

# Argonaut.

Parking Services' regulations contradictory

See page 4

VOLUME 100 NUMBER 45 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1998



# Fire causes minimal damage to Moscow home

Residents praise fire department for avoiding water damage

ADAM E-H WILSON

Then Amy and Jim Simonis arrived home Sunday night from their shopping, they noticed that the smoke alarm was screaming. Then they smelled

A flue fire had ignited in their Moscow trailer home but caused minimal damage due largely to the professionalism of the Moscow fire department.

"We had got home just in time. We thought we had lost all our animals," Jim Simonis said.

The couple has three dogs and two cats, all of whom survived unscathed. "It's your family," Jim Simonis said of their

Simonis entered the trailer to thick black

smoke and a diehard smoke alarm.

"The darn thing had burned out of the ceiling, fell down and broke on the ground and

was still going," he laughed.

Amy Simonis called the fire department from their cordless phone while Jim rescued the only dog that didn't walk out on its own. No sooner had he done so than the fire team arrived.

"Kudos to them," Amy Simonis said. "They didn't just come flying in with their hoses and going crazy and tearing stuff up."

The firefighters quickly assessed the situation and managed to avoid any unnecessary

water damage to the Simonis' property.

"We were very impressed," Jim Simonis said. "They did a really fine job."

The couple are repairing the damage immediately. They estimated that there was \$400 to \$500 in damage, all replaceable.

"By Friday it should be unnoticeable," hoped Jim Simonis.

The fire was contained in the living room, where the ceiling and floor were burned.

For the Simonises, the ordeal was not a enormous setback. They were married last summer, and joked that after this, things would have to brighten. Amy Simonis is studying veterinary science at Washington State University and will graduate in two months.



Jim and Arny Simonis watch as fire fighters rush to salvage their belongings after their trailer caught fire

HOTOS BY LAURA LAFRANCE

# Housing list goes online

Whether the tobacco user quits cold turkey, takes a special pill called zyban, or uses nicotine patches and gums, Schwantes believes that none of these is lasting unless they have behavioral change programs accompanying them.

percent of those people who join the

program quit," Schwantes said. "The biggest challenge is not quitting

program can mean the difference

between life and death.

"There is nothing like the power of a group," said Schwantes.

The Quit Tobacco program begins on Jan. 27 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Health conference room. The fee to join is \$20 for group sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will run for six weeks.

Part of the success in quitting tobacco is keeping track of the people who have already been through the Quit Tobacco program and Schwantes believes in checking up on

"I still track them a year later to see how they're doing," Schwantes said. "We feel so strongly at Student Health about helping people kick the tobacco habit that we will work around their schedules."

t's one of the most sought after documents in Moscow," laughed Jeff Kimberling, Student Union Building Technical Coordinator. "When the housing list comes out, you hear about it, I tell

He was referring to the ASUI's off-campus housing list, which now exists primarily in cyberspace.

The popular document lists living quarters for rent in the area. With 69 percent of UI students living off-campus, however, just making enough hard copies for students cost the ASUI \$1,500 a

"I saw a lot of waste, and that was bothering me," said Lyndsay McCall, associate director of business at the SUB.

She explained that most people only required the information on a particular situation, such as apartments that accept pets. Those listings would only fill one or two pages. What was being handed out was eighteen pages, double sided.

The solution was to modify the housing list website, located at <www.asui.uidaho.edu/cgibin/housing.cgi>. The site is now web-based, allowing those with space for rent to create a listing online. All submissions are reviewed by the ASUI office. Unless renewed, the listing will be deleted in two weeks.

"What our challenge will be is to change people's thinking about having a hard piece of paper in their hands," McCall said.

Individuals can still view a hard copy at the SUB Information Desk and make copies from it at their own expense.

The web version of the list has been online for several years. But the latest, user-friendly incarnation is the creation of Collin Forbes, former music director for KUOI and Mitchell Parks, SUB personal computer coordinator. The pair constructed the site over the winter break. It was operational by Jan 5.

The list's popularity continues. Since the first of the month, there have been approximately 817 visitors to the web-based document. Most visits, or 'hits," came from within the UI's computer domain, such as labs, Residence Halls or offcampus students who access the UI server. However, a large number of hits came from outside the "uidaho.edu" domain.

The list's accessiblity to people outside of Moscow is one of its major benefits. As McCall pointed out, a prospective student in Boise would be able to locate possible housing before arriving



**Student Health helps smokers quit** 

CANDICE LONG

uitting tobacco may be a New though, it's staying quit. Their Year's resolution for many at willingness to commit to a 12-hour the University of Idaho, but Mary Schwantes, facilitator of the Quit Tobacco program at the Student Health Center, says, "quitting tobacco is a life resolution that shouldn't evaporate in... three weeks."

Schwantes has been holding a tobacco cessation program for chewers and smokers twice a semester since 1993 and feels very strongly about tobacco use on the UI in steet campus.

"If I could name a wish, my wish would be that the UI campus would be tobacco free by the year 2000," Schwantes said. "But I know the tobacco companies won't let it they are developing higher level nicotine products in Third World countries where the nicotine is genetically altered."

The main objective in the Quit Tobacco program is to educate and provide assistance to users of smokeless tobacco, cigarettes and cigars. Schwantes believes there is really no safe level of tobacco use, no ifs, ands, or buts.

"I can almost guarantee that 90



Local News

#### **Universities** watching Asian students disappear from money woes

MOSCOW — Asia's economic crisis is rippling through universities in the Northwest as foreign students trying to pay tuition watch the value of their currency plummet.

Some students are returning home. Others are looking for jobs. Won-Jun Ko, president of the Washington State University Korean Student Association, is trying to save money in case it gets worse.

Devaluation of the won means tuition that cost \$5,000 last semester now costs \$10,000, Ko said. He's luckier than some fellow South Koreans because he already has a campus job.

"It changed a lot of my spending habits," he said Thursday. "Instead of going to McDonald's... I just come back home and cook for myself."

Of the 1,232 WSU foreign students last semester, 270, about 22 percent, were from Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines

Exceptions for unexpected economic hardships are granted on a case-by-case basis, said Linda Houts-Smith, coordinator of the University of Idaho American Language and Culture program, which offers intensive English

Although immigration officials might allow students to work off campus to finish up degrees, she said, the same allowances are less likely for students who have several years to go.

Asia's troubles will begin to hit home, she said, since foreign students rent apartments, buy cars and shop in Moscow and Pullman.

Mary Furnari, coordinator of the university's International Student Scholar programs, sees the strain. She calculated a health insurance policy for one Korean student who said the conversion should be 900 won to the dollar.

When she checked it had fallen to 1,860 won to the dollar. The devaluation meant the university couldn't accept his health policy, forcing him to purchase additional insurance.

Of 358 foreign students at UI and its English institute last semester, 20 were from South Korea. Another 16 came from Malaysia and Indonesia.

More than 40 South Korean students were expected to arrive in Lewiston Jan. 4 for a month-long visit through the American Culture and Language Institute. Instead, only five showed up.

Another 40 Korean students who were enrolled this semester at Lewis-Clark State College were forced to change their plans, too.

"A lot of students cried and didn't want to leave. It was pretty sad," said Geyao Liu, international student adviser.



State News ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### **Legislator says Fox** phonics requirement misses mark

BOISE - The best way to ensure phonics is taught in Idaho grade schools is by having the state provide money — not mandates, said Rep. Ron Black, a candidate for state schools superintendent.

"I am not comfortable dictating to schools what they do every year, but I think we need to build a phonics program, test students periodically and at the end, test them with exiting standards," the Twin Falls Republican said.

But incumbent Anne Fox said her plan to require teachers to give 45 minutes of daily instruction in phonics saves taxpayers' money.

"In my bill it's not going to cost the state any more money," she said. "We're already paying teachers to teach reading, so why should we have to pay more money to do what patrons want done?"

Black said he is researching ways to provide financial incentives for schools that implement phonics, a method of reading instruction that emphasizes the sounds of written words.

A survey for the Department of Education showed kindergarten and first-grade teachers teach less than 30 minutes of phonics daily. That is not enough in Fox's mind.

Black said he wants to create a program in which teachers instruct phonics from kindergarten through second grade. Third grade would be

reserved for catching up.

All schools could apply for the money. Those already teaching phonics could use the money elsewhere, perhaps for remedial

reading lessons, he said. Fox won approval in 1996 for \$500,000 to launch the phonics program by training new teachers. The next \$500,000 was intended

for reading programs. Black said he intends to make his proposal sometime after Fox submits hers to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. Black, former chairman of the House Education Committee, sits on

Also running for the GOP nomination is New Plymouth School District Superintendent Ryan Kerby.



