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Kelli Johnson —  
1000 down ...

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## Where's the fire?



Moscow firefighters wait for confirmation on an alarm set off in a Rentfrew classroom Sunday afternoon. There was no fire.

## Pedestrians, drivers confused over crosswalk laws

*Who has the right-of-way?*

YVONNE WINGETT

STAFF

Responsibility between pedestrians and drivers is a two-way street. On the University of Idaho campus, there is a constant power-struggle between pedestrian and driver over one question: Who gets the right-of-way?

Sgt. Peter Comstock of the Moscow Police Department, Patrol Division, said the station gets a fair amount of pedestrian and driver complaints — about 10 to 12 per week.

Comstock said the majority of the pedestrian citations they issue deal with the pedestrians' right-of-way in the crosswalks.

According to the Idaho Traffic Code, "When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping, if need be, to yield to a pedestrian crossing the highway within a crosswalk."

In order for this to apply, the pedestrian must be in the crosswalk, not at the crosswalk.

**The first responsibility is with the pedestrian. They have to wait to step onto the crosswalk until they can do so safely**

— Sgt. Peter Comstock of the Moscow Police Department

## Recycling Outreach needs volunteers, donations

CANDICE LONG

STAFF

The Recycling Outreach: Campus to Community program recently reopened its recycling bins on

**ROCC bins are located at the following sites on the UI campus:**

- 701 Nez Perce Dr. (Alpha Kappa Lambda porch)
- Near 311 Sweet Ave.
- Near 1016 Deakin
- Near 334 & 430 Taylor
- Near 514 Taylor
- Near 380 Taylor

campus in hope that student volunteers will want to serve impoverished individuals and families in the community.

ROCC, a Service Learning Program at the University of Idaho, is a student volunteer-based campus-wide system to recycle reusable goods to local outreach community agencies who will redistribute these goods to families in need throughout a three county region.

ROCC is looking for volunteers that include any clubs, sports teams, living groups or even individual students of any major to provide some assistance in activities that would range from public speaking, public relations, organizing activities and special drives, and collection and distribution of goods.

"There is a great need in our county, especially in rural areas, and there are a lot of college students that are not aware of this at all," said Giannine Doyle, program coordinator for the ROCC project. "So far, there have been a lot of donations and people have been very generous, especially in family housing. This is a great opportunity for students to assist the community and even if they don't want to be part of the club — the bins are there for anyone who wants to do community service."

ROCC is urging students to donate reusable goods that can include anything

from clothing to household goods which students from both UI and Washington State University will distribute to outreach community agencies that include YWCA, YWCA of WSU, Community Action Center and Alternatives to Violence.

The ROCC project provides service-learning placements for student interns and work study as well as volunteers who serve as the bridge between the university and community agencies.

Doyle said an estimated 35 tons of reusable goods were distributed during the 1996-97 school year. Bins were not only placed in university sites to increase donations by students, but storage was developed for the distribution sites to assist in proper storage and more effective distribution. Thirteen bins have been placed throughout the UI and 24 have been placed throughout WSU, allowing 18 agencies to receive and distribute goods with the help of both universities.

"We are going to go full swing now," Doyle said. "I think this is a terrific organization and really worthwhile. Not only does it help the community in a big way, it cuts down on the amount of reusable goods that go the landfills. This project was designed to get involved."

For more information on the ROCC project, contact Doyle at 885-5822.

On the same token, the subsection of this code reads, "No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard."

The Police Department has had a problem with pedestrians "bolting" into the line of traffic because they aren't really focused on what they're doing — they're too busy trying to get their friend's attention across the street, or they have other things on their minds.

If a pedestrian walks into the line of traffic, no matter if there is a crosswalk there, and the traffic-control device is not giving them the "go ahead," the pedestrian is in violation of the law — not the driver of the car.

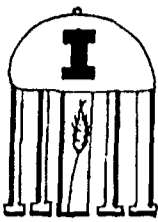
"The first responsibility is with the pedestrian. They have to wait to step onto the crosswalk until they can do so safely," said Comstock.

Another confusion between pedestrians and drivers is the question of whether or not drivers must wait to proceed until the pedestrian has reached the other side of the street. Idaho Code states drivers don't have to wait for pedestrians to reach the other side of the street.

Comstock says once the pedestrian has safely passed the car, the driver doesn't have to wait until they reach the other side because the portion of the driver's roadway has already been used up and the driver can continue.

Upon entering Moscow, passengers and drivers read signs which describe it as a "Pedestrian-Friendly City." Comstock says this is just a wake-up call that Moscow does enforce pedestrian laws, and wants visitors and residents to realize that.

"Never assume you have the right-of-way," Comstock said. "Give just an extra ounce of courtesy, and we won't have half the complaints we get."



## Local News

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### Drivers smacking moose on main north-south highway

MOSCOW — Twenty-four moose have been hit by vehicles in the last 22 months in Latah County with 11 of the collisions happening in one spot along U.S. 95.

