Sept. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Married Student Housing Community Center, located at 502 Taylor Avenue. For more information call 885-7841.

Jobs on Campus

. The TAAC needs tutors for computer science, French and electrical engineering. Call 885-6307.

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plain sight. Wommack says it's best to take your valuables with you. "All it takes is a rock, a hammer or screw driver and they'll do serious damage to your car and steal your stuff."

Often, dorm residents will leave their cars unattended in the parking lot for weeks, even months. "We get some folks who come to school and the only time they use their car is to get here and go home for break," Wommack said. "If they never go out there to check their vehicle, that's when things happen."

Thefts tend to increase during the times when potential burglars need cash, such as at the beginning of the semester and right before breaks. "When they've got to get home from Thanksgiving Break, or don't have money from Christmas presents, that's when it's going to happen," Wommack said.

Backpack theft has also been a problem on campus. The police department is continuously taking complaints from people having had their book bags and backpacks stolen. Wommack said few if any are ever returned because of the lack of evidence left at the scene. "It's really hard to chase down leads, because there won't be any."

Wommack said if you must take it with you, buy a padlock and lock the bag in one of the lockers provided outside the cafeteria. "Don't leave your checkbook, wallet or other valuable items in it," Wommack said. "(People are) coming back 15 minutes later at lunch and, because they left \$400 or \$500 worth of stuff in their book bags, they're out of luck."

Bicycles are also a favorite of thieves. Wommack says bikes with snap-

off components, such as removable tires, are a target even when they're

"The biggest thing we can do as a community is crime prevention," Wommack said.

More information about crime on campus and the Moscow Police Department can be found on their website at <www.uidaho.edu/police/crime/ca.html>.



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UI-WSU Career Expo October 2 10:00 am - 3:00 pm WSU Beasley Coliseum

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# New Provost tackles university problems

JENNIFER KARINEN

STAFF

Most newcomers to the University of Idaho live in the dorms. Few of these have an office in the Administration Building next to the president's.

New Provost Brian Pitcher and his family are living in the dorms until they buy a home. "It's a little cramped," he confesses.

Pitcher explains another title for his position might be Academic Vice President. He reports and works closely with the president. Pitcher worked with President Bob Hoover at Utah State University when Hoover was a dean. Deans of all the colleges report directly to the Provost. He works with them to make program changes, assists them with planning, budget sand upgrading their programs. If there is extra money he helps decide where it goes.

Pitcher admits that one of the great challenges UI faces is improving the support it gives its faculty. "Salaries at the U of I are low comparable to other institutions of this quality. Statistics I've seen suggest we're losing some of our best faculty. They're here for a few years and then they are recruited away." Improving faculty support, which Pitcher

says is one of his aims, could include raising salaries. It depends on available funding.

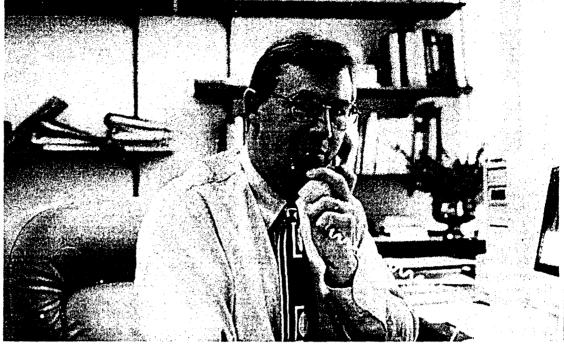
Technology is another area Pitcher says funding is needed for. Rapid changes in technology call for constant upgrades. Tools need to be replaced as the latest equipment comes out. Facilities need to be reworked to accomodate changing needs. Add the

expense of training people to use and maintain equipment and you have a hefty price tag.

Will student fees rise to help pay for these expenses? "I think we should consider very carefully before doing this," Pitcher says. "Student fees have grown quite rapidly in the past 10 years. The administration should remain in close dialog with students."

He says the administration is looking to receiving more funding through private gifts, external contracts and grants.

They also want to raise money by



increasing enrollment.

He says decreasing enrollment numbers are not of concern. "Enrollment has remained relatively flat the last 10 years." He says he and other members of the administration feel the university has room to accommodate a greater number of students while still remaining a small to mid-sized research institution. He will also be working on retaining students who come to UI. One statistic says only 50 percent of those here their first year will graduate from UI in four to five years.

Pitcher says the administration will be

working to clarify, sharpen and focus the image UI presents to the legislatures, the public and high schools. "This is very high on the President's agenda," Pitcher said. This is because of the recent survey that revealed negative public attitudes towards the university. In a couple months he says promotional materials will be released throughout the media in a large scale marketing campaign. He and the president will also be out visiting community leaders.

Pitcher says he has found everyone here accepting, supporting and anxious to help the university be successful.

## New commission to set high school exiting standards

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STAFF

The Idaho Board of Education announced last week that a new commission will be formed specifically to set exiting standards for high school students. The standards will outline what information students will be required to know before being allowed to graduate.

The 10 member commission will consist of interested parents, teachers, business and community leaders, who will be chosen at the board's Sept. 18 meeting in

"The board is eager to have names submitted that represent leaders state-wide because the more representation we have, the more ownership the public will have in what is expected to be a three year process," said state Board President Judy Meyer in a prepared statement.

The commission will oversee the work of several

subcommittees developing graduation requirements for language arts and communication, mathematics, science, social studies and health/welfare. Subcommittees will contain two commission members, and various other volunteer educators, parents and citizens. Following the recommendations of the subcommittees, the commission will draft a report which must then be approved by the board.

"We felt that in this whole process we needed a coordinating commission to oversee the work of the subcommittees," said Jerry Pelton, deputy superintendent for state and federal instructional programs.

At present, Idaho has a few state graduation requirements, and school districts are allowed to determine their own. The development of exiting standards would mean that students would have to prove knowledge gained through their courses before they could graduate.

While support is broad for developing statewide exiting standards, local school administrators hope their current requirements will jibe with those developed by the new

ommission

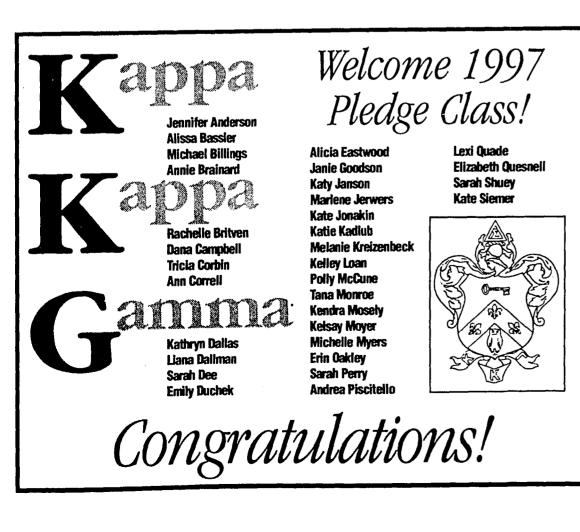
"This is a very sound educational strategy, however it would have been better for the state to establish their standards before the local school districts" said Jack Hill, superintendent of Moscow Public Schools.

Hill stressed the need for local participation. "The state can't make [effective] decisions without input from local

educators and parents."

Potential volunteers must recognize that the commission is a long-term commitment. After the exiting requirements have been established, the commission will then form the assessment standards which determine whether a student possesses the requisite knowledge to graduate. Pelton expects the commission to set requirements for elementary and junior high school classes

Administrators said public response has been excellent, and as of Monday nearly 40 individuals had applied for the commission. Those interested in serving should contact the state board as soon as possible at (208) 332-6800.





## Phony ads promise free financial aid, rip students off

**DEVON HAMMES** 

STAFF

There is a con artist in town, preying on college students.