National News

#### **Female Oregon** cadet drops out of **Virginia military** institute

WASHINGTON — A female cadet from Oregon has dropped out of the Virginia Military Institute, sources told the Washington Post.

Beth Hogan of Junction City, Ore., was the first woman to formally end the Virginia Military Institute's all-male tradition by signing the school's matriculation book Aug. 18.

With her enrollment last summer, Hogan ended a 158-year line of 16,000 male names in three leather-bound ledgers at the institute in Lexington, Va. Her dream was to pilot the Navy's F/A-18E Super Hornet fighter plane.

After returning Tuesday from Christmas break, the 18-year-old decided the military school's rigorous testing of its freshmen was not for her, school sources told the Post. She dropped out on Friday.

Hogan could not be reached for comment, and her parents declined to comment Friday night. The family did not return a message left on an answering machine today.

A VMI spokesman confirmed that a woman had left the school, but declined to identify her, citing privacy regulations.

"There was nothing unusual about this departure," VMI spokesman Mike Strickler said.

He said the cadet who left Friday went through the school's counseling process for all students who express a desire to leave, and simply was not happy at the institute.

Since August, 65 men and five women in the class of 430 men and 30 women have voluntarily left the school. A sixth woman was suspended in September for two semesters for striking an upperclassman.

Sources told the Post that Hogan had been unhappy at the institute for some time, but decided to return after Christmas break to give it one more try. They said that for most of the first semester, she had been on restricted activities because of tendon problems and that this added to her frustration because she was not able to participate in marching, drill and other programs.

In late September, she injured her ankle while on a training run with her ROTC class. She stepped in a hole, twisting her ankle. When the ligament pulled from the bone, a bone chip came off, too.

The injury sidelined her for weeks from her 5:30 a.m. weight room sessions, her afternoon swim team practice and the Rat Challenge, an Outward Bound-like obstacle course.

Hogan attended Oaklea Middle School in Junction City before transferring to Marist High School in Eugene, Ore., where she graduated in 1997. She was an honor roll student at Marist and was on the school's swim team during her junior and senior years.

#### **Principal stuck on** idea to reform dresscode violators

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. -Principal Mary Jo Walsh Santo had been after her students for months to do something about their drooping pants and untucked shirts.

Last week she marched in to the cafeteria at St. Aloysius School with masking tape in hand and discipline in mind.

She plucked 21 offenders from their seats and sent them to the restroom to tuck in their shirts and hike up their pants. As they emerged, she lined them up in the hall and handed them foot-long pieces of tape.

The sixth-, seventh- and eighthgrade boys stuck two pieces of tape on themselves, hooking their pants and shirts together. For the rest of the day, the tape was a reminder to all 256 students of the school's dress code.

"It worked like a charm," Mrs. Santo said Wednesday.

Parents, students and the school board have rallied behind Mrs.

## Announcements

#### **Today**

- · Clint Rand, senior conservation officer for the Idaho Fish and Game Department, will give a program entitled "Wildlife Violations on the Palouse" at 7:30 p.m. at the Moscow Community Center. The program is sponsored by the Palouse Audobon Society and is free to the public.
- · There will be an Introduction to Career Services presentation today at 5:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. in the Career Services Office in Brink Hall. Pre-registration is recommended. Call 885-6121.

#### Thursday

• The Pills, Jetpack and VIC-20 will play a benefit show for KUOI at the Vox starting at 8 p.m. The cost is \$3 for three

#### **Coming Events**

· Anyone interested in playing competitive men's volleyball, please contact Rusty Kyle at 885-8038, or Wendy Wilson at 883-7767 for more details or find out more at the Student Involvement Fair in the SUB Ballroom Jan. 28 from 4 to 7 p.m.

#### Awards

• Nominations for the Student Employee of the Year Award are due by Feb. 10. The awards ceremony will be held April 8. For more information, contact Student and Temporary **Employment Services.** 

#### **Notices**

• W2 forms will be printed in the next few days. Whenever possible, W2 forms will be sent

to the W2 address. The W2 address is the same as the Human Resource address for all board-appointed or full-time employees. All irregular help or part-time employees may pick up their W2s at the cashier window. For all terminated employees, their W2 address is the same as their mailing address. All employees who claimed exempt on their 1997 W4 form need to complete a new W4 for 1998 before Feb. 15.

#### **Opportunities**

- American Red Cross lifeguard training is available at the UI Swim Center. This 33hour course teaches all of the necessary skills and certifications to be employed as a lifeguard. Call the UI Enrichment Program at 885-6486 for dates, times and
- . The Student Counseling Center offers the following throughout the Spring semester: Groups: Divorce Group, Women's Psychotherapy Group, Grief Support Group, Making Marriages Work: Strategies for a Successful Marriage, and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Support Group and the following Work Shops: Choosing a Major every Monday, 3:30-5 p.m., Monday, Assertiveness Training March 10 and 17, 1:30-3:30pm, Stress Management Feb. 26 and April 30, 2:30-4 p.m. and Reducing Test Anxiety May 5 and May 7, 2:30-4 p.m. Please call 885-6716 or stop by UCC 309 for more information.
- · There are 15 recognized sport clubs on campus. A sport club is a group of students organized voluntarily for the purpose of furthering their common interest in a sport through participation and competition. Anyone seeking information about a particular club or anyone interested in forming a new club should contact the Sport Club Office at 885-4447.

Santo, who is in her first year on the job.

"The way I look at it, I send my daughter to a parochial school and I know there is a dress code," said Debbie Schlosser, the mother of a student who wasn't involved. "The rules are there for a reason. I make sure my children adhere."

But the mother remembers getting in trouble for shortening her own parochial school uniform in her younger days.

"There was no harm to the children — except making them stand out as those who didn't pay attention to the rules," she said. "I would say, 'That is what you get,'

if my kid came home taped."

Kris Keating, one of the taped students, agreed.

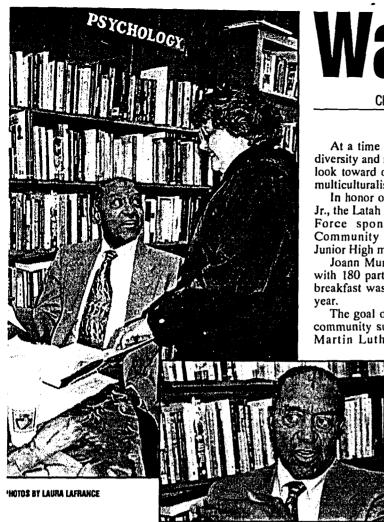
"We thought it was kind of funny," he said. "(Mrs. Santo) is so nice. She does all sorts of stuff for

Seventh- and eighth-grade teacher Amy Martin said the grunge look has been creeping into student dress since last year. Some parents have purchased clothes several sizes too big for their children so the pants will hang from their hips.

"If they want to dress their kids like that," said Miss Martin, "there's always public schools."



The Argonaut still needs writers for News, Sports and Opinion. Pick up an application on the third floor of the Student Union Building.



'ernon Baker, the only living black WWII veteran to receive a Medal of Honor, igned autographs for his autobiography at BookPeople on Saturday.

War hero tells his tale

At a time of ever-increasing focus on diversity and multicultural issues, all eyes look toward occasions that celebrate our multiculturalism.

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, Jr., the Latah County Human Rights Task Force sponsored the fifth annual Community Breakfast at the Moscow Junior High multipurpose Saturday.

Joann Muneta, chairwoman, said that with 180 participants the turnout for the breakfast was greater than any previous

The goal of the breakfast was to rally community support toward the ideals of Martin Luther King, Jr. "The Latah County Human Rights

Task Force organized to celebrate diversity, prevent prejudice, to educate our-selves and the community. We started this break-fast five years ago because we recognize that... you have to have a united community," she said.

The International Club of Moscow

Junior High and Moscow Senior High also helped organize the event. They helped with decorations and serving the

eggs, juices and coffee.

The featured guest speaker was Vernon Baker, the only living black World War II veteran to earn a U.S. Medal of Honor. He had been recommended to receive the distinction at the end of the war, but was awarded the medal in January 1997 by President Clinton. He did not originally receive the award because he was black. He has also received a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star and a Distinguished Service Cross. He has also written a book entitled Lasting

Baker feels that ethnic divisions in America have lessened in the past decades.