"If we keep hitting them at this rate, somebody is going to get killed," Idaho Department of Fish and Game conservation officer Clint Rand said.

The latest accident happened Tuesday night when 19-year-old Katrina Reigner of Moscow was driving about five miles north of town.

"I came up onto the top of Steakhouse Hill and started down and the moose darted out in front of me," Reigner said. "I smacked her at about 50 miles an hour."

The animal, estimated to weigh about 1,000 pounds, fell onto the hood of Reigner's compact car and slid into the windshield, breaking it out.

Reigner was treated and released from the Moscow hospital.

The moose, suffering breaks to both back legs, crawled off to the side where a sheriff's deputy killed it.

Most of the human injuries associated with the accidents have been minor. One woman last year, however, was flown by helicopter to Spokane for treatment of serious injuries, Rand said.

All 11 mishaps involving moose on Steakhouse Hill, he said, have happened within a few hundred feet either side of one milepost.

"You've got the recipe here for a moose-killing zone," Rand said. Two-way traffic clips over the hill at 60 mph and the moose population in the area seems to be growing steadily.

The only warning signs in the state depicting a bull moose were successful in halting accidents, but they were quickly stolen, Rand said.

"Because of vandalism and stealing of those signs, we had to go back to our standard deer-crossing sign," said Dave Couch, Idaho Department of Transportation engineer.

All but perhaps one of the accidents have happened in the dark. Rand said moose not only are almost black, but they tend to stand their ground.



## State News

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### Senate panel to decide sex offender notification bill

BOISE — After getting another dose of conflicting testimony, the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee will vote on a bill requiring adult and juvenile sex offenders to register with local authorities.

The action opens the fourth week of the Legislature's 1998 session and continues the kind of controversy that started last week with introduction of the session's first anti-abortion bill.

Under the Child Protection Act of 1998, a five-year-old state law would be changed to allow more public access to names of registered sex offenders. Sponsors say the change is needed to meet federal requirements and to avoid losing \$300,000 a year in federal funds.

Idaho parents now can check out whether a specific person is on the state's sex offender list. But if the law is passed parents could get a list of all registered offenders in the neighborhood.

The American Civil Liberties Union contends the bill violates personal privacy rights, and other opponents fear it will lead to vigilante actions against sex offenders once their locations become public knowledge.

### Abortion issues are front and center at Idaho Legislature

BOISE — After years of working at it, conservative Christian groups finally have managed to get abortion as an issue before the Idaho Legislature.

Three different bills will be before the House State Affairs Committee, and it's likely all three will make it to the House floor for a vote.

It's less likely that they will make it through the Senate State Affairs Committee.

But in the House, every member will have to go on record on key abortion issues. Those who oppose bills tightening abortion restrictions appear to be prime targets for anti-abortion groups in the next election.

House State Affairs Chairman Ron Crane plans to handle each bill separately, setting aside one day for hearings on each. Crane says he'll try to accommodate everyone who wants to speak

unless the number gets out of hand.

In that event, Crane said he may have to put time restrictions on witnesses.

Expect overflow crowds. In 1990, the last time abortion was a major issue before the Legislature, the hearings moved to Boise State University. Even the large Jordan Ballroom was filled with people who wanted to take part or watch.

Crane and other members of the House committee will stay at the Statehouse or hearing rooms across the street.

"The committee wants to conduct the hearings in a thoughtful, rational manner without allowing it to become a circus atmosphere," Crane said. "That's what the public wants us to do — deal with it expeditiously and move on."

The key bill, the much-revised measure sponsored by the Idaho Family Forum, will be offered for introduction on Tuesday in Crane's committee. Sponsors have eliminated some provisions which an attorney general's opinion said might have legal problems.

Included are a requirement for written consent in most cases from a parent or guardian of a minor before an abortion can be performed, an exception to the ban on late-term abortions if a mother's health is threatened and tighter requirements for determining when a fetus is viable.

### Coordinator requires her employees to be trilingual

BOISE — Working for Estella Zamora means being trilingual.

On any given week she deals with people who besides speaking excellent English are fluent in Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, or Romanian. And they all must be articulate in an even more difficult language — legalese.

Zamora coordinates interpreters for Caldwell-based 3rd District Court.

Courts in her own Canyon County, as well as the Magic Valley and eastern Idaho, are dealing more and more with Hispanics who understand little or no English.

Zamora's Spanish interpreters handle most of the up to 350 cases a month requiring court translators. But she often must arrange interpreters for the growing populations of Vietnamese, Russians, Romanians, and other newcomers to southwestern Idaho.

Zamora, who grew up in Texas and speaks in a Tex-Mex dialect herself, faces the daily challenge of understanding people from throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

"We're dealing with people's lives here," Zamora said. "If we make a mistake it may cause a person to go to jail or prison or lose a privilege. It's important to do the job as best we can so justice can be served."