The scam artist is unobtrusive and mild-mannered with a demeanor that veils the ultimate goal of stealing money from unsuspecting college students. This particular con man is about 3 inches wide and 5 inches tall, ensconced in a black and white border.

The scam lies within the lines of the advertisements in newspapers and claims to award students — regardless of grades or income — with free financial aid.

The Advertising Review Department of the Better Business Bureau issued a warning, alerting students of the many advertisements such as these. The admonition stated that most services of this sort require students to pay a substantial fee to receive a listing of funding

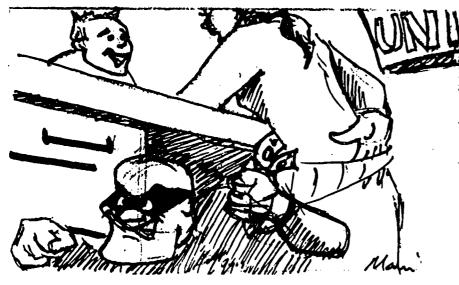
advertisements basically guarantee students some

type of financial aid by providing a list of funding sources most appropriate to the students background and educational goal. The catch is that you (students) usually have to pay a fee, sometimes as high as \$50, to receive your list," the warning stated.

The Bureau also cautioned that even though organization may guarantee students a refund if no financial aid or scholarships are received, it has heard complaints alleging problems in getting those refunds.

"We discourage students from using scholarship searches when we can do it





Dan Davenport, director admissions and financial aid at the University of Idaho, said. "I have never heard of anyone who got money or scholarships from these organizations."

Although the advertisements may seem too good to be true, most guarantee complete refund making it seem harmless to simply call and check.

Sarah Cooke,

sophomore, said that was exactly why she decided to call. She contacted a company in response to an advertisement offering up to \$15,000 in financial aid and scholarships, and they promised her a refund if she did not receive at least \$1200.

"It sounded like a good deal to me," Cooke said. "So I gave them my major, minor, my checking account number and a check for

The company promised to send the information on available scholarships to her in one month's time, but Cooke said she did not receive the information until four months later — with none of the scholarships listed pertaining to her major. She said she tried to contact the company several

times, only to be disconnected or given another phone number in each instance.

Then all of a sudden, my checks started bouncing, so I looked back at my statements, and they (the organization) had taken out another \$96," Cooke said. "I finally got a hold of them, and they said they would take care of it. I have yet to see if they

Randy Geller, attorney for the university council at UI, said cases such as these fall under the Consumer Protection Act and may be handled by the attorney general. Geller and Davenport suggested that students who have encountered scams similar to this to call the Better Business Bureau for legal advice.



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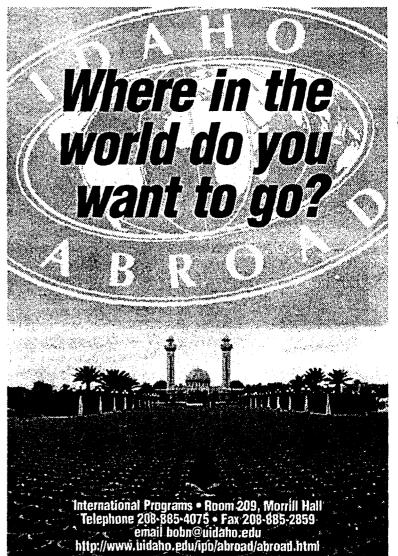
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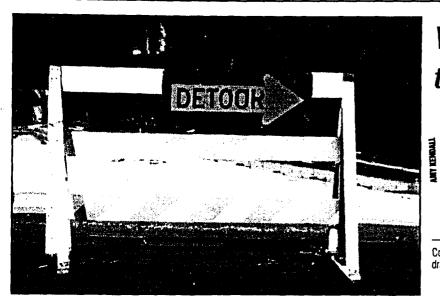
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#### Welcome to college

Construction on campus takes drivers on a detour from spelling.

#### **Extended funding benefits Student Support Services**

KATIE BAKER

STAFF

An extra year of funding, worth \$200,000, was granted to Student Support Services by the federal government to further student's academic assistance in

The proposal written for the grant received a perfect score by three individual readers from the Department of Education who judged the grant proposals.

Every four years universities write up a new proposal hoping to gain federal money to help continue and improve programs, such as Student

Support Services. UI was in the top five percent of the proposals from other universities because they "achieved the goals of student retention," Rolf Mann, program director at Student Support Services, said.

The Student Support Services program at the University of Idaho helps at-risk students — those who have a physical or learning disability, low-income or are the first person to go to college in their family stay in college and graduate.

The program has personal supports such as adjustment/transition assistance, educational planning and career advising. Also, individual academic services are available, including learning strategies, financial

aid information and tutoring.

Tutoring sessions take place on an individual basis. "You can't hide in a group of one," Mann said.

The success rate of the students going through the Student Support Services is measured on a yearly scale. Goodwin said that of the students enrolled for one year, 92-95 percent return to further their education the next year.

The graduation rate is 58-62 percent within six

The university has also shown its commitment to the Student Support Services through the issuing of scholarships to successful participants. "The university is intent on keeping us in the mainstream," Goodwin

President Bob Hoover committed \$20,000 in scholarships to students through the program. The \$100 scholarships will be given to those who achieve the goals they set within Student Support Services. The motto is "give 100 percent, get \$100."

Giving out scholarships can help the university in the long run because students will be getting better grades and a higher rate that enroll will graduate. "This program benefits the university ultimately," Mann said.

UI's need for Student Support Services is significant. Goodwin believes that even though Student Support Services only serves 200 students, close to 3,500 students are eligible for assistance.

## **Senators wonder what off**campus students want

JENNIFER KARINEN

STAFF

Ken DeCelle represents offcampus students in the ASUI Senate. He is the only member of the Senate who is not a Greek. He lost the race for his Senate seat four times before he finally got elected.

Did off campus students realize he was running? Did they know when elections were? Did they

DeCelle faces the same questions in office he probably asked himself while he was running

He and Senators Allyson Lee and Anne Thatcher have the task of representing off-campus students in the ASUI Senate this semester.

When Senators who represent the Greeks or the Residence Halls want to find out what their student body thinks, they go to house and hall meetings. Off-campus students have no common meeting place. They are spread throughout the city in apartments and homes. Reaching all these people and getting an idea of what they need and want from the university is a big job. They must find out what the students' needs are and keep them informed on Senate activities.

"It's definitely going to be the challenge of the semester for us, to make them feel like they are a part of this campus," Lee said.

"I've been racking my brain day and night on significant ways to connect," said DeCelle, shaking his head, "other than going up to somebody off campus and saying 'Hey what do you think?' I can do that and I do do that but I get a

small sample."

One idea is to get a comprehensive e-mail list. "The fact is, they have to give us their email address first." Lee explains. "We could reach everyone, whether or not they want to read it is their choice.'

One issue the Senate deals with that has big ramifications for offcampus students is parking. Students who drive or commute have few places to park on campus. In the past the Parking Committee has discussed turning the Greek Row Street into a permit only area. Off-campus student needs would play a big part in this decision if it came up again.

The senators will be watching how the Graduate Student Association gathers students together. The GSA is splintering away and forming its own organization. No longer a part of the ASUI, it will have its own funds and government. Thatcher hopes that by helping the GSA to get started they will learn some ways to maintain contact with off-campus students. Many graduate students live off campus and if the GSA wants to do much of anything it will need to draw these students in.

The Senate also has an open seat. Lee and Thatcher hope an offcampus student will appear to take it over. This would help balance representation in the Senate. The three senators will be working together in the next few days to find ways to find out what the group they represent wants from them.

Any of the senators can be reached by phone, 885-ASUI or email, ASUI@uidaho.edu.

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## From Generation Generation



Bound to Change by Byron Clercx is made of 300 roles of duct tape on a recycled wooden stretcher and cart.

Photo by Cori Keller.