"Fifty-two years ago, I wouldn't be standing up here talking to you. Things have come along way since 1945 when I was in the service. It was a place of separation. It was a pretty rough place. We didn't know you and you didn't know us. Wars are a terrible thing... but the last big war we were in made us wake up a little bit. We still have a way to go, but I can see that we are beginning to talk to one another instead of at one another. If we continue to talk to one another, we will discover that we are very much alike," he said.

Baker grew up in Cheyenne, Wyo., and he said that there were very few black families living in his community. "We were scattered out like flakes of pepper in a bowl of salt," he said.

When he entered the military, he was

that he had never seen so many black people in his entire life. As an educated black man, he was somewhat of an outcast. At the age of 23, he was commanding a platoon of men in their early and late 30s. When they first entered the war, they experienced a wakeup call.

"When we were young and dumb, we had the war already won. It was ours. There were still some rough spots for myself and my platoon. We never really became one until we suffered our first causality," he said.

Because he was younger and because he was educated, his platoon had difficulty accepting his command.

They considered me the white man's tool because I could read and write. They didn't want to follow me until we got together up on the hill and when we began to get shot at and we were losing people, we all realized, 'Hey this is not a game. This is for real. We have to be together.' That's when I became the

father of the platoon," he said.

Having been the object of discrimination himself, Baker remembers the advice of his grandfather. "Don't hate, son. Hatred will only destroy you."

Baker's experiences have taught him that in order to succeed, we must all work together.

"As I look out here I don't see white, brown, black, yellow... I see America. This is what I've been looking for 78 years and I think I've found it."

**HOT Specials!** 

HP 670C Desjet Color Printer \$ 239

21" Viewsonic Monitor (.25) \$1250

SUB Woofer Speaker System \$ 79

(Works, Money, Golf, Encyclopedia, & Lots of Educational and

Access, Powerpoint, Outlook & More)

6 CD Game & Education Pack \$ 39

\$445

\$ 29

\$ 79

\$115

\$325

\$ 75

**Desktop Scanner** 

HP 6Lxl Laser Printer

PCI Combo Ethernet Card

3COM PCI 10/100 Card

JAZZ Drive (internal SCSI)

Microsoft Natural Keyboard

Microsoft Home Pack

Entertainment Games)

Microsoft Office Pro '97 Best Price Anywhere! (Word, Excell,

ZIP Drive (Internal IDE)

Ghost Dance Trading Co Imported Apparel, Accessories, Wares, 210 and fun stuff from: S. Main Ecuador, Nepal, Bolivia, Guatemala, 882-8088 India, Indonesia Welcome Back NEW sweaters, socks 10-7, Monday-Saturday & hats from Bolivia



d

0



bright side of life.

# The Hottest Computer **Deals Around**

THE ECONO CLASS \\_ 950

166MMX, 512K P.B. Cache, 16MB SDRAM. 1.6 GB IDE Hard Drive, I MB PCI Video Card, 14" SVGA NI .28dp Monitor, 16X CD ROM Drive, 3.5" floppy drive, Mouse & Windows Keyboard, Mini-Tower Case, M.S. Win. '95 Installed

Upgrades & Options: 15" 28 Monitor Add \$ 80 24X CD ROM Add \$ 20 2MB Video Card Add \$ 35

32 MB SDRAM Upgrade Add \$ 55 Sound Card & Speakers Add \$ 50 33.6K Voice/Fax Modem Add \$ 65

200MMX, w/512K P.B. Cache, 32 MB SDRAM, 3.5 GB IDE Hard Drive 3D PCI 2 MB Video Card, 15" NI .28dp Monitor, 24X CD ROM Drive, 3.5" floppy drive, 3D soundcard, 60 Watt speakers, 33.6 voice fax/modem, Mouse & Windows Keyboard, Mini-Tower Case, M.S. Win. '95 Installed

Upgrade or Add: 17".26dp Monitor Add \$ 325 Internal 100 MB Zip Drive Add \$ 115

128 MB EDO RAM, 5.2 GB Hard Drive, Internal 100 MB Zip Drive, 3D PCI Video Card w/ 4 MB RAM, 17" NI .26dp Monitor, 32X CD ROM Drive, 3.5" floppy drive, 3D Sound Card, Super sub-woofer speakers, 56K voice fax/modem, Mouse & Windows Keyboard, Mini-Tower Case, M.S. Win. '95 Installed

M.S. Office Pro '97 Add \$ 180

YOUR CD NOTEBOOK

Pentium 166 MMX, 32 MB RAM, 1.3 GB Hard Drive, Huge 12.1" Dual Scan Color Display, Internal 20X CD ROM & 3.5" floppy drive, Li Ion Battery, "Touchpad" Pointing Device, 16 bit Audio w/ stero speakers & TV Out Port, AC Adapter & Carrying Case, M.S. Windows '95.

Optional: Pentium MMX 200 Mhz Active Matrix Display 33.6 K Fax/Modem Card

Add \$ 150 Add \$ 399 Add \$ 90





Call Digital Direct and Order Your System Today!! (208) 885-3820 121 Sweet Ave. Moscow. ID.

# Parking services flunks sign language



OPINION EDITOR

received a parking ticket about a month ago from parking services — it was for parking at the SUB lot (#18) at a meter without paying, even though I had a blue permit. Of course, since both the signs at the entrance of the parking lot and the campus parking maps say nothing about permits not covering metered parking in blue permit lots, I assumed I could park there. After all, there is nothing on the signs to say I couldn't. I appealed my ticket, which was for a car parked in the Bookstore parking lot (#29) to no avail. I wasn't parked in that lot and have never parked there, but I guess they can enforce tickets for other parking lots now.

Apparently I was wrong, and the parking committee's "Top 10 Parking Pitfalls" clarified matters. However, looking at the signs and parking maps does not clarify matters at all. It is ludicrous that in

the Jan. 13th issue of the Argonaut the parking committee can accuse students of being ignorant and not knowing the rules.

In fact, I think the parking committee must be the most arrogant group of people on campus. They assume people should know every little rule written in the fine print of some brochure, when there is no mention of rules on the parking signs or parking

Maybe this is convenient for them, because then they can change the rules anytime they wish without having to go through the expense of changing signs in the parking lots.

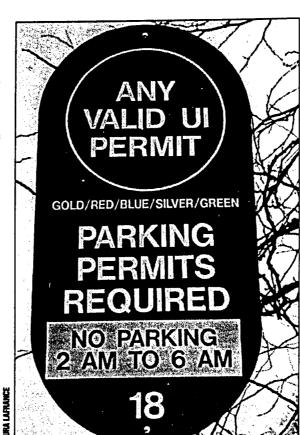
Even their rules are confusing:

In section C they talk about "Daytime Regulations". It says, "In addition to general parking regulations, daytime regulations are enforced Monday thru Friday, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm."

However, in the

parking committee's top ten it states: "Most parking regulations apply on campus during holidays, breaks, weekends and the summer." It also says, "a meter in Lot 18, the

Student Union Building and any other lot requires coins, not a UI permit, from 8 am to 5 pm."



So the question remains about when the meter should be fed. Which is it — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, or

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week? I don't know which is the "true rule," but I do know the signs won't clarify the situation.

In fact, the sign in the SUB parking lot (#18) says nothing about the parking meters, when the rules are enforced, or anything else. And since I've seen cars literally parked there for days I wonder if the "No parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m." rule even applies.

Take a look at the rules again and things really get confusing: "In order to enhance access to the Student Union Building (SUB) for all faculty, staff and students, the lot north of the SUB (lot 18) is designated as an all-permit lot. All valid UI parking permits, including gold, red, blue, silver, green and visitor are valid in lot 18.'

This would lead one to conclude you can park anywhere in that parking lot, right? Wrong!

And getting back to the top ten list, which rules do and don't apply during holidays, breaks, weekends and the summer? I give

up on the rules because they contradict themselves too much. After all, campus is not like downtown where signs actually say what the rules are.

Given this giant mess of parking regulations it is no wonder parking services rakes in \$300,000 per year in fines. Sure, there are 10,000 students, but I bet about half of them don't even have cars. Of course, the faculty must get some parking tickets as well. Still, 7,000 people getting \$300,000 in fines is over \$40 per person, per school year! I highly doubt that is due to total disregard for the rules - it is because nobody understands the

Of course, the obvious solution to all of these problems would be for parking services to invest some of their money into new signs. Signs that say things like, "Any permit is valid in this lot except in metered spaces during business hours." This would also force the parking committee to simplify the rules, since the rules would have to fit on a certain size sign. There is no reason for them to be more complex than the US tax'code.

To me, it is easy to see why all three student positions on the parking committee are vacant. Who wants to cheat fellow students out of their money just because the parking committee is too lazy to post the parking rules on signs at the entrances of the parking lots?