# Announcements

## Today

- The UI Community Enrichment Program will be offering an English class for non-native speakers on Tuesdays and Thursdays today through April 23. All levels of ESL speakers are welcome. The fee of the class is \$20. For more information, call the UI Enrichment Program at 885-6486.

## Tomorrow

- The campus is invited to attend a workshop on Academic Success Strategies presented by Meredith Goodwin, director of Student Support Services, Tomorrow from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in CEB 105. Pre-registration is required. Call 885-6746 to register.

- There will be an introduction to Career Services Tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in the Career Services Office in Brink Hall. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information call 885-6121.

## Thursday

- "The Long Snowshoe: A History of Skiing in Idaho," a slideshow by Ron Waters, will be presented Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Gold Room. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by the UI Outdoor Program.

## Coming Events

- The Society of Women Engineers is sponsoring a Career Fair and Evening with Industry, Monday in the SUB Silver and Gold Room. The Career Fair is from noon to 4 p.m., and the Evening with Industry is from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is a \$5 entrance fee. Food and beverages will be provided.

- The Graduate Student Association will hold an executive board meeting Monday at 5 p.m. in the SUB Russet Room to discuss upcoming elections. General meetings are held the first Monday of every month, usually in the SUB Silver Room. Anyone is invited to attend. Elections for GSA will be held March 30-31. Contact Tyler Bramble or Brian Peterson at 885-7502 for more information.

- Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will speak at UI Feb. 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. A park and ride shuttle will depart from the west

end of the Kibbie Dome at 3:30 p.m. with two buses running continuously until 4:30 p.m., with return shuttles after the program. People are recommended to take advantage of the shuttle service, as Deakin Street in front of the SUB will likely be closed to traffic. Also, no flash pictures can be taken after she begins to speak, and no still or video pictures can be taken after the first three minutes.

- Dr. Mike O'dell from the College of Education will speak on Science Education in Idaho Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the Engineering/Physics Building Room 214.

- Polar expedition leader and educator Will Steger talk about his experiences Feb. 13 in the UI Administration Auditorium at 7 p.m.

- The Moscow Baseball Association is holding its second annual All You Can Eat Spaghetti Feed Feb. 15 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Moscow Junior High School. Tickets are \$5 alone and \$15 for a family of five. Call Steve at 882-2014, or Sam at 883-7669 for more information.

## Opportunities

- A number of companies and organizations will be visiting the UI Career Services office this semester to fill job vacancies. Recruiting visits begin this month. Seniors and graduate students who wish to meet with these companies and discuss employment opportunities must register with Career Services. Several introductory workshops are offered by Career Services to explain the registration and recruiting process; a workshop schedule is available at their office in Brink Hall. For more information, call 885-6121.

- 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, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Support Group and Bipolar Group. **Workshops:** Choosing a Major every Monday, 3:30-5 p.m., 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 March 5 and May 7, 2:30-4 p.m. Call us at 885-6716 or stop by the UCC 309 for more information.

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# Residence Hall Association retreats for new ideas

*Hall presidents, Executive Board take time to discuss improving programs*

CHARLOTTE WEST  
STAFF

It was a weekend of bonding and creative thinking for the Residence Hall Association at an overnight retreat for hall presidents and members of executive offices at Huckleberry Heaven in Elk River, Idaho.

Johnny Rosch, RHA president, said the purpose of the retreat was to create a bonding session between hall presidents and the Executive Board and to formulate common expectations.

"We worked on training sessions to help the hall presidents. [It was also] a time to get away and have fun and get out of Moscow for a day," he said.

The hall presidents got a chance to be around the E-Board in a different setting.

The RHA consists of a council which includes the presidents from the 22 Residence Halls on campus as well as the Executive Board that sits over the council.

"It was a chance for hall presidents to get to know each other and was a chance for each of the E-Board members to explain their role in the RHA and how we fit in as hall presidents," said Megan Browne, Houston Hall president.

"It familiarized the presidents with the processes of the RHA and developed cohesion among council members."

They also concentrated on improving various programs within the Residence Halls. "We worked on recognition and retention programs," Rosch said.

One of these programs was Host-A-Student, which allows



PHOTO BY MEGAN BROWNE

Members of the RHA council take some time from their training sessions to kick back and relax at their retreat over the weekend.

prospective students to spend a night on campus. Browne said that they talked about ways to improve communication and to create more unity within the halls involved with the program. "Our main goal is to get people to live on campus and downplay the rift between the Greek System and Residence Halls," she said.

Another focus was on recognition of students from the UI campus. A variety of "Of the Month" awards, such as Student

of the Month and Resident Assistant of the Month, are given. Each hall nominates candidates for each award and then a campus winner is selected. These winners' names are then sent on to a regional competition. Browne said UI is currently leading in OTM awards.

Other things discussed were the quarterly Residence Hall newsletter, *The Graffiti*, and community service opportunities.