## Father and son dare to create

T. SCOTT CARPENTER

REPORTER

When Merl Clercx cut through the art building, on the way to his economics class at Augustana College in South Dakota, he had no idea how drastically his life would be changed by the time he came out the other side.

Upon seeing a group of students painting in a classroom, he was amazed that you could take art classes in college and get credit for them. Soon after that, he changed his major from accounting to painting and became an artist.

Years later, his son Byron has followed in his footsteps. Byron is a sculptor.

Merl and Byron Clercx will be displaying their work at the Prichard Art Gallery until September 27th.

"What I'm really doing now is painting my philosophy out. It's spiritual." Merl said. He describes his work as a frustrating process of painting, changing, evolving, and

"You might paint for a month and nothing happens. And then one day you go up there and in two hours everything is right in front of you." Merl said.

Merl recently retired after teaching high school art classes for 30 years. After leaving undergraduate school, Byron actually taught in the same class with his father for a while. Now Byron is an Assistant Professor at the University of Idaho's College of Art and Architecture.

When it comes to painting styles, Merl's work has evolved over the years. He started out painting landscapes, looking at the world around him. He then adopted a more abstract technique which evolved into spacescapes. His most recent series of paintings involve him looking inside of himself. His son's art comes from somewhere else.

"Mine is about, maybe, the human condition in everyday life," Byron said. "I would say my work reflects my critical and cynical nature."

Byron started out as a painter like his father, but later decided that he didn't think like a painter. He felt more inclined to work with three-dimensional objects rather than a flat canvas. He became a sculptor, but did not abandon the idea of

painting altogether. Many of his sculptures include a bare stretcher board, usually used for stretching canvas over.

The understructure behind the canvas is one thing our work has in common," Byron said. "I quit painting on the canvas that was over it, but I stripped the canvas off of it, and started trying to treat it as a structural element."

Among his other works are a set of tools, the handles of which Byron carved from book

For me, books are tools. The common ground between a hammer and a book is that both extend our human capacity to achieve. With a hammer we can build things, physical structures. With a book we can build a body of ideas." Byron said.

Merl and Byron's art show is called Respense Byron feels that it not only defines his work, but his history too.

"It's interesting how these lineages are passed on, from teacher to teacher, generation to generation. In this case from father to son, artist to artist." Byron said.

Prichard Art Gallery, an outreach facility for

the college of Art and Architecture, will be exhibiting the work of these two artists until Sept. 27. There will also be a public lecture by Merl and Byron Clercx on Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. in room 227 of the Life Sciences building and a reception for the artists Sept. 5 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m..

### A look ahead

- CJ's will be cooking to the sounds of Stubblehead tonight and tomorrow night. The drinks are cheap and the sounds are hot, go give a listen.
- Stranger Neighbor will be rocking the Capricorn both nights this weekend. The band boogies, do you?
- Another Saturday, another Farmers' Market. Music, local produce and lots of friendly folks get together to enjoy the breather the weekend provides. Come hang out, peruse the fresh veggies and soak up the sunshine (hopefully).
- John's Alley will be hosting the group Moments of Clarity tonight. This band has a really different sound with the focus on the skilled and diverse bass player. Great sound with a slightly eastern tone to it. Well worth looking in to. The Alley is also holding an Open Mic on Tuesday Sept. 2. Sign-ups start at 9pm, all types of pickers and singers welcome.

## Jumpin' on the environmental bandwagon

A review by Justin Cason

Like Howard Stern and really poor taste, surfing and rock 'n' roll have always seemed to be linked together.

However, with the release of Surfdog Records' Music for Our Mother ocean II (or MOM II), fun in the sun is hardly the

primary focus.

MOM II is a meaty, 22-track compilation whose sales benefit the Surfrider Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works to protect coastal areas, beaches and water quality.

The album is the follow-up to last year's original "MOM," which featured new music by Pearl Jam,

The Beastie Boys and No Doubt.

MOM II picks up where its
predecessor left off, adding some new artists and retaining some old

The disc opens with some guitar riffs by the legendary Dick Dale, the widely proclaimed "King of Surf Guitar," then blasts off into a furious set by Pennywise and Sprung Monkey, momentarily settling down for

Jewel's neo-bluesy "V-12 Cadillac."

This is some of Jewel's best work since her "discovery" earlier this year. A combination of Mae West and Muddy Waters, Jewel seems to be erupting from deep within her soul, and showcases a snarling sensuality that might have gotten overlooked on her popular Pieces of You album.

The Mighty Mighty
Bosstones' "Ocean," a bouncy,
bumpy ska joyride, is another real highlight, and not just because its chorus is as addictive as a nicotine sauna. The track is also thankfully lightweight compared to the despondent and often gloomy messages which pervade most or

MOM II approaches its peak with "Hydroponic," by 311. What the song lacks in lyrical content is more than made up for with powerfully catchy guitar and basslines. 311 fans will probably recognize the track from the album, Music.

Counting Crows' "Angels of the Silences" also heads the list of gems which were already released on previous albums. In fact, this

could be the next single released off of their current success, Recovering the Satellites. Fiery and dirty, the song relies as much on guitar power as it does on Adam Duritz's distinct

voice. "Trouble on the Horizon" rounds out the elite list of stellar songs. A Jimmy Buffett exclusive, the track sounds out a warning to mankind in traditional Buffett style. "You give us cigarettes, guns and whiskey and watch what happens / Then add a little nuclear fusion and some gasoline / There's trouble on the horizon / Waiting for the barbecue," he sings with his usual straightforward ease.

MOM II does have its trouble spots, although they are relatively few. The tempo of the Beach Boys' "Summer in Paradise" is way too happy for the topic it deals with (it's difficult to dance to a tune about the homeless), and seems to gloss over the urgency of the album. "Tonight,"



by Porno for Pyros, is, at best, out

of place. In addition to the music, the fold-out sleeve is a hotbed of environmental tips and facts, and it also features artwork by a dozen

surfer artists. Apart from the occasional mediocrity, MOM II does what it claims: it offers up some exceptional music for a great

## Don't be afraid of the Web

**AMY SANDERSON** 

Believe it or not, there are some of us that still haven't caught up to the information super-highway. You just figured out how to set the clock in your VCR and then they slapped this Internet thing on you. For you beginners

to the Web, here is a crash course to get you rolling:
Where do I go to use the Internet? There are many labs
on campus with both Macintosh and PC computers. Get a map from the computer help desk in the basement of the Administration building for detailed information. Some labs close for classes to use, so be aware of this before you save that Internet research until the last minute. Also, out of courtesy, don't spend hours surfing the net on the campus computers during times when there are others waiting to use them for academic purposes.

Can I use the UI Internet service with my computer at

home? Yes! If you have a computer and modem at home, you can get Internet service offered through the university if you are a student. Contact someone at computer services

to get connected.

What is a search engine? Search engines, like Yahoo or Excite, find sites on the Web after you type in key words in a space provided. Click on "search" or "go get it" and the engine will find sites that have the words you entered

appearing in the text. Some engines will list sites that contain all words specified while others may list sites that contain at least one of the words. Thus, the list of sites found is often overwhelming and unrelated to the topic you wanted. Creative Good, a site devoted to making the Internet easier to use, recommends beginners try Yahoo since it searches by category. If you type "American Literature" for example, you should get sites that are about literature and not sites that just have the words

"American Literature" in their text.

"There are many different search engines — try them all. They are all better at different things," said Monica Ray, manager of Cactus Computers in Moscow.

How do I use the browser? A browser, like Netscape, provides an interface for coercing the web. Options on a

provides an interface for searching the web. Options on a toolbar at the top of your page allow you to maneuver your way around the web. Clicking "back" will return you to the last visited page and "stop" will stop a page from loading if it is taking too long. You can also pull down the "go" menu to jump to pages that have been previously visited and tracked by the browser. "Bookmark" a favorite site and later you can chose it from the bookmark menu and go immediately there.