Who knows? The signs don't

# Will the Bookstore always screw-over students?



LANCE R. CURTIS

COLUMNIST

just about went through the roof when I discovered that I had to buy 10 books for one of my classes. If I had known what these books were when I went home for Christmas break, I would have made an effort to obtain these books from a local bookstore at a price far less than what the UI Bookstore charges. I am amazed at how a system which continually rips off students year after year remains standing.

This knowledge really isn't news to anyone, not even to freshmen. Everyone knows that the Bookstore is one of the big shafting institutions of the modern university. But how much are we students really getting the shaft?

In actuality, students at the University of Idaho only pay about eight percent of the total university budget. Yes, that includes tuition, fees, books, and whatever other money can be squeezed out of us. Assuming that books cost \$400 per semester (a rather low estimate for some students), students contribute only about eight-tenths of one percent of the entire university budget. That's hardly a dent at all.

Moreover, only 38 percent of university expenses are appropriated from the state legislature. That means 54 percent of the university budget must come from other sources like private individuals who donate to the university so that you and I can have a chance at gaining a college education. That's why any university president who is worth his or her weight in gold spends most of the day fundraising.

Considering all of these items, do we have any right to complain about getting hiked

individually when our collective contribution to the university budget is only eight percent of the total figure? I don't like getting hiked any more than anyone else, but what principle is at issue here?

Regardless of any principle, my pocketbook still cries "bankruptcy." Sensitive to the needs of students, some teachers do not require the purchase of any textbooks. Instead, they place books on

The Bookstore makes a killing, though, because they will buy back a book at the end of one semester for ten dollars then sell that same book at the beginning of another semester for eighty dollars.

reserve in the library. I applaud the efforts of such instructors. But this approach only works when the library is open and someone else isn't using what I need to use. Of course, the alternative is to fork out more money, and my pocketbook is hurting already as it is. So perhaps I can tolerate a slight inconvenience.

The Bookstore makes a killing, though, because they will buy back a book at the end of one semester for ten dollars and then sell that same book at the beginning of another semester for eighty dollars. Some books get recycled semester after semester, and so the Bookstore makes quite a bit of money from the resale of used books. A student would be better off selling the book on his or her own.

What I can't figure out is why someone hasn't exercised a little American ingenuity and given the Bookstore some competition. After all, I don't think that the situation just sprang up recently just to haunt the students of the 1990s. If the problem isn't new, why hasn't someone done something about the situation?

A part of me says the problem has persisted because nothing can be done about it. Another part of me says that once people graduate, they don't look at the problem anymore as their problem. And another part of me says that something can be done if only someone were to look a little harder into the situation and think about things a bit more.

Anyone wishing to challenge the Bookstore would have to be free from university control and know which books students need to buy. Certainly the Bookstore

isn't going to help out there, so someone is going to have to rely on teachers who would give them the information. Considering all the classes offered each semester, that sounds like a lot of work.

However, books are only purchased twice a year, and since competition has lowered the prices, the business owners wouldn't gain a whole lot for all the work they put into the business. Anyone venturing into this



enterprise would have to rely on other sources to pay the bills. After all, competition will bring down the price of anything so long as the competitors are not also conspirators.

Until someone comes up with a good idea about how to bring down the price of textbooks, we students are just going to have to suck it up and do the best we can with what little we have.

#### Argonaut Letters & Guest Columns Policy

Submissions must be typed, signed and include the phone number and address of each writer. Mailed submissions should be sent to: Argonaut Editor, 301 Student Union, Moscow, ID, 83844-4271; Submissions are also accepted via e-mail (argonaut@uidaho.edu) or by fak (208-885-2222). The chargonaut reserves the right to refuse or edit letters. 

# Bookstore not the place for religious conversion



AARON SCHAB COPY EDITOR

Like most students at this prestigious institution of higher learning, I made a few pocket-emptying visits to the University Bookstore last week to purchase textbooks that, on average, cost more than my monthly food bill. This year, however, there was something about buying books that was much more annoying than standing in line or kissing my hard-earned money goodbye. Namely: the group of people harassing customers in front of the Bookstore.

There have always been solicitors of one kind or another hurling pitches at students in front of the Bookstore, but this semester seems to be the worst I can remember. In fact,

I nearly punched a Christian.

Now, I am not one to bash practitioners of certain faiths, but let me drop a hint for you Bible'study recruiters: You are not going to get people to join your Bible study if you

> Can you get a clue and figure out that if I didn't want to join your stinking Bible study when I went into the Bookstore, odds are that I didn't have a spiritual awakening within the Bookstore and change my mind?

harass them to the point that they want to run over you with their car.

I understand that to increase members, recruitment is necessary. However, these

Bible study people are assuredly driving more people away than they are winning over with their military tactics.

"Sir, may I interest you in joining a Bible study?" a nice young gentleman asks me as I enter the Bookstore.

"No thanks," I politely reply. "Sir, have you thought about joining a Bible study?" the same gentleman asks me as

I leave the Bookstore, pockets empty. It was the same thing every time I entered or left the Bookstore. Harassment. And it was always the same people harassing me. Can you get a clue and figure out that if I didn't want to join your stinking Bible study when I went into the Bookstore, odds are that I didn't have a spiritual awakening within the Bookstore and change my mind? In fact, it is much more likely that, after standing in line for hours for the privilege of parting with my money, I am probably more likely to attack somebody than to cozy on up to an annoying

religious proselytizer. Of course, when multiple trips to the Bookstore are required, the annoyance only

It was not just the Bible study folks that made my visits to the Bookstore unpleasant last week. I'm sure every student remembers the guys that threw coupon books at passing students when not trying to force them into students' hands. Apparently, these guys had a quota to fill, and by God, they were geing to fill it! Thankfully, however, the coupon

people merely shoved coupon books into the hands of passing students, and did not follow alongside of them, unlike some other folks who were mentioned in preceding paragraphs.

Plus, the coupon books provide students with many amazing chances to save money on the Palouse. Thanks to those coupons, I can now fill the Kibbie Dome with discount pizzas, and give a breadstick and large drink to every starving child in Idaho.

I don't even need to mention the Spokesman-Review and Lewiston Tribune people, do I?

On a similar note, what was with the Mastercard guy in the SUB with the Velcro muskrat on his head? Didn't he realize that when a person makes eye contact and then runs the other direction, this is not a sign to throw Mastercard applications at them? And wear a hat! Frightening potential customers away with a 12-inch high Brillo pad of hair is no way to do business.

The solution to all of these annoyances is quite simple: if you want to get people to join a Bible study or get a coupon book, set up a little booth in front of the Bookstore with a sign proclaiming "Join a Bible Study!" or "Get Your Coupon Books Here!" Stay behind the booth, don't harass the students passing by, and let the interested parties come to you!

It's the Christian thing to do. Be merciful, and let students suffer the tradition of buying books in peace.

# **Clinton's tax breaks** for child care fall short

**Associated Press** 

President Clinton's plan to provide subsidies and tax breaks for child care looks attractive, but there are a number of shortcomings.

Last year's federal welfare-reform bill provided some \$4 billion in new funds to pay for care of the children of welfare recipients who are going to work. The Clinton administration argues that more funds are needed, a view that is widely shared. Its plan would provide another \$7.5 billion in federal grants to states over five years to pay for the care of children of low-income parents. The administration hopes to double the number of children receiving subsidized care to two million by the end of five

In addition, the plan would expand an existing child-care tax credit for working parents. The credit would be available on a sliding scale to households with incomes up to \$60,000 a year.

The president's proposal also would offer a tax credit for businesses to offer on-site care or other help. It could equal 25 percent of the costs to the business, up to \$150,000 a year.

Federal funding also would increase for early childhood development programs, including \$3.4 billion for Head Start. And the plan would provide \$500 million for states to enforce licensing, health and safety standards at care centers.

The plan's problems begin with how to pay for it. The administration proposes to pay about one-third of the costs, which would amount to \$21.7 billion over five years, with proceeds from the tobacco settlement. However, the them, including Utah, is far from a done deal. The bill that

#### THE TAXMAN COMETH... AND COMETH... AND COMETH...













would formalize it has not made its way through Congress, and several parties, including the administration, propose

Put simply, the administration is banking on money it does not yet have to pay for the child-care plan.

The president's strategy is to use revenues from the settlement to nay for expanded child care so as not to break his balanced-budget deal with Congress. In fact, it

appears that he plans to tap the same revenue source for several other proposed increases in social spending as well. Whether that plan ultimately will include a hike in the federal tobacco tax is unclear, but any way you cut it, the price of cigarettes would go up.