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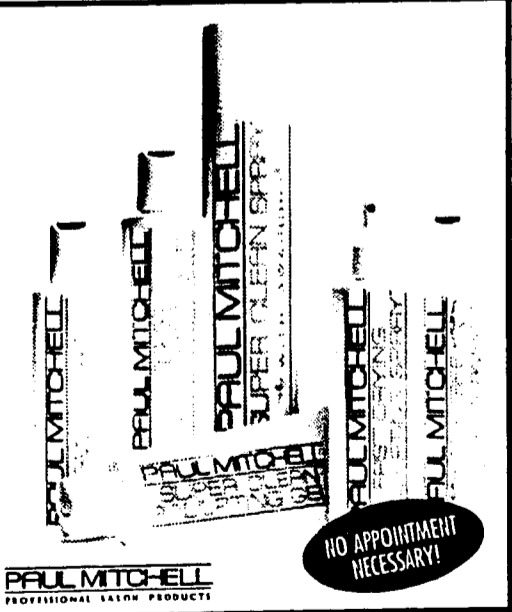
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# Health Beat

## What you should know about hepatitis A

*Vaccine, hygiene can prevent illness*

CANDICE LONG  
STAFF

Outbreaks of hepatitis A have recently hit northern Idaho and the Spokane area, affecting mass numbers of people. Dr. Donald Chin, director of the Student Health Center, said that "using common sense will kill the virus."

"It's just a matter of using good health care habits and washing your hands after using the restroom," Chin said.

Hepatitis A is a viral illness transmitted person-to-person through the gastrointestinal system by fecal contamination and oral ingestion.

"Hepatitis A is scary because it has the potential to involve a lot of people," Chin said. "It can easily be spread by food handlers in restaurants just by making a hamburger, a salad, or just by touching a glass."

Transmission can also occur through intra-household or sexual contact in conditions of poor personal hygiene or inadequate sanitation. The hepatitis A virus enters through the mouth, multiplies in the body and is passed in the feces. The virus can then be carried on an infected person's hands and can be spread by direct contact. Contaminated food and water can also cause epidemics.

Although Chin has not treated anyone with hepatitis A this year, there were several cases he treated last spring that involved non-food workers and he believes people need to be educated about hepatitis A in order to prevent it.

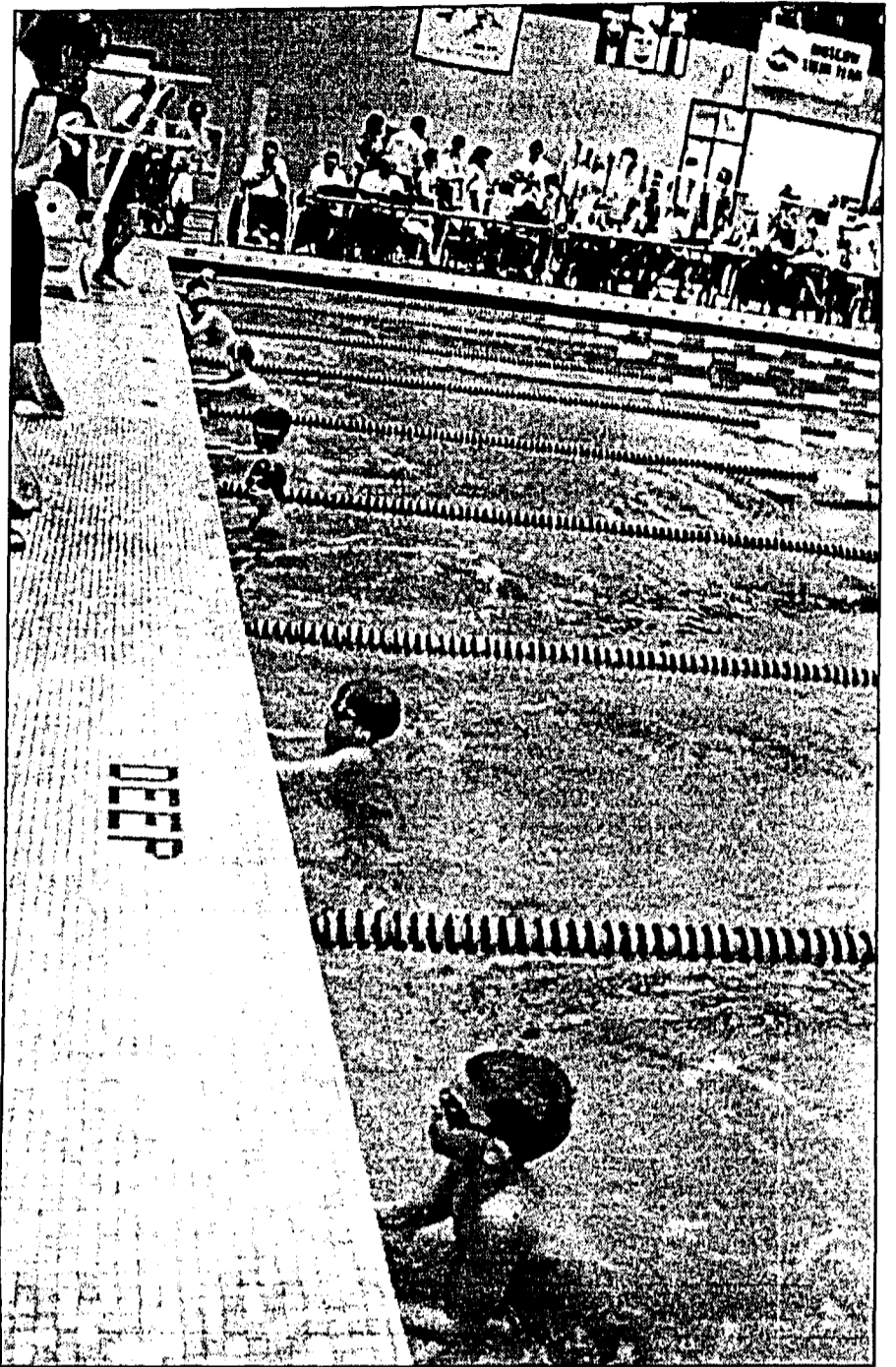
"The transmission of hepatitis A occurs when someone does not even know they have it," Chin said. The incubation period for the hepatitis A virus averages from two to six weeks. The contagious period begins about a week or so before symptoms such as fatigue, poor appetite, fever, vomiting, and dark urine appear and extend up to the time of jaundice. There are no special medicines or antibiotics that can be used to treat a person once the symptoms appear, but hepatitis A can be prevented by a shot called gamma globulin 20 days after being exposed to it.