What are some searching tips? 1. Use more than one word and be specific when you search. For example, choose "Volkswagen" instead of

2. Search Engines offer ways to limit your search. Try clicking links from the category list of topics like entertainment or travel. Some let you search for only pictures and sounds.

3. Results at the top of the list will be closest to what

4. Use the URL if you know it. URLs start with http:// and are web addresses. Plug the address in the box

containing the current address at the top of your browser. How do I surf the net? You surf the net by clicking on the colored words called links appearing on pages. Links allow you to jump to other sites. "Some pictures are also links to pages," Ray said. You just click on the links and

How do I get started? Brandon Stirling, UI's web master, recommends that you start with the University of Idaho's home page. Choose the search option and from there you have the option to search only in the university or pick one of the five world wide search engines. You can also find e-mail addresses and office phone numbers of staff and students by clicking on "people". There is also a GTE directory. "Anything that's in a phone book anywhere on the web in the world you can find it here,"

said Stirling.

If all else fails, just get out there and experiment. "The best advice is just to explore," advises Stirling. Happy

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## New class explores wilderness of the self

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The resource recreation and tourism department is offering a different type of wilderness class. Wilderness Vision Quest Experience 404, is not a regular class. The class offers more of a hands-on experience by arranging time in the wilderness for inner reflection.

This class is exceptional because students learn outside of the standard classroom setting. The focus is on the individual and the ebb and flow of personal

John Hendee, professor of resource recreation & tourism, and director of the University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center, said, "The wilderness experience will reflect who you are and where you are at this stage in your life. You really get insights into the issues of your life."

Hendee and Marilyn Riley, assistant professor of recreation, and professional Vision Quest guide for 18 years, are offering this course enabling students to learn more about themselves in a natural environment. According to Hendee, this is the first time a state university has offered a course like this. He said people have been going to wilderness for "tens of thousands of years; to find their own truth to bring it back to strengthen their service to the people. I think this class provides the cutting edge of wilderness experience for our students."

Michael Kinziger, assistant professor of recreation and advisor to the Outdoor Leadership Program, was interested in learning more about Vision Quest. He signed up with Riley's company for an eight-day wilderness journey in Death Valley, Calif. He had a very positive experience and believes "we are lucky to have this class on campus right now."

Riley says the class may center around students interested in outdoor leadership, "but it really is good for everybody."

Riley's background stems from 18 years as a professional Vision Quest guide. She is director of Wilderness Transitions, Inc., a non-profit educational organization in California which offers Vision Quest trips. Her interest in Vision Quest stems from working with high school students who took wilderness trips to "help them make the leap from adolescence to adulthood."

Recently wed to Hendee, Riley is making Moscow her new home and is dedicated to helping students "to reconnect the body, mind and heart." She believes Vision Quest experiences are about "renewing connection to the earth and to our own truth."

Matt Kamp is taking this class "to find what I have inside of me that will take me to where I want to go in life. I'm not really sure where that is, but I want to find out what I have inside of me that can take me there."

According to Riley, Vision Quest is a healthy, time-tested way to find and create meaning in life.

Over the past four years, Hendee and his graduate students in the Wilderness Research Center designed and tested Wilderness Discovery, a seven-day backpacking experience for youth at risk in the Federal Job Corps. Ironically, it was this program that brought Hendee and Riley together. Hendee said, "I knew we were not taking our participants in Wilderness Discovery deep enough so I went to California to take some classes in Vision Questing, hoping to bring back techniques of reflection to our programs."

Along with bringing back techniques of reflection, Hendee brought back an expert on the subject. It was there that the two met and implemented a study of Riley's Vision Quest clients over the past 10 years.

The wilderness journey is a time of inner reflection requiring the tools of solitude and fasting. Hendee said, "There is something about being out in a balanced, wild natural ecosystem that also brings us into balance, because we are natural beings." Fasting creates new feelings of awareness and allows attention to shift to the new surroundings, creating clarity of thought and vision. Riley said, "The fast is nothing if you prepare," and offers a "wonderful chance to newly define your relationship with food." Fasting is not mandatory, but highly recommended.

Dave White, graduate student, has been on the wilderness journey. He says, "I have expectations of myself, school, my work, and I was able to look at them one at a time, separate, because I didn't have all the reminders of the rest of my everyday life there."

Wilderness Vision Quest experience will be offered every semester for two credits.



Vision Quest course instructors John Hendee and Marilyn Riley.

Hendee believes Riley's 18 years experience as a professional wilderness Vision Quest guide will give "our students access to knowledge that usually isn't available in a university. We're going to have fun with this class."

Kinziger "would be willing to bet that any person who takes this class will remember this class as one of the top five classes they take here at the university." Kinzinger said, "It certainly is well-worth it."

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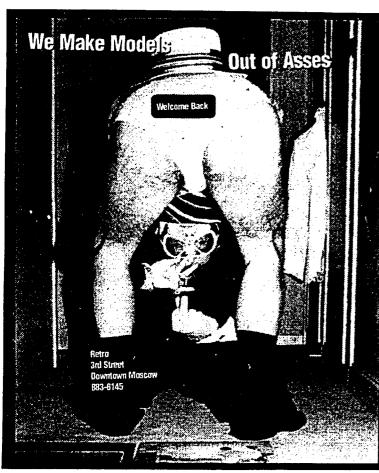
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## Gardner boosts veteran secondary

Sophomore Bryson Gardner hopes to repeat an outstanding freshman season.

**BRAD NEUENDORF** 

Tes, it's true, free safety Bryson Gardner is only a sophomore. Then why is he the one responsible for leading a secondary composed of two seniors and a

Answer: With the loss of Jason Shelt at linebacker, Gardner returns to his starting position as the top returning tackler from last season.

Gardner, (6-0, 200) enters his second year of action after sitting out in 1995 as a redshirt, the from Barstow sophomore California has a lot of responsibilities on his shoulder.

As a freshman, Gardner led the team in tackles against Wyoming, and Nevada, and finished second behind Jason Shelt in total tackles with 67. Gardner also had two tackles for loss, one fumble recovery, three broken passes, and two interceptions — earning him honorable mention all-Big West

With Kevin Hill, Arnold Gunn, and Ryan McGinnis all returning from last years' starting secondary, Gardner should have less to worry

"There is no pressure on me we(the secondary) have all played together for a whole year, we had some big games against Nevada and Utah State," said Gardner. "We are more mature and have more depth than last year — we not only have four returning starters, but we have

returning backups also."

Backing up the experienced secondary is senior Tony Uranga, junior Tom Rayner, and Freshmen Dennis Gibbs. Both Uranga and Rayner received playing time last year combining for 12 tackles, and can be counted on is case of injury.

One question is still prevalent what about the defensive line? Without Ryan Phillips and Barry Mitchell will they be able to put enough pressure on the quarterback to help the veteran secondary?

"We have good young defensive lineman and the pressure should come, but if we need to stay on our guy just a couple seconds longer well we can do that too."

Especially with the help of secondary coach Jeff Mills, since coming to Idaho two seasons agothe Vandals secondary has seen many improvements.

In 1994, Idaho allowed 322 yards pass per game. By 1995, this figure had been cut to 210 and last fall they allowed only 10 touchdowns in 11 games.

"We are not going to get hung up on statistics, we need to play every game, one game at a time, with our ultimate goal of winning a Big West Championship," said Coach Mills. "It's a team game played by 11 on offense, 11 on defense, and 11 on special teamswe have all got to come together and win games.'

After completing the best camp that he has had since coming to Idaho, Gardner and Coach Mills feel very confident.

He(Gardner)has worked as hard as he has worked since he has been here," said Coach Mills. "At times he lacked consistency, now he is playing every play snap to whistle."