So, low-income people who smoke would be paying for eir child-care subsidies through higher cigarette prices. Clever.

#### EDITOR IN CHIEF, 885-7825 Michelle Kalbeltzer MANAGING EDITOR, NEWS EDITOR Lisa Lannigan SPORTS EDITOR Tonya Snyder

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR Ty Carpenter OPINION EDITOR Wes Rimel COPY EDITOR

GRAPHIC DESIGNERS Jay Dertinger **Amy Kendall** PHOTO EDITOR

Aaron Schab

Bruce Twitchell PHOTOGRAPHERS Cori Keller Laura LaFrance

Kike Calvo

#### STAFF

Lance R. Curtis, Heather C. Frye, Barry Graham, Wade Gruhl, Candice Long, Todd Mordhorst, Brad Neuendorf, Amy Sanderson, Charlotte West, Adam Wilson Yvonne Wingett, JR Wright

> ADVERTISING MANAGER, 885-7794 Katie Jolley

ADVERTISING PRODUCTION MANAGER Mark Duimstra

ASISSTANT ADVERTISING PRODUCTION MANAGER Ryan Donahue

> ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVES Aaron Baldwin Nicolas Zarfas

# Argonaut



The Argonaut is published on Tuesdays and Fridays from Aug. 22 to May 12, and is available on campus and in the Moscow area. Mail subscriptions are \$20/semester or

\$30/year. The Argonaut is available free of charge, limited to one copy per reader. Additional copies are \$1 each payable at the Argonaut office. Opinions expressed herein are the writer's, not those of the Associated Students of the University of Idaho, the faculty, the university or its Board of Regents. The Argonaut is a member of the Associated Collegiate Press, the College Newspaper

**Business and Advertising Managers** Association and subscribes to the Society of Professional Journalists' Code of Ethics.

All advertising is subject to acceptance by the Argonaut, which reserves the right to reject ad copy. The Argonaut does not assume financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertising unless an error materially affects the ad's meaning, as determined by the Ad Manager. The Argonaut's liability shall not

exceed the cost of the advertisement in which the error occurred, and a refund or credit will be given for the first incorrect insertion only. Makegoods must be called in to the advertising manager within 7 working days. The

Argonaut strives to publish only legitimate and reliable advertising. However, the Argonaut assumes no responsibility for damages caused by responding to fraudulent advertisements. Please exercise caution when responding to advertisements dealing with personal finance and/or credit, investment opportunities, work-at-home offers, repossessed vehicles, or real estate. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Better Business Bureau at 208-342-4649.

Non-profit Identification Statement The Argonaut, ISSN 0896-1409, is published twice weekly and is located at 301 Student Union, Moscow, ID 83844-4271.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the address listed above.

# Secret Garden to visit WSU

Amy Sanderson, staff

allet is the latest form taken by a popular children's story which has already made a mark in film, theater and as a broadway

This story of three children and a neglected garden comes to WSU after touring the U.S. with the Oakland Ballet, one of the more well-known companies in the West.

Joann Muneta, Executive Director of Festival Dance, explained that the company is most known for performing story ballets like The Secret Garden and for reproducing nearly forgotten works like those performed by the Ballet Russe in

This company has gone back and...
resurrected some of the old, classic ballets that
aren't done because they're very hard to do. And, they've achieved a lot of fame for doing them so well." said Muneta.

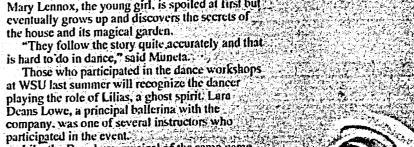
The troupe, directed and founded by Ronn
Guidi, is also known for performing early
American ballets. Currently Billy the Kid is touring

mixed classical ballet with some mime and humor

in a style fitting with the children's story In the original 1909 book by Frances Hodgson Burnett, a young orphan is sent to live with her uncle in a remote estate in Yorkshire, England. Mary Lennox, the young girl, is spoiled at first but

Deans Lowe, a principal ballerina with the

Like the Broadway musical of the same name. the performance promises to include elaborate







# femaled Rants

#### T. Scott Carpenter

#### The demonic influences of network television

I grew up with television, as have most children since the '20s or '30s, or whenever it was that Scooby-Doo first came on the air. This is a fact that has drastically altered American youth's perceptions of the world. It isn't until later that a kid finds out the truth behind simple facts such as how baby Smurfs are born and to what extent a dog can truly

However, by the age of five that same child will possess a knowledge of illegal drugs comparable to that of a Manhattan pimp. This is due to the barrage of drug innuendoes the modern child is subjected to throughout the course of the day. You've got Scooby-Doo and his PCP enriched Scooby-Snacks, capable of giving any dog a brief spurt of supercanine strength and energy. You've got Mario and Luigi running around in enchanted forests, eating MaGIc mUsHRoOMs and battling flying turtles. And then there was that Punky Brewster cartoon, where young Punky apparently begins to experiment with mind expanding drugs and spends her days conversing and cavorting with a hallucination that takes a care bear/gremlin form.

However, the last two years have been

ones of minimal TV exposure for me. It's amazing how much a person can accomplish when not spending 12 hours a day incinerating their retinas with back-to-back episodes of Perfect Strangers. Of course, 1 still watch TV occasionally; I'm not Amish or anything — I'm human. And I've realized that Seinfeld does not count as conventional television. It's OK to slip Comedy Central in their too, once in a while. People who don't laugh either become morticians or old maids. Also, if I'm at a friend's house and the TV happens to be on, that's fine because I really have no choice.

Other than that, never. TV is nothing more than Satan with a picture tube.

I have noticed that the world shrinks considerably when you quit watching. In my case, I am totally oblivious to any current events happening outside of Moscow. Once in a while, a tidbit of information will leak into my dank, cold world. The death of Princess Di for instance. Although I was not clued in until a week after this had transpired. When Sonny Bono was killed, I caught the word about 10 minutes later. Strange how things work out sometimes.

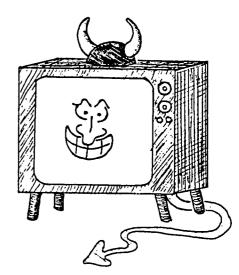
One of the best parts of not watching

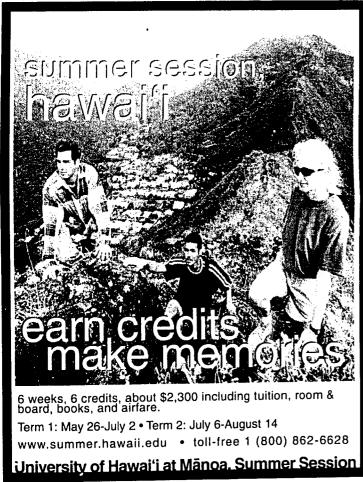
television regularly is being one of the few people who have no idea what the cast of Friends is up to. Will Ross and Rachel get together again? Will Rachel boil Marcel the monkey and feed him to an unknowing Ross in a macabre act of revenge?

Right about now, all you devout Friends watchers are probably saying to yourself, "Hey, this guy is dumb! Everyone knows that Marcel the monkey was sent to live in the Chicago zoo two years ago after viciously molesting Rachel's Curious George doll."

I ask you, do I care? As a matter of fact, why should you care? It's a television show! I can't believe these people who sit around and try to predict whether or not Caroline and Richard will get together again in the next Caroline in the City! This too, is just a television show! People would be a lot happier and feel more fulfilled if they would quit living their lives vicariously through actors who get paid one million dollars per episode.

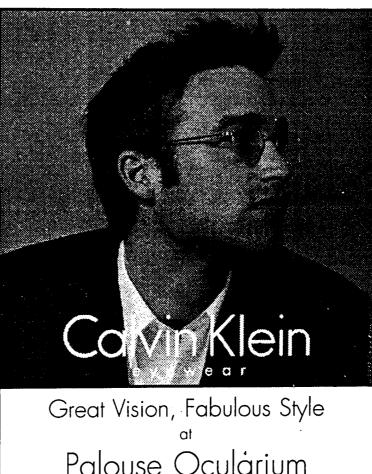
Once again, may I stress that Seinfeld is an







57



Palouse Ocularium

Dr. William French 202 E. 7th - Moscow 883-EYES (3937) - dfrench@moscow.com Looking for talented writers. Please stop by and apply. 3rd floor, Student Union Building.

TheMounta Count all sake Mountains 6. GEM THO GEN Cotains arm ing the mount 14

> GEM OF THE MOUNTAINS

please. . . RECYCLE this newsprint.