"Hepatitis A is getting pretty interesting because it is now considered to be a vaccine-preventable disease," Chin said. "A new hepatitis A vaccine was released in 1995 that will make a person immune to the disease for life."

Hepatitis is a general term for injury to the liver and it is not to be confused with hepatitis B or hepatitis C. Both are transmitted through fluids such as blood or sexual intercourse. They are also vaccine-preventable.

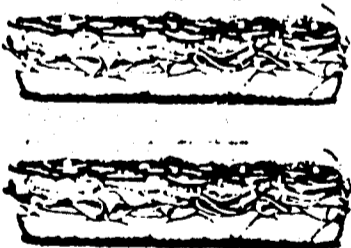
The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends hepatitis A vaccine for people who travel abroad, people in certain outbreak settings, laboratory personnel who work with hepatitis A virus, people with existing chronic liver disease, injecting drug users, sexually active homosexual/bisexual men and people living in communities with high rates of hepatitis A.

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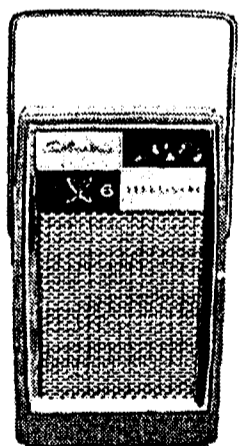
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# Students in Idaho facing more debt

*Fees eight times higher today than 20 years ago*

BOB FICK  
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BOISE — Idaho may be offering its young people a reasonably priced higher education compared to other western states, but students are facing an ever rising mountain of debt when they graduate.

"It startles me every year," Idaho State University President Richard Bowen said.

While resident fees at Idaho's four-year state schools are the lowest of comparable state schools throughout the continental West, those fees are nearly eight times higher today than they were 20 years ago while the tax support for the colleges is only three times higher.

"It's true that we're low in comparison to other states and the United States and affordable for most," former University of Idaho student body president Jim Dalton said. "But you have to compare the price tag and the benefit you're getting with the economic culture in Idaho. For many students, a few

dollars makes a difference."

The figures bear out Dalton's concern — and it is more than a few dollars.

In 1978 the annual student fees at the three universities were around \$400 and claimed just over 3 percent of the average annual wage in Idaho of just over \$10,700.

Today, the annual resident fees at the schools are over \$1,900, an increase of around 750 percent, while the state's average annual wage is still under \$25,000, an increase of just 130 percent. Fees now claim 8 percent of that average annual wage.

Gov. Phil Batt wants

lawmakers to pump an extra \$3 million into the state aid package for the schools to ease the pressure on student fees — something higher education experts believe is critical to maintaining access to the largest possible number of young people.

But UI President Bob Hoover points out that Idaho has one of the most skewed income distributions in the nation with few people in the middle range and a large number earning below the average.

"So many whose income has not kept pace at the low end need that

offset that takes care of the disadvantaged student who does have the opportunity to be successful," he said.

Scholarships are critical to many seeking a college degree, and tens of millions of dollars in scholarships and grants is being provided to Idaho students every year while the schools press to find even more money.

But it has not been enough to check the borrowing by students trying to stay in school.

In just the past eight years, the average student at an Idaho school has seen loans jump from financing just

18 percent of his college expenses to nearly 40 percent.

Lewis-Clark State College President James Hottois says 94 percent of his students receive some kind of financial aid, and Boise State University President Charles Ruch said 80 percent of his students work and 50 percent get some kind of student aid.