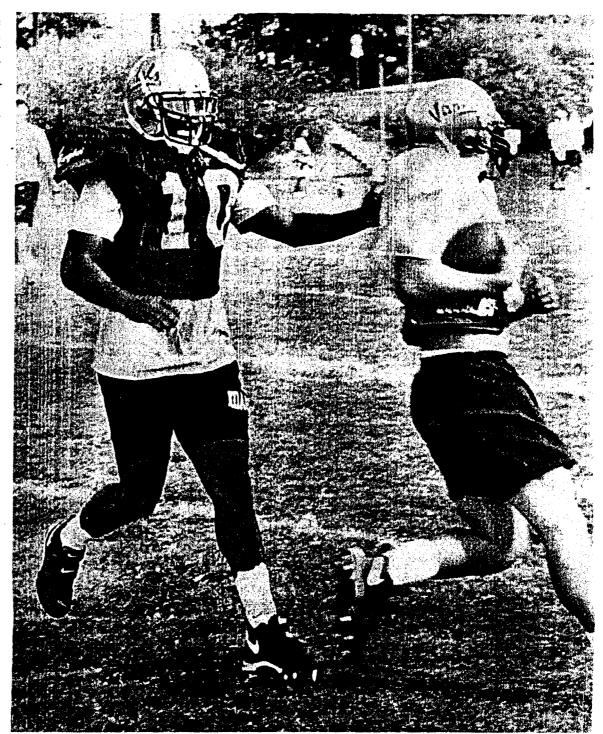
Through the course of Idaho's 100 years of football, many opponents and dedicated fans know that the Vandal's are not known for their secondary.

Gardner believes this will be the year the Vandal's defensive secondary is recognized.

"Idaho is not really known for their secondary—we want to put the secondary on the map around here and keep it going for years to

come," said Gardner. When a team returns all four starters to a secondary one automatically hopes for the best, but the Vandals are not worried about what everyone expects from them as long as they go out and do what is expected from each other.

"As long as everyone goes out and does their assignment we are going to be a great secondary."



Bryson Gardner (10) and the rest of the UI secondary will have their hands full when they try stopping Air Force's wishbone offense on Saturday in Colorado Springs

## **Idaho's Ryan Phillips gets** scary call in New York

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Jim Fassel may never forget cutting Ryan Smith in his rookie season as head coach of the New York Giants. Neither will Kyan Phillips.

To reach the NFL's 53-man roster limit by 4 p.m. EDT on Sunday, Fassel waived seven players, including Smith, a free agent from Idaho who had been the Giants' long snapper throughout the preseason.

Since Syracuse was playing Wisconsin in the Kickoff Classic at Giants Stadium at 2 p.m. and getting in and out of the stadium would be tough, Fassel decided to break the news by telephone.

Most of the players released were staying at a hotel. Let Fassel tell the story from here:

"I called the hotel and I asked for Ryan Smith's room and they rang me to the room," Fassel recalled at practice on Monday. "Ryan," he said over

"Hello" was the response. "This is Coach Fassel. I'm sorry to call you on this matter, but I have to deliver some news, and I am going to have to

"In his ear piece, Fassel heard: "I can't believe this. You got to be kidding me."

"Not really," Fassel responded. "I really have to do this. It's part of the business.'

"Oh man, I thought I was going to make this team," Fassel heard.

"The player was obviously upset," Fassel said. "I went on and said, 'It's hard for me to just carry a snapper who doesn't do anything else." At that, the person at the other end of the line interrupted: "Coach.

Coach. This is Ryan Phillips." Phillips, a linebacker, was the Giants' third-round draft pick this year.

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## News and Notes

#### campus kecreation

· Campus Recreation is sponsoring an introductory weight training class for women on Sept. 17 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Memorial Gym weight room. The class will be taught by Ryan Law, a certified fitness trainer. Cost is \$5. Sign up at Campus Recreation, Memorial Gym Room 204 or call 885-6381.

· A four-on-four Sand Volleyball Tournament will be held on Sept. 20 at the Wallace Complex courts beginning at 10 a.m. There is no fee and sign up is at Campus Recreation, Memorial Gym. Room 204 or call 885-6381.

#### **Football and Volleyball News**

• The University of Idaho football and volleyball teams have their final intrasquad scrimmages this

The football team wraps up two-a-day drills today with a 9:30 a.m. scrimmage on the grass field in front of the Kibbie Dome. The scrimmage is free and posters will be given out. The Vandals open the 1997 season at Air Force tomorrow.

Preseason drills end tomorrow for the volleyball team with the Silver-Gold scrimmage at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Gym. It, too, is free and there will be a poster-signing immediately following the scrimmage. Idaho opens the volleyball season at this weekend's University of Washington

-Courtesy of UI Sports Information

#### **Moscow Mountain Madness Bike and Run Race**

• The Palouse Road Runners are holding their annual 12-mile race down Moscow Mountain on Sept. 7. Participants can run or ride, with the mountain bike race beginning at 8:45 a.m. and footrace at 9 a.m. The race will start four miles north of Moscow off Highway 95, ending at the old Tamarack Ski Resort. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the race. For more information, call John Sweeney at 882-5499 or John Francis at 883-0105.

## Idaho volleyball gets start in Seattle

Vandal volleyball team anxious to play under new head coach



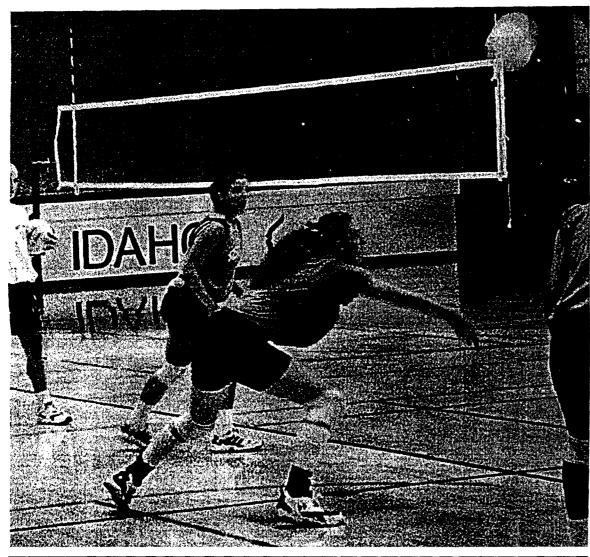
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Jeri Hymas



idaho gets its first real taste of competition when they travel to the University of Washington in Seattle this weekend.





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KINDRA MEYER

SPORTS ESITOR

Vandal volleyball jumps into action this weekend as the University of Idaho team faces three formidable opponents at the Invitational 1997 Husky tournament.

Idaho will be put to the test in it's first seasonal play as their competition includes Michigan, Washington and Rhode Island.

Head coach Carl Ferreira believes the time has come to see all their hard work pay off, and that they are ready for the challenge.

"The confidence levels are extremely high," Ferreira said.
"It's the second phase of transition. First it was adjusting to the new staff and ideas, and now they are taking that into high. It's the second competition for the first time."

Idaho has never played before. Because the game is on Friday, Ferreira is wary of his lack of ing to the new staff knowledge concerning their

"When we get to Seattle we have a chance to see Washington and Rhode Island play. We're most blind about Michigan because the only thing we've seen was a tape from last year, Ferreira said.

On Saturday, the Vandals are first pitted against Washington, who is ranked 18th in the AVCA/USA Today Preseason Poll. Idaho will look for redemption as they merely have a 3-12 record against the Huskies.

Although aware of their status, Ferreira is concentrating on his

"Our focus is not to be concerned about what they do, but being efficient with the things we do," Ferreira said. "Of course I would like to win all three games, but it's how we work for each play that will result in the end

Finally, Idaho takes on Rhode Island, another first time meeting for the Vandals.