KUOI**89.3**FM**INDEPENDENT**RADIO

# Poets from Prague visit the Vox

The turnout was sparse at best. Only a smattering of people lined the galvanized interior of the Vox during last Thursday's poetry reading. Some sat in caffeinated oblivion, unaware of the impending event. But those who stayed and lent their ears to the two young poets were treated to a plenitude of politically charged and entertaining verse and

Gwendolyn Albert and Vincent Farnsworth, editrix and managing editor of the up and coming new literary and art magazine Jejune: America Eats its Young, stopped through Moscow on the last leg of their five-week tour of America.

Albert, a Fulbright scholar from Oakland, and Farnsworth, a poet from the San Francisco Bay area, left America shortly after the Gulf War to take up residence in Prague.

America was rotten to the core after the Gulf War," said Farnsworth. Albert and Farnsworth were impressed with the safety and beauty of Prague, the lack of mindless consumerism, and its emphasis on literature and theater as an important part of the culture. Both Albert and Farnsworth are widely published in such literary magazines and online literary journals as Exquisite Corpse, Sour Grapes, and RealPoetik.

Unfortunately, the fall of the Soviet Union opened the floodgates for Western culture to invade. The suffusion of vacuous American

capitalism in the former Soviet Union prompted the creation of the magazine. The primary focus of the magazine is to promote the poetry, fiction and art of the American, European, and native artists in Prague. However, much of the work in the journal deals with the rampant consumerism that has affected American youth and is starting to spread abroad.

"We have a culture that is consuming the soul of its young people before they have a chance to mature and come to fruition," said Albert. "Jejune" translates literally to mean something without nutrition and figuratively to something that is empty, in reference to the "junk food" culture that America exports abroad.

"What the U.S. exports is not what is beautiful about this country. But Dunkin Donuts, Baywatch, and McDonald's are what people see," said Albert.

"We often get asked if that is what America is like. Dynasty, 90210 — people think that is what it really is like here," added Farnsworth.

Jejune has recently shifted its focus to include works that deal with low pay and slave labor in undeveloped nations.

The history of poverty in the third world is the history of colonialist and imperialist interference," said Albert. The magazine has some recent contributions from poets in South America but is actively looking for works from others who have knowledge on the subject.

Albert and Farnsworth read from their own works on Thursday. Farnsworth's style is reminiscent of the great beat poets but with a wryer sense of humor. Albert is a bit more bubbly but her work is ripe with biting political irony.

While the two will not likely appear in Moscow again any time soon, Jejune is available from Bookpeople of Moscow for \$5. If you wish to contribute to the magazine, you may make submissions to the address provided within.





Gwendolyn Alberts (above) reads her works of poetry. Vincent Farnsworth (left) ponders the evils of capitalism.

Photos by Cori Keller



with the Vandal Card Account





5% discount on used textbooks at the **UI Bookstore** 



5% discount at campus dining locations including the SUB Food Court (Taco Bell, Burger King, Pizza Hut Express, TCBY, Espresso Stop), Satellite Sub and Bogey's Grill.



20% discount at Vandal Card Laundry facilities in the residence halls.



Saves time at the cash register and reduces the number of checks you need to write.

Open your account today at the Vandal Card office in Wallace Complex or at our office in the Student Union Building. Questions? Call 885-7522 or 885-2688.

Gift World, Inc. "Idaho's Leading Tobacco Dealer"

610' Main St.

Downtown Lewiston (Across from Zions Bank) 🕸 Our 23rd Year! 🎕

please...

#### RECYCLE

this newsprint.

Thank You!



#### Apply now for

Senator, PR Coordinator, Attorney General (must be law student), University Committee Positions & ASUI Board Commissions

Apply at the ASUI Office in the SUB!

# Try Our New Lunch Buffet



Good for up to 6 people! Includes pizza, salad and drink!

expires 12/31/97

1330 W. Pullman Road Moscow 883-3333

# There's no place like home

Idaho women dispose of Cal State Fullerton, UC Irvine in back-toback winners

TONYA SNYDER

n their first home games in Memorial Gym since the team's loss to Gonzaga Lnearly a month ago, the Lady Vandals mopped up two formidable opponents in Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine this weekend.

Friday night featured an impressive 86-77 sweep of the Titans of Cal State Fullerton. Led by senior hometown guard Kelli Johnson with 26 points and five rebounds apiece from Alli Nieman and Melissa McDaniel, the Vandals handed the Titans their first Big West conference loss of the season, dropping Cal State Fullerton to 2-1 in the Big West, 5-9 overall.

Turnovers broke the core of the Titan team, despite the huge offensive performance of Erin Whiteside with 26, hitting 10 of 12 from the field and draining 6 of seven from the charity stripe. On the game, Cal State Fullerton committed 28 turnovers as compared to the 14 from UI. Idaho took advantage of the high Titan turnover rate, scoring 28 points turnovers on the night.

Johnson wasn't the only Vandal with impressive numbers against Cal State Fullerton. Jennifer Stone got things done in the low post, powering in 19 followed by Susan Woolf with 15 and Gussett with 12.

Gussett got the momentum going again early for Idaho in Sunday's game with UC Irvine. Her numerous saves and hustle on both ends of the floor contributed to the fast and somewhat panicked pace adopted by both teams. On a drive down the baseline, Gussett dishes off to Stone for the easy jumper to get the Vandals on the board first.

Nieman chipped in two more off the offensive boards, but UCI would soon overtake the 6-2 Idaho lead thanks to a coastto-coast steal from Sabrina Roberson, a 5foot-8 senior guard, which started a complete

Then the whistles started to blow.

First it was a hack on the shot by Nieman. Then came Lauren Newman with a back-toback foul with Nieman, her second on the night, while Gussett scraped up one of her own. UC Irvine wasn't immune from the referees' whistle either. Shortly after the 11 minute mark, the Anteaters had only two team fouls. In a little more than two minutes, they picked up five more and put the Vandals

at the line shooting the bonus.
Stone and Woolf dominated the Idaho offense late in the first half. Stone made some room down low with a nice drop step to the baseline for two while Woolf wove through the Anteater defense for a shot at the hoop and found the range from outside with a trey at 2:19 to give Idaho a solid 30-23 lead before UCI called for time.

UC Irvine made a run of their own in the last two minutes and at one point pulled within one at 30-29, but a last second shot by freshman guard Tasha Rico finished off the half, UI heading to the locker room leading only by three at the half.

Nieman and Woolf led the way for the Vandals with 10 and nine points respectively, but overall, UI shooting suffered, hitting only 35.1 percent from the field while UC Irvine was consistently over 50 percent in all areas.

The second half warmed up for Idaho after a fantastic play orchestrated by Gussett. Gussett drove hard to the hoop, saw Nieman out of the corner of her eye, threaded a sweet behind the back pass, who not only made the shot but drew the foul and sunk her free throw.

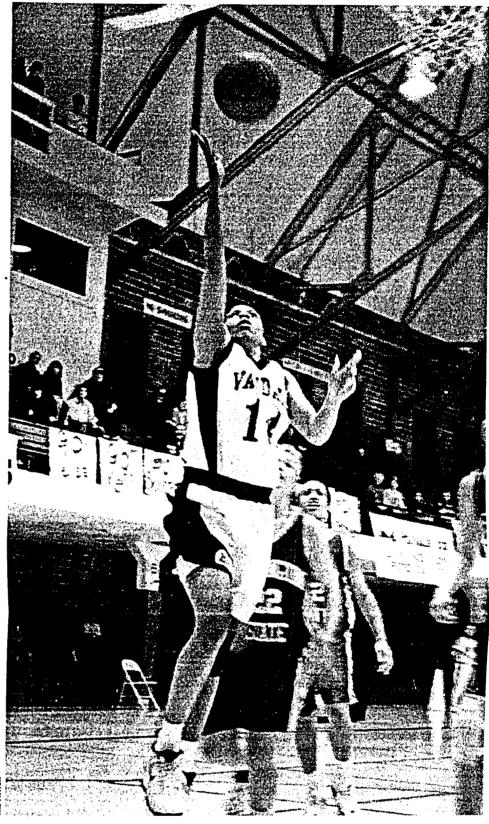
The Vandals used the momentum from this huge play and the enthusiasm of the crowd of 861 to fuel a 13-point run while would last until midway in the half when Leticia Oseguera hit a jumper for 49-40.

The outside game heated up for UI at 9:36 with Woolf's third 3-pointer of the evening. Johnson followed with another from beyond the arch a little over a minute later. Woolf yet again amazed the crowd with another 3pointer from way downtown at 6:46.