At Idaho State University 60 percent of the students are borrowing to continue their education.

Last year, they borrowed over

\$39 million — an average of \$6,700 for each of the 5,825 students.

"So if someone comes in in their freshman year and starts borrowing, you can see what a burden they leave with," Bowen said.

Gwen Sullivan, who teaches at Clearwater Valley High School and has children in college, told legislative budget writers that when she graduated from Lewis-Clark five years ago she was looking repaying \$10,000 in student loans instead of trying to figure out the best way to finance her retirement.

"It's ridiculous to graduate from college with that kind of debt," she said.

But Ruch indicated that with competition for good students

increasing faster than taxpayer support for schools, student fees and other sources of income are the only option to administrators struggling to maintain the quality of their educational product.

In two decades, student fees have gone from supplying just 6 percent of the budget for the schools in Idaho to 20 percent.

"We used to think about cost as cost to the state and cost to the taxpayer," said Sen. John Hansen, an Idaho Falls Republican and former Senate Education chairman who has taken a special interest in a problem he has yet to find a solution for.

"But there's this increasing shadow cost of student debt... that will reduce access," he said.

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Clearwater Valley High  
School teacher and LCSC  
graduate

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# Impolite pedestrians cause of campus conflict



AARON SCHAB  
COPY EDITOR

There seems to be a stunning lack of politeness on campus these days. Everywhere you go, people behave in rude and annoying ways. Whether it's crowding in line for paychecks and food, bumping into people in the doorway of the Library, not bathing regularly, or just behaving like a three-year-old who was raised by wolves, students just don't mind their manners anymore.

The most irritating example of this is the groups of people who refuse to make way for other folks on the sidewalk. I'm sure most

pedestrians have experienced this. There will be three or four chatty sorority sisters hogging the sidewalk who refuse to move their behinds out of the way while the other guy is forced to get off of the sidewalk and walk through the mud.

Now, the polite thing to do would be to momentarily get into single file and allow the other person to pass unsoiled. Apparently that's too much trouble for most University of Idaho students, whose conversations about the new I'gia electronic pimple remover (zap those zits away!) are much more important than pants and shoes getting mud covered.

This very rude "student wall of impasse" effect is not isolated to sidewalks. Stairways are also home to this particular brand of ill-manneredism. The worst thing about four husky friends walking abreast down the stairs while Mr. Slim is climbing them is that, unlike the sidewalk, Mr. Slim has nowhere to go but over the banister. This causes much more of a hassle than muddy shoes.

The solution to this problem is also simple. One, Mr. Slim can just punch one of the buggers and exclaim "Make way, you boor!" Or, the husky gentlemen could be polite enough to suspend their babble about basketball and headboards and give Mr. Slim enough space to pass.

The computer labs seem to breed no end of irritating people oblivious to the needs of

others. When 25 students are lined up waiting for a computer, most of them probably needing to write a paper or at least do some other sort of homework, could you please save your game of solitaire for a later time? I have seen people sit and do nothing but play solitaire for hours while others wait patiently in line, sharpening their knives and loading their .45s, waiting for an opportunity to take a computer by force.

And who can but be greatly annoyed by

The most annoying thing on campus, though, is Mr. Bouncy Leg.

the Group Chat, made up, no doubt, by the same folks who hog the sidewalk and the stairs. It is a bit difficult to write papers when the people next to you are have a knee-slappin', ass-guffawing good time looking at the stats for Pamela Anderson Lee and her various implants/prosthetics.

The most annoying thing on campus,

though, is Mr. Bouncy Leg. This ignoramus sits behind you and bounces his leg up and down for an entire class period, not only making an unbelievably bothersome "tap-tap-tap" sound, but also making your chair vibrate to boot. The amazing thing about Mr. Bouncy Leg is his ability to annoy in any location. In the computer lab, he makes the desk or table shake. In lecture halls, the entire row of seats will tremble vigorously, causing note-takers' pencils to veer from perfect script. Mr. Bouncy Leg also likes to put in guest appearances at movie theaters, airplanes, and busses.

One easy solution to Mr. Bouncy Leg's problem would be a simple amputation of the guilty leg (in some cases removing both legs would be necessary). Unfortunately, this is an unrealistic and illegal way to deal with the problem. The realistic thing would be for Mr. Bouncy Leg to become self-aware of his annoying habit and to knock it off. But I doubt that someone who cannot even keep his leg restrained can control his own mental functions.

It doesn't take much effort to behave politely in public, even if you are an utter ass in the privacy of your own home. Showing a little respect and using a bit of common courtesy makes the world a more pleasant place for everybody.

## Letters to the editor

### T. Scott should watch his movies more closely

Those who read T. Scott Carpenter's article, "Good movies you shouldn't watch with your parents," which appeared in the Argonaut on Friday, Jan. 30, should be aware of some of the blatant misnomers Mr. Carpenter printed. As I read his opinion piece, of which it is clearly opinionated, I agreed with the advice of watching the movies, *A Clockwork Orange*, *Eraserhead*, and *Freaks* without your parents, although they would probably be fine for family showing because of their didactic and archetypal themes. (Kubrick's film should be avoided for family showing only because of its violence).