Much will rely on seniors Jeri Hymas, Kyle Leonard and Jemena Yocom as their experience and composure are vital to the team's

play. For Leonard, the trip is a home coming of sorts, as she graduated high school in Seattle.

Four starters return for the Vandals, from last season's 25-6 team, but starting compositions will likely shuffle throughout the first few games.

Probable starters for Idaho include Leonard and Hymas paired with the offensive attacks of juniors Jessica Moore and Beth Craig. Sophomore Anna Reznicek, who played only two games in 96, will likely nab the setting position. Freshman Alli

"The confidence levels are extremely First up is Michigan, who phase of transition. First it was adjustand ideas, and now they are taking that into competition for the first time.

> --- Carl Ferreira, UI head coach

Nieman rounds out the line-up at outside hitter.

Ferreira is excited to see how the inexperienced setters respond to a game situation, but knows he can rely on the maturity of those surrounding the setters.

The Vandals will have a short rest following this weekend before they bring the action home to play Utah Wednesday. Dating back to November of 1992, Idaho has won 57 of its last 59 home games. Their 49-match win streak ended against Washington State last

UI will open play Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the Hec Edmundson Pavilion.



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## Yocum takes leadership role on volleyball team



Jemena Yocom hopes to add some leadership spark to the young Vandal squad this season.

## Jemena Yocom is learning how to step it up in her senior year

TODD MORDHORST

After three years of playing college volleyball Jemena Yocom thought she had the Idaho system down.

With new coach Carl Ferreira taking over Yocom and the rest of the Vandals must learn a whole new system in a matter of weeks.

Yocom will help lead a young Vandal team and hope to build on last year's Big West Eastern Division Championship.

"I see myself as an up and coming leader. I try to be stepping up into that role," Yocom said.

She "prefers to lead by example." I have a hard time leading verbally because I feel like I need to do things first before I can tell someone else to do it."

Yocom likes Coach Ferreira's calm intensity.

Practices involve a lot of repetition, but Yocom said everything is process oriented.

"There are things that have been pounded into my head for nine years, but this (new system) is a lot more efficient than what I have been taught

before," Yocom said.

The 5-foot-11 senior said one of the team's goals is "to play each and every point at a national level."

The team's strengths are

I see myself as an up and coming leader. I try to be stepping up into that role.

—Jemena Yocom

offense and hitting ability, though, Yocom said they need to improve on their defense and communication.

Recruited out of

Ellensburg, Wash. by former UI coach Tom Hilbert, Yocom has shown improvement each year and will vie for a starting spot. Likewise, Yocom's versatility will be a valuable asset to the team as she can play middle blocker or outside hitter.

She said she doesn't have a strong preference of positions, but is happy playing wherever the team needs her.

Yocom made her mark in the record books last year setting Idaho's single-match record for service aces with 10 against Boise State. Yocom garnered another honor in 1995 when she was named Most Valuable Player of the Safeco Classic tournament.

Heavily recruited out of high school, Yocom chose Idaho because of the campus and the small town environment. She also liked the tradition and chemistry of the volleyball program.

Yocom is studying secondary education and would like to teach history and coach track and volleyball.

Yocom is also a selfproclaimed movie buff and also enjoys traveling and the

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former teammate, Ryan Smith. After taking a second to collect himself and then apologize, Fassel continued.

"All right, you're going to be at work tomorrow. Sit down and relax.

Phillips then passed the telephone to Smith and Fassel did what he started out to do - he

"I had all the fail safes... I asked for Ryan Smith's room. Then I said 'Ryan' and he said 'Yes', " Fassel said Monday. "I didn't know the odds of having another Ryan in the room.'

Phillips said Monday the telephone call was the worst of his life. He said his mind went blank for two or three minutes. The word snapper brought him back to reality.

"My heart just dropped to the bottom of my stomach," Phillips said. "I never felt anything like that. It's like being dumped by 100 girls at the same time. It's the worst feeling I've ever had. My heart's still pumping when I think about it today."

The hard part for Phillips then was handing the phone to Smith.

He took it pretty good, a lot better than me," Phillips said.

Smith then packed and left the team, leaving Phillips alone in the room.

Last night the phone would ring and I wouldn't pick it up," Phillips said. "All yesterday, I was still afraid when the phone rang. It still gives me quite a start."



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TIM LOHRMANN

STAFF

't doesn't take a Noam Chomsky to notice that true investigative journalism is becoming as rare and threatened as an Earth Firstler in a logger bar. What with such boons to shackle-free reporting as Archer Daniels Midland ads on National Public Radio and the Walt Disney Company calling the shots over at ABC, taking the news as it's currently being sold seriously is becoming impossible. But a series of Seattle Times special reports entitled "Fear in the Fields" published back in July was enough to restore a little faith. In journalism that is, not in the agri-

chemical industry, which was its focus. The implications of this series for the future of the American food supply and our "breadbasket of the world" status

is staggering. Unthinkable as it may sound, the "Fear" series documents the recycling of hazardous industrial wastes as ingredients in commercial fertilizers. That's right, the same fertilizer products that unsuspecting farmers use to feed their land so they can in turn feed the world have been found to be, in some cases, virtual biohazards. This investigation began when the mayor of the central Washington town of Quincy, one Patty Martin, heard of unexplained falling crop yields in some neighboring agricultural areas and sickly livestock in others. When she and some local farmers began doing research on the fertilizer industry, Duff Wilson, a Times reporter became interested and joined in.

Some of the findings of these investigators include the use of lead-laced pulp mill waste to fertilize feed crops in southwestern Washington lowlevel radioactive waste from an

Oklahoma uranium processing plant being licensed as liquid fertilizer and sprayed on grazing land; and powdered waste from two Oregon steel mills being poured into the tops of silos for storage under a federal hazardous waste permit and then taken out at the bottom to be used as a raw material for fertilizer.

It's not surprising then that testing of some recycled fertilizers has turned up a veritable laundry list of the dangerous and unhealthy. Many of the substances we'd like least in the soil that produces our food are right in there. All the toxic heavy metals, such as cadmium and the previously mentioned everpopular lead have been found. along with dioxins and radionuclides. There's no argument that these substances enter plant roots even though the health effects of ingesting them are a matter of some dispute. So tell me, given a choice, would you rather listen to heavy metal or eat it? Bring on the old AC/DC cassettes, I say.

What's a hungry consumer to do? Putting your money where your mouth is will help, according to a couple of Palouse-area organic food activists. Mary Jane Butters of Paradise Farm Organics, a local business that markets its own produce and "backpack foods," says that consumer awareness of both the dangers of some current agricultural methods and the health advantages of organic products will go a long way to solve the problem. As Butters says, if more and more grocery shoppers educate themselves and then purchase safer food, entrepreneurial farmers will quickly move to meet the demand. Butters doesn't mince words when criticizing the agrichemical industry. She says "toxins in agriculture are underregulated, farm chemicals are overused, grocery shoppers are underinformed," and that consequently, consumers are "overexposed" to these often dangerous materials.

Kenna Eaton, manager of the Moscow Food Co-op, which has been providing organically produced food products for over 25 years, echoes many of these views. Eaton says that while there is a strong market for organic

products locally, the situation could be even better if environmentally-aware folks "practiced what they preach." She contends they could do this by demonstrating their commitment to the environment at the checkout stand. As she says "It's not what we say, but what we do that counts." Excellent point. Talk is cheap, it's that shifting bottom line that catches the eye of the decision makers in our economy.

Which brings something else to mind, why haven't you heard of this "toxic agriculture" story before now? After all, it's difficult to imagine anything as vital to our well-being than the safety of our food supply. I've got a sneaking suspicion that maybe it has a thing or two to do with a threat to somebody's shareholders somewhere.

Noam Chomsky, that fella I mentioned a while back could sure shed some light. He knows all about reporting, the media, and bottom lines and how they seem inseparable. But then you've never heard of him either, have you? Just a coincidence I guess.