In the meantime, the Anteater's Megan Stafford kept UCI within striking distance and at 4:18, her jumper pulled UC Irvine within six at 63-57, but fouls once again came into play. Already in the penalty, Idaho capitalized on three fouls, all from UCI's Stafford. McDaniel, Woolf and Johnson were perfect from the charity stripe with less than a minute to play and sealed the game for Idaho

As far as field goal percentage goes, Idaho showed improvement, hitting 47.8 percent from the floor compared to the 43.8 percent for the Anteaters. Woolf led the Vandals overall with 19 points, followed closely by Nieman with 18 and Johnson with 12. Nieman dominated the boards for UI with 12 to help the Vandals out-rebound UC Irvine 42-31. Stafford led the UCI offensive attack with 21 and Oseguera pulled down 13 boards, 11 of which were defensive.

UC Irvine drops to 2-2 in the Big West, 7-8 overall while Idaho improves to 3-1 in Big West play, 7-10 on the year. UI is back in action Jan. 22 at Boise State and returns home on Jan. 26 to face last year's eastern division champion, Nevada at 7 p.m.



Lauren Newman rolls the ball off her fingertips as she shoots the easy lay-in.

# Home court advantage needed here at Idaho



**BARRY GRAHAM** STAFF

That is a home court advantage? Those who follow sports often say that a team with the "home court advantage" often has an arena with loud and overtly energetic fans that wildly cheer the host team and boo the opposition to no end. You know, making little or no noise while the home team shoots a free throw and then waving confetti and other objects while the visitors try

to score a single point.

Tar Heels and the Duke Blue Devils as well as Kansas and UCLA have this type of advantage in their buildings. And yes, these teams all have long and storied basketball traditions as well as a solid and loyal fan base.

Many smaller and lesser-known schools often make up for a lack of pure fan numbers by placing students within close proximity to the floor where they can make unbearable noise for the visiting team. In a sense, the students are right on top of the action even though the building may hold a quarter of the capacity of some of the bigger arenas nationwide.

These schools will not have the pure numbers of some of the aforementioned programs but still need fans to attend the games. The home court advantage does play a role even in the smallest schools. At best, the fans create an environment featuring all of the elements needed to produce the "Sixth Man" effect,

in which the viewers often play a half. Teams like the North Carolina role in causing the visiting team to lose concentration and make mistakes.

It is clear that fans in the stands, even if the school is not a national championship contender every season, are very important. They become even more so when the squad is gradually moving into the NCAA tournament picture and a great home record is critical in swaying a vote from the tournament selection committee.

On one hand, you have to win your home games regularly and, with a strong fan base backing the team, players compete with incentive and motivation to win. On the other hand, these same teams often have to play in hostile environments in order to further their national cause.

With a storied tradition in buildings such as Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky. and Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C., it can be challenging for a road team even before they tip-off in the first

some teams have to overcome in every game they play: You are an up-and-coming team that finally cracks into the top 40 but some analysts are still doubting whether or not you are a real contender. In order to gain respect, you have to dominate in your own conference, which may be considered soft nationally. You then must beat some highly touted programs in order to further your cause as a good team. Imagine having to face the winningest team in the history of the NCAA in their home arena in a "must win" contest. And I say "must win" because, in order to move higher in the rankings and possibly get an at-large bid into the NCAA tourney in March, every game for this type of program is a

Most schools that are on the bubble will not be able to gain that win in a tough place to play. And yes, the caliber of players on the host team are topnotch and will

make a difference but so does the Here is a realistic scenario that aura of the arena. Many players may become awestruck by the venue even before they have to take their first jump shot.

The University of Idaho men's basketball team is one of these upand-coming teams. The Vandals are 9-5 overall and 3-1 in the Big West Conference East Division.

Most fans feel that this university is a "football" school, but the men's basketball team does exist and has done well, especially in the Kibbie Dome, despite low attendance. The Vandals have yet to travel to a true national power, although they did play in Memphis, Tenn. earlier in the season against the Tigers and lost a relatively close battle. On one hand, the Vandals are striving to play well at home in front of small crowds at a school of approximately 12,000 students. Then the Vandals must travel and win tough conference road games

See ADVANTAGE page 10

#### ADVANTAGE from page 9

against the likes of Utah State and Nevada, which will likely draw large numbers of fans to both of those venues.

Throw into the mix that Idaho is trying to get to the NCAA tourney with basically three non-conference games of meaning, two with Gonzaga, which defeated Clemson earlier in the season and the game at Memphis. In the two contests with Gonzaga, the Vandals won at home and lost on the road.

Basically, the Vandals have a tough road, to say the least. They already know that only one team from the Big West Conference gets invited to the NCAA tourney. If they do not win the conference championship, they must rely on an at-large bid.

It goes without saying that the men's team must be concerned with their record. At home, the Vandals have been impressive and must continue to do so.

Doesn't it sound logical that if a team is competing against an opponent in their house, that they would want some incentive to play well? Add that the team is actually pretty good and has thrashed the latest visitors that have made the trip to the arena, which includes Gonzaga. Wouldn't it be a little disheartening for some players to look around the arena and see more visiting fans then fans of the home team?

The Vandals warrant our support for each and every game they play at home whether it be televised on ESPN2 or not!



## Vandal

#### News and Notes

#### Basketball Official Clinic

Idaho intramural sports will be putting on its annual basketball clinic today in Memorial Gym, Room B-2 at 4:30 p.m. All officials must attend in order to officiate basketball this spring. A hands-on clinic will follow rules and regulations. For more information, please contact Campus Recreation at 885-6381.

#### Men's Basketball

The Idaho men's basketball team is back in action on the road against Nevada tomorrow at 7:35 p.m.

#### Ul moves to I-A football in 1998, '99

The University of Idaho has been granted a two-year waiver by the NCAA's Board of Directors, clearing the way for the Vandals to play as a full I-A member for the 1998 and 1999 seasons.

"It's a great, great step in the right direction for the University of Idaho," said Director of Athletics Oval Jaynes who was at the NCAA meetings with UI President Bob Hoover.

The waiver allows UI football games to count as I-A games when the Vandals play I-

A opponents. To achieve full I-A membership, the Vandals still need to average 17,000 fans per game for the 1999 home schedule, which will likely include Washington State, Boise State and Big West champion Utah State.

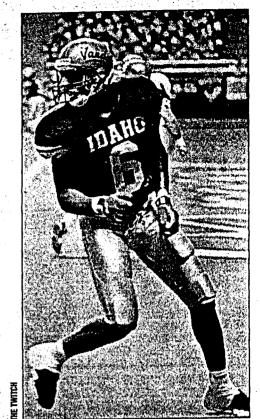
"It gives us the opportunity to make it happen," Jaynes said. "Before, the light at the end of the tunnel was an oncoming train. Now the light at the end of the tunnel is a movement into I-A and it gives us the opportunity to step through and resolve the problems we've had the last couple of years."

#### **Women's Basketball**

The Vandals take on in-state rival Boise State tomorrow in Boise. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

#### **Singles Racquetball**

Intramural Sports is offering singles racquetball for the spring semester. Entry forms are due tomorrow in Memorial Gym Room 204 by 5 p.m. Schedules will be available this Friday after 1 p.m. Play begins Saturday, Jan. 24. For more information, please contact Campus Recreation at 885-6381.



# STUDENT

# STUDENT UNION EVENTS

Students will find themselves "On The Edge"

at the Student Union Building

## Did your Student Organization

change officers?

If so, fill out a

CHANGE OF OFFICER FORM

in the

Student Organization Center, SUB Basement,

**ASA** 

#### Billiards & Pool 2-4-1

2 hours for the price of 1
between 10am - 4pm



Union Bowling and Billiards

885-7940

#### Student Involvement Fair

Wednesday, January 28 4 - 7pm SUB Ballroom

call 885-5756 for more info.

### **Outdoor Program**

has something for you!

- Free X-Country Skis Jan. 22-26
- X-Courary Clinic Jan. 22 & 24, Feb. 5 & 7
- ASUI Ski Transporter (Van Departs every Sat.)