But I disagree with Mr. Carpenter advising people to watch John Waters' *Pink Flamingos* because "watching this movie with your parents would probably be one of those enriching experiences that brings the whole family a little bit closer together." I hope Mr. Carpenter is being sarcastic at this point in his article because *Pink Flamingos* is far from an "enriching experience." And the claim that this movie "makes a great date movie too!" is extremely disheartening. And, just for Mr. Carpenter's sake, this isn't John Water's first movie! There were six others released before *Pink Flamingos*.

For those who haven't seen *Pink Flamingos*, here's a plot synopsis: the plot involves a rivalry between two competing factions for the title of the Filthiest People Alive; in one corner, a transvestite named Divine, her mentally-ill mother (who sits in a crib eating eggs and making messes), her son (who likes to involve chickens in his sex life with strange women), and her lover (who likes to watch the son with strange women and chickens); in the other corner, Mr. and Mrs. Marble, who kidnap hippies, chain them in a dungeon, and force their butler to impregnate them so that after they die in childbirth and the babies can be sold to lesbian couples. But the plot isn't really what's shocking: there are scenes of masturbation, voyeurism, a flasher who has a two-foot-long sausage penis extension, a singing sphincter (don't ask about that one), hermaphrodites, cross-dressers, oral sex, white slavery, and the last scene involves the consumption of fresh dog feces.

I do agree this film has its moments, besides all of the shocking, controversial material. The Marxist battle for power and struggle between classes are somewhat redeeming. But then you should remember that this film earned John Waters a \$5000 obscenity fine in Hicksville, New York in 1975. If you enjoy scenes of fellatio, coprophilia, and bestiality, go ahead and rent the movie. I think that Mr. Carpenter had rented the ultra-sanitized version of *Pink Flamingos*, if one exists, and his comments are incredible.

—Thoren Teel

### Broncos finally won a Super Bowl

Barry Graham asked the question, "Super Bowl XXXII the greatest of all time?" The answer is yes, if you are a Denver Broncos fan. After watching my favorite team lose three previous Super Bowls I feel vindicated that they have finally won a Super Bowl. I must admit that I like Mr. Graham thought that the Broncos were going to lose. I was probably the only rabid Denver Broncos fan that felt that way.

However, late in the third quarter I began to think that they had a chance of winning. I was so elated to have been wrong before. When I saw Farve throw that final incomplete pass I couldn't believe my eyes. When Elway downed the last play I howled at the top of my lungs.

I thought that Broncos owner Pat Bowlen was right when he said during the trophy presentation, "This one is for John." Finally, after three losses, John Elway's Broncos had done it. It was a true Kodak moment when Elway triumphantly held the Vince Lombardi trophy over his head with a big grin from ear to ear.

Packer fans should not be ashamed. Take it from an intense fan who has watched his team suffer three humiliating Super Bowl losses, you can hold your heads high. The Packers played a hell of a game right until the end, so be proud. Besides, there is always next year.

To my fellow Bronco fans I would like to say with a Mile High salute, "they did it!"

—Dan Taylor

### Lance doesn't accept others' beliefs

Lance Curtis' comments in the article, "Real Christians accept others' beliefs," have a surface plausibility. However, when we take a deeper look, we see they have no plausibility at all.

His introductory comments on religion are well said. There are tenets of Christianity that have an emotional outlet. However, after being approached by Christians at the Bookstore, he also had a negative emotional response which prompted his column. Apparently Christians aren't the only ones that have "strong fundamental emotions." Should we disdain him for getting his feelings hurt?

Secondly, he claims to have "lost respect" for those who were engaged in recruiting for bible studies. Hold on, Lance. Isn't the main premise of your article the fact that Christians should respect other beliefs? Why do you hold them to a standard that you don't reach? Why do you lose respect for Christians who want you to join their study? If you were consistent, you wouldn't care if they asked you to join or not. They are simply living out what they think to be true, right? According to you, they should be respected for doing so. As a result, you badly contradict yourself.

Finally, you speak of intolerance as if it is a bad thing. I quite agree. However, what is intolerance? Isn't intolerance the result of strongly held beliefs? If that is true (according to your article) it too should be respected. We should respect all people, even if (like you) they are intolerant of intolerance. Another contradiction.

If we are really to take everyone's beliefs equally, a very scary world would result. Try a little experiment for me. (It's just an example, no lawsuits please). The next time you see Mr. Curtis walking home from campus, try to take his wallet. If he resists, ask him why.

"Hey, man! Why don't you respect my belief that stealing is virtuous? Now hand over the cash." Would you resist, Lance? Of course you would. Why? The only reason is because stealing is absolutely wrong. God has revealed his absolutes to man, and although man has rebelled, at the core, even Argonaut columnists realize it.

—Scott J. Mahurin

### Argonaut shouldn't advertise tobacco

I feel the need for some tobacco to calm my nerves at this very moment. I am extremely appalled with the Argonaut's use of tobacco industry money in the form of an advertisement for Copenhagen in the Jan. 30 issue.

First, it is a sad fact that our community businesses advertisement money is not enough to satiate the Argonaut's need for money. Second, with all of the political hoopla concerning the abuses of the tobacco industry advertising strategies, I am amazed that the Argonaut would choose to support their continued abuses. Third, it is already preposterous that so many young American college students are coping with life using America's number one killer.

Fourth, how many starving college kids are there that "cope" with lack of money for food with a tin of dip, rather than buying rice and beans with that three dollars? Fifth, it's an absolute waste of paper, land, trees, time, and most importantly our health as people of the earth. Sixth, with the continued prohibition of hemp, no thanks to the tobacco industry, the fiber industry and the petrochemical industry, we continue to cut trees down, we continue to rape the earth's soils, we continue to drill for oil, all to make the paper, ink and tobacco for this known addictive killer.

—Casey Hardison

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# Our tax system needs to be reformed



WES RIMEL  
OPINION EDITOR

As everyone starts getting their tax statements from 1997 employers, and the memories of how painful last year's taxes were, one thing becomes clear — we need a new tax system.

The United States tax season is one of the most wasteful times of the year. Many people take time off from work or leave work early to work on their taxes. Forests are cut down merely to make the pamphlets and sheet after sheet of tax information. Money is wasted funding the massive Internal Revenue Service (IRS), who must not only sort out the US tax code, but must also investigate people who try to circumvent the system. The tax code itself is a waste of paper and money; conservative politicians like to point out that the US tax code is several times larger than the Bible.

Really, the US tax system is one of the most convoluted messes around. There are state and county sales taxes, income taxes, gas taxes, property taxes, school district taxes, and I'm sure I'm leaving some out. Now, if this isn't enough, lots of people get tax returns! I honestly don't understand what the government is doing. They take taxes from all kinds of sources, factor in all kinds of deductions and credits, and in the end many people get a lot of money back. They take money from our pockets, and then return it to us a few months later.

Relating this to school, it would be like professors taking points off our tests and assignments until the end of the semester, lowering our grades considerably. Then they would give points back, but nobody would know how many.

Of course, the answer to the "point return" would be in the course syllabus — but imagine if the first day of class the professor plopped a book a size of the US tax code in front of you. He or she then would proceed to tell the class that the book is the course syllabus and the entire book covers their grading system. Students would cry foul!

It's no wonder that many people are calling for a simpler system. Some people think that the IRS, the enforcer of the tax system, is the problem, but I would argue that the system itself is the problem. I certainly wouldn't want my job to be deciphering our tax code.

Of course, politicians have been talking about big time tax reform for years. However, in the end more pages are added to the tax code after each "reform." Some previous laws are lifted, other laws are added, and in the end things just get more complicated.

It's this hatred toward our tax system that paved the way for geeks with thick glasses, weird eyes, and millions of dollars (Steve Forbes) to actually build a following in the

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last election. Mr. Flat Tax won quite a number of fans, until people figured out he only had one issue and middle class America would pay more under his 17 percent flat tax proposal.

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Although many have soured on Steve Forbes, some of his ideas should be built on — like his dreams of being able to send taxes on a postcard, and closing loopholes and tax credits. However, the system still must raise enough money to keep Social Security and the like from completely collapsing.

If I had to make a proposal, I would propose a system similar to Forbes. However, instead of a flat tax, I would propose a progressive tax system, but one that eliminates all loopholes except deductions for children and sending kids to college. This tax would be high enough so that it would raise enough money for all

federal programs. In addition, time and money would not be wasted figuring out tax returns. The IRS could become much smaller. This would require people to manage their money instead of relying on a tax return in the spring to pay overdue bills.

The gasoline tax would pay for highways and transportation systems only. States would be required to raise their money via a single tax. For example, they could have a property tax, sales tax, income tax, or anything else they could think of to raise money. So if Idaho had a sales tax, (which would be higher than the current rate), there would be no other state taxes.

Money for public schools would then be divided based on population. This would help raise the quality of inner city schools while upper class parents could still make non-tax deductible contributions to their children's schools.

Perhaps most importantly, my system would not allow any tax breaks to companies; American or foreign. This could finally end pork barrel politics and help clean up the political system.

Though my system would likely not be perfect, people could do their taxes on a single piece of paper and the system would be simpler.



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## Violent Femmes Hit Walla Walla



Guy Hoffman



Brian Ritchie

A concert review by Heather Frye  
and T. Scott Carpenter  
Photos by Heather Frye



Gordan Gano

The crystal-clear sunlit day faded into a mist-shrouded horror film landscape as we neared our destination of Walla Walla, Wash. Why the Violent Femmes chose this