#### Letters to the editor

Know laws and your rights

The confusing world of criminal law and police procedure can be downright unintelligible for young people. Youths are often given almost all of their information on what they can and cannot do legally by their equally misinformed peers. This leads to the possibility of citizens committing crimes, or sacrificing civil rights - at times without even

knowing they are doing so.

It is time to change this, or at least to do our own small part to assure that the proper messages are getting out. I suggest an open forum between students, police, and representatives of the legal profession. This forum could be held in one of the largest rooms on campus, and could address the legal rights and duties of students. If nothing else, the three parties involved may have a better understanding of each other afterwards.

I strongly encourage groups such as ASUI and IFC to work to make this a reality. While you're at it, it may be a good idea to invite students from area high schools. No one is too young to learn of their legal rights and duties. Furthermore, those who are apprised of these are in an inherently better position than those who languish in ignorance.

**New business is old business** 

Jennifer Karinen quotes Jason Witt as saying,
"You ask people about Xenon and they react like 'Oh
Jesus, don't go there, that is the plague!' If you ask

—Nicholas Wollen UI graduate student them why, they can't tell you why specifically? (p. 3,

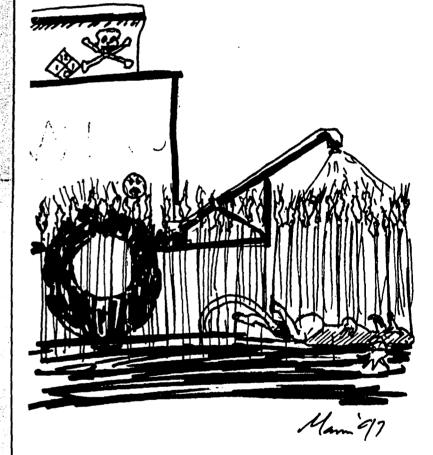
Aug. 22)
Since the Argonaut didn't provide any specifics, I will. Perhaps it was the broken promise that Xenon would have 2 Live Crew as its Grand Opening act. Perhaps it was the sloppy paint job on the building which managed to include the cars parked on the street. Perhaps it was the times shots were fired or guns were brandished in front of the club. Perhaps it was the broken promise not to use "free beer" promotions. Perhaps it was the high school wet Tshirt contest. Maybe it was the fact they announced the future opening of Gold's Gym without ever bothering to secure the rights to the "Gold's Gym" name. Perhaps it was the disgruntled customers of Sharks Athletic Club over failure to provide promised equipment and aerobic classes.

But really, the reason I tell people to stay away from Xenon was the conviction of manager Barry Tassler for stocking Daddy's present using items stolen from local businesses.

It is the same location. It has the same decor. They run the same themes. They run the same promotions. It appears to have the same employees. And it's the same damn crooked owner! Don't go there, that's the plague!

-Phil Weiss

Editor's note: Court records indicate Barry Tassler was convicted of the felony offense of grand theft and sentenced to five years, with a minimum of two years of confinement on January 25, 1994. This judgment has been amended several times since.



## Professors should drop those who don't show

If you're not in class the first week of school, not only will you be dropped, but you deserve to be.

Gone are the days when we looked forward to the first day of school, new bookbag and unchewed color crayons in hand. Now students spend their apathetic first week of school soaking up the last rays of sun in Tahiti rather than in their chairs.

Student no-shows present a problem for professors. Are the students going to be here? Should I hold their seats? How long should I wait before allowing someone on the waiting list to take their place?

Last spring the Faculty Council decided to do something about people not showing up to class. Starting this week, professors can drop students who fail to show up in the first week.

And for some students, a kick out of class may be just the kick in the pants

they need to get their academic act together.

This is only fair for students on waiting lists for classes. Some of us, by fate of our last names, always end up registering on the last day of preregisration week. We stay up until midnight the night before, but still fail to get into Spanish 181. We cry and beg, but the best most departments can do is put us on a waiting list and tell us to stick around until someone drops.

If that means waiting two weeks to start class, no thank you. Most professors have already handed out the first assignments and lectured at least three hours worth of notes. Showing up at that time is pointless in most cases.

This drop-after-the-first-week policy will help more students than it

And now with registration on the Web, it's easy to sign up for a class then

forget about it until November. Many a student has the recurring nightmare of getting to finals week, and having to take a test for a class they never went to all year. This means a big W — or F tacked to their transcripts.

If you have some reason not to be in school — say, helping the family with harvest or fighting wild fires in Yellowstone — fine. Tell the Registrar and the professor, and it shouldn't be a problem.

But woe to the student who, come next week, has an empty schedule and someone else in their chair.

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In the August 26 Issue Damon Barkdull's name was attributed to a editorial voted on and passed by the Editorial Board. The opinion expressed in the editorial is of the Editorial Board's and not necessarily the author's. We apologize for any confusion in this matter.



#### If you had the power to change one thing at UI, what would it be?



"Remove the Greek system."

—Jason Palmer, senior in Human Resource Management



"I don't even know my advisor. I don't know where to go in so I can talk to my advisor."

-Kathryn Dallas, freshman in Environmental Science



"Increased motivation of students and school spirit." -

—Heidi Gribskov. senior in Marketing and Finance



"Have professors realize we are their customers. They are here to serve us. I see it starting, but it needs improvement."

–Patrick Bailey, senior in Mechanical Engineering



"More international involvement for both students and faculty. Not only on our campus, but participating in international events."

> -Donna Hanson, Science Librarian

## Is there a bottom to government ethics?



**WES RIMEL** OPINION EDITOR

ecently, Al Gore was caught with his hand in the cookie jar, making questionable phone calls from the White House to big donors to raise money for the Democratic National Committee. In March, Gore told reporters that his staff placed fund-raising calls on a "few occasions." Well, *The Washington Post* disagrees quite a lot with Mr. Gore. In fact, he called at least 46 big donors, asking for contributions between \$25,000 and \$100,000. That's right, not "a few" but at least 46! That's the difference between a handful or an entire bag of cookies.

In fact, a review conducted by the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics, showed a link that the people called (or their companies) contributed almost \$3.7 million in unlimited "soft money" during the election cycle, though not all the funds can be directly tied to Gore's phone calls. "Soft money" is simply money that is donated to political organizations and has no limit to size of donation. Election laws prevent individuals from contributing more than \$1,000 to a political candidate.

So we might presume the next logical

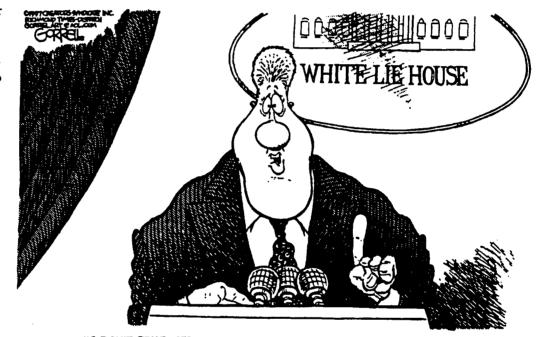
step would be to appoint yet another costly independent counsel to examine this situation. However, Attorney General Janet Reno says she won't recommend one because the calls made by Gore from the White House were all for "soft money" contributions to raise money for the DNC. In fact, in a letter to the Senate, Reno explained that federal law was amended in 1979 to allow the president and vice president to solicit contributions from the White House.

That's right, the law was amended so the president and vice president

could make money for their party in the White House. How much sense does that make? Aren't they in office to try to make our country and world a better place?

On top of that, White House spokesman Barry Toiv had the nerve to say that, "All those activities were legal and appropriate." Legal maybe — but appropriate? How dumb do they think we are? It is totally inappropriate for the vice president to be setting up contributions for

We elect people into office to serve the people, not make money for their political party. Of course there are many



"I DON'T REMEMBER NOT RECALLING MISTAKES THAT WERE MADE WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS, WHICH I NEVER COMMITTED, BUT WILL NEVER DO AGAIN!"

organizations that know this and are lobbying Congress hard to make some changes. Most of these groups want tighter restrictions. However, one group wants even fewer restrictions on campaign donations. Charles Mack, president of the Business Industry Political Action Committee said: "We think the limits on donations have created most of the problems. Letting donors give unlimited contributions would clean up the system and close loopholes in campaign laws tha make it difficult to trace how donations are spent and would allow parties and specialinterest groups to spend massive amounts

on ads supporting candidates."

However, Mack's organization also proposed that all donations be disclosed promptly by the Federal Election Commission on the Internet for all to see. Why? Mack said, "Candidates might think twice about accepting massive checks from special interests," if the donations were all made public. The key word there is might. Under the current system we also hope that the people we elect might follow the rules and not even push them. But considering the most recent scandal, it's safe to say we can't form good policy on a bunch of *mights*.

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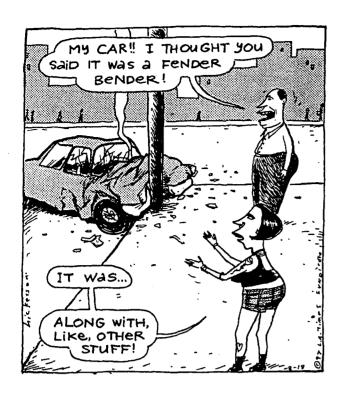
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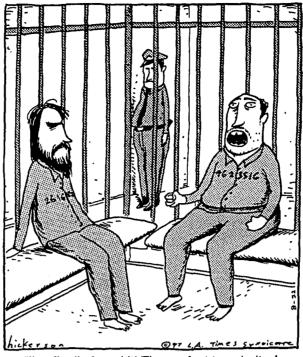
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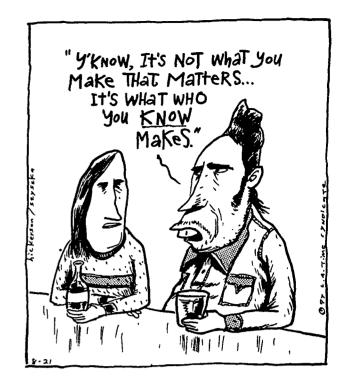
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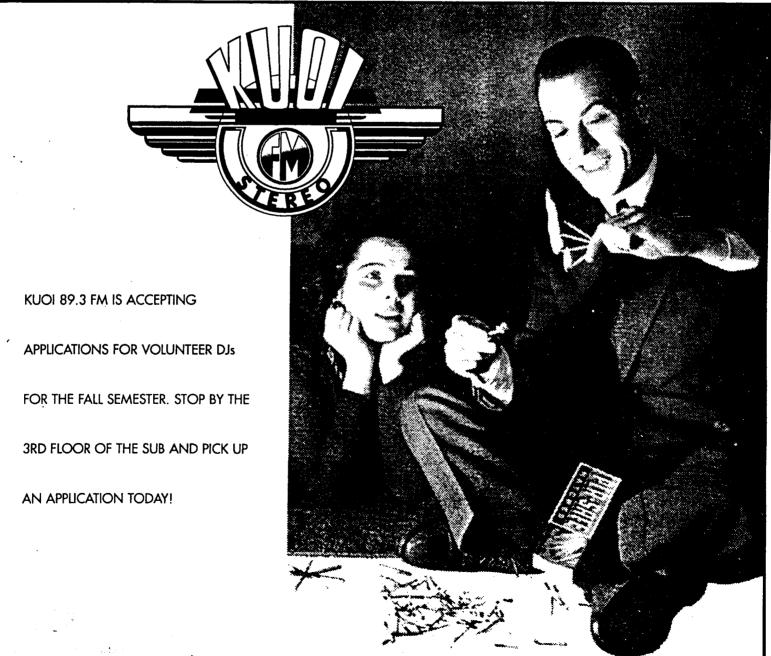
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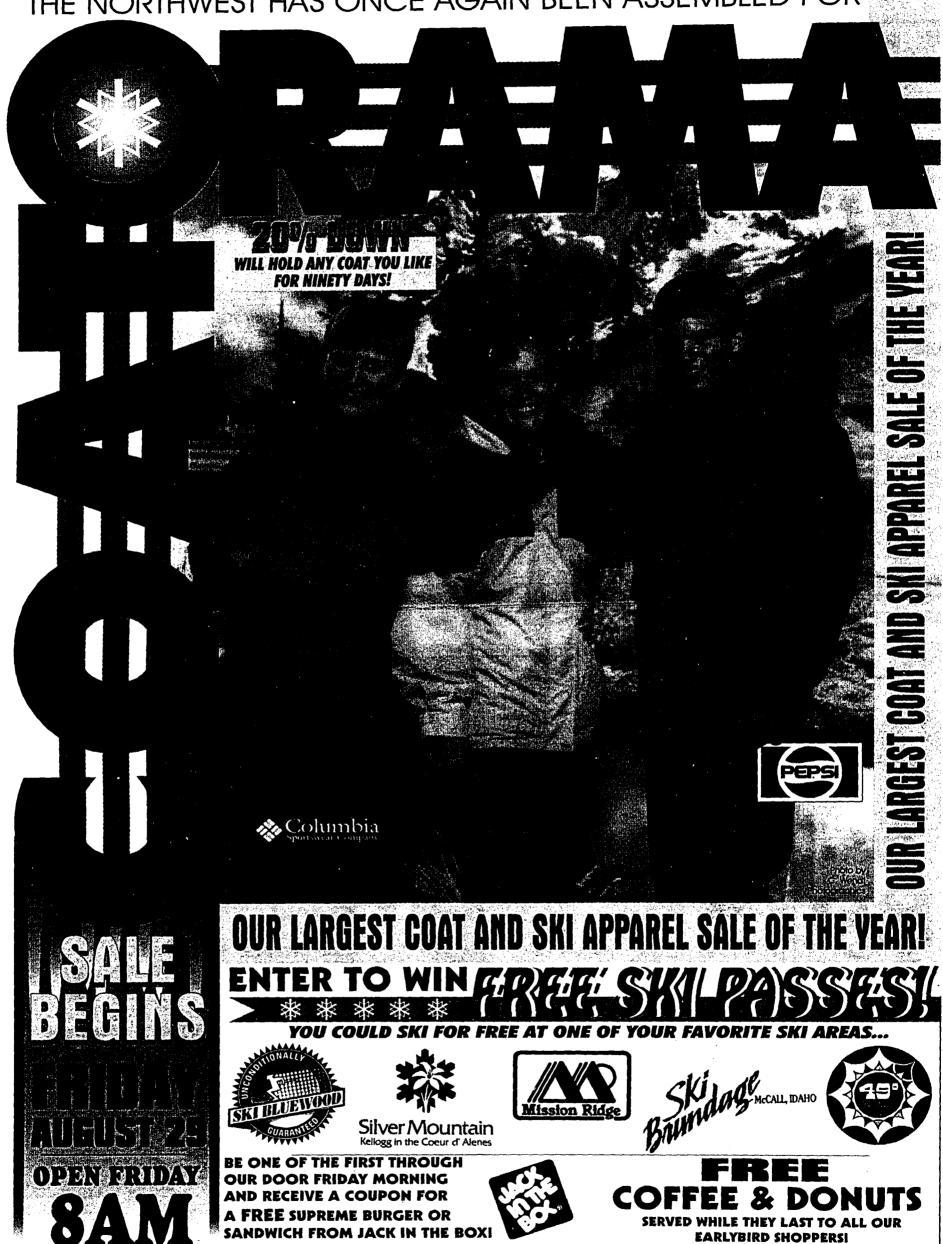








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