Stop by the Outdoor Program and Rentals for information. **SUB Basement** 



(208)885±6484 ● http://www.sub.uidaho.edu



ASUI Housing Information Listing

• ON LINE •

http://www.asui.uidaho.edu/housing

Individuals can view, print, or submit a listing to the Housing list

(List will automatically expire in 2 weeks)



# **SWAP**

friday, january 30

10 am - 3 pm

sub lounge

**Student Media welcomes** 

John Sulgrove

as the Student Media Advisor

# CLASSIFIEDS

# RATES, POLICIES, & INFORMATION

#### RATES

OPEN RATE

..... 20¢ PER WORD

FREQUENCY RATE

(4 or more consecutive insertions)

STUDENT RATE

(must show valid student ID)

.....154 PER WORD

BORDER CHARGE (one-time charge)

. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$2.50 PER AD

**DEADLINE** for classifieds is noon on Tuesdays. Call **885-7825** to reserve your space.

#### **POLICIES**

Pre-payment is required unless you have a business account. No refunds will be given after the first insertion. Cancellation for a full refund accepted prior to the deadline. An advertising credit will be issued for cancelled ads. Pre-payment discounts do not apply to classified advertising. All abbreviations, phone numbers, and dollar amounts count as one word.

Notify the Argonaut immediately of any typographical errors, The Argonaut is not responsible for more than the first incorrect insertion.

VISA, MASTERCARD, AND CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED.

**(?)** 885-7825

#### RENTALS

**Charming 3 bdrm. house** near bus stop, garage, microwave, dishwasher. \$800/mo N/S. 882-3866 after 6pm.

One large bedroom house. N/S \$350/mo. 882-6152.

#### ROOMMATES

Roommate needed for-spring semester! Moscow 2bdrm apt. \$225/mo +utilities. Ryan, 883-3663 evenings.

**Female needed** to take over lease for spring semester. 1/3 rent + utilities. Already furnished. 882-9611.

Open minded, friendly, N/S, serious student needed for redone **spaclous two bedroom** apartment behind Hawthorne Village laundry D/W, G/D, \$175/mo, \$105 deposit +utilities. **Chris**, 882-4379

#### FOR SALE

Tires: Wild Country, 31"x10.5". Approx 60-70% wear remaining. Originally \$125 (each). Asking \$50 (each). Call 883-8061 (evenings).

2 pair **Rollerblade** Snipers. Size 9 & 10 1/2, **\$50.00 ea.** 885-5663

**Hedgehog** for sale with nice cage \$50 OBO. Call **883-8678.** 1985 **Honda Accord** in good condition \$3000 OBO **Call 883-8678.** 

Seized Cars from \$175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMWs, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WDs. Your Area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. A-3881 for current listings.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

NATIONAL PARK EMPLOYMENT - Work in America's National Parks, Forests & Wildlife Preserves. Competitive wages + bonuses! Ask us how! Call Outdoor Employment Resources: 517-324-3109 Ext. N59052

Nannies wanted for exciting East Coast Jobs! Call Tri State Nannies at 1-800-549-2132.

CRUISE SHIP & LAND-TOUR EMPLOY-MENT - Discover how to work in exotic locations, meet fun people, while earning a living in these exciting industries! For employment information, call: 517-324-3090 Ext. C59052

**Do you know** anyone in India? #1 MLM opening new market. 1000s signing up daily. Great potential. 883-3516

#### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED MOSCOW SCHOOL DISTRICT #281

Substitute teachers must hold valid teacher's credential. Fingerprinting and background checks required. Contact individual school offices: Moscow High School, 402 E. 5th; Moscow Jr. High, 1410 E. "D"; Lena Whitmore Elem., 110 S. Blaine; McDonald Elem., 2323 E. "D"; Russell Elem., 119 N. Adams; West Park Elem., 510 Home St. AA/EOE.

#### **SERVICES**

Cash in a Flash! IRS refund in days not weeks! Electronic tax filing service.

A & V Bookkeeping. 114 North Line Moscow, ID (208) 882-3121

#### Kick the Habit & QUIT TOBACCO

Join our 6-week tobacco cessation program beginning January 27th! Group sessions meet Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4pm-5pm. Register today by calling 885-6693, Student Health Services. \$20 registration fee.

Mexico Spring Break! MAZATLAN!
Airfare, lodging, + transfers. Palouse
Travel, 882-5658. Last weeks avail-

#### NUTRITION COUNSELING Discover a healthier you!

- Find out about:
- Healthy Heart Diets
   Weight Control
- Weight Control
   Eating Disorders
- + lots more!
  ake an appointment by ca

Make an appointment by calling Student Health Services, 885-6693 today!

24 Hour Dial-A-Nurse 336-4151 (Local) A Registered Nurse will return your call. \* Confidential \* Sponsored by

#### **LOST & FOUND**

**UI Student Health Services** 

**Found:** Gold ID bracelet engraved with name and date. Call 883-7955 to identify.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### MOSCOW SCHOOL OF MASSAGE FREE INTRODUCTORY CLASS INFO FAIR WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 7-9PM

Have you considered a career in health care? We offer rigorous coursework, training & preparation for state licensure and National Certification in Massage Therapy. Nine month program starts September 8, 1998. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday and one weekend/month.

Call MSM Inc. at 208-882-7867 for more information.

#### **Brused Books**

\* Buy \* Sell \* Trade Science to science fiction. M-Sat 11am-6pm N. 105 Grand, Pulman 334-7898

recyclealways recyclealways

#### Raise up to \$500 or more in one week.

Fundraising opportunities available. No financial obligation. Great for clubs, organizations, and motivated students.

For more information call (888) 51-A PLUS ext. 51

#### now available at

Student Health Services!

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 am-Noon
\$15 for 30-minute appointment.
\$25 for 1-hour appointment.

Call 885-6693 to schedule!

Doctor referrals accepted.

#### EARN \$750-\$1500/WEEK

Raise all the money your student group needs by sponsoring a VISA Fundraiser on your campus. No investment & very little time needed. There's no obligation, so why not call for information today.

## Call 1-800-323-8454 x 95. Student Health Services

\* Extended Hours \*
Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri
7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
208-885-6693

SEIZED CARS from \$175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WD's. Your Area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. A-3881 for current listings.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Free Cash Grants!

9000 Ext. G-3881.

College. Scholarships. Business. Medical bills. Never Repay. Toll Free 1-800-218-

recycle**civesys** 

recyclealways
recyclealways

# A Benefit Show for KUOI FM (89.3WHz)

The Pills Jetpack Vic 20

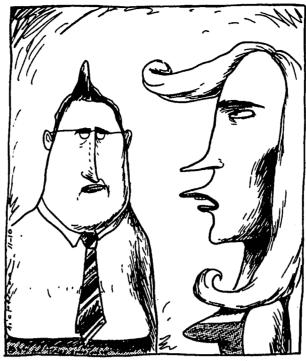
minimum donation



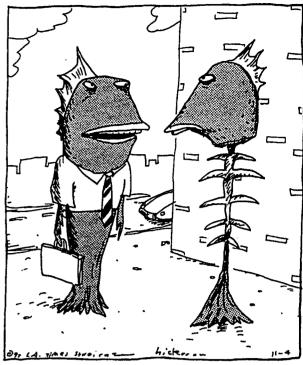
Thursday January 22 8:00 Vox Coffeehouse 602 S. Main Street Moscow



"Hoo-boy. This looks like one of those art openings where you had to be early."



"You're the salt of the earth, Bob. Unfortunately, I need to cut sodium out of my diet."



"How's that new cat of yours workin' out, Frank?"

**Speed Bump** 

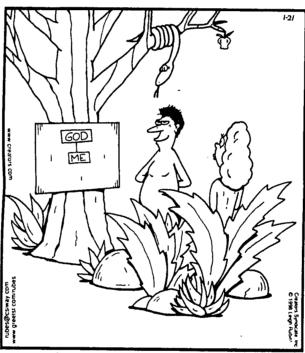
Dave Coverly

**Rubes** 

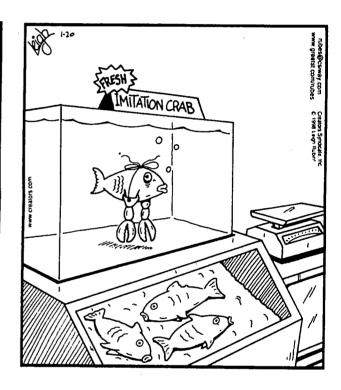
Leigh Rubin



TAPEWORM GRANDPARENTS



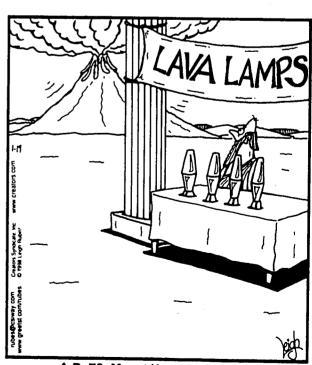
In an attempt to impress the girl, Adam shows off his family tree.







"Hey, look ... that's me!"



A.D. 79, Mount Vesuvius spells disaster for Pompeli, not to mention Julian's novelty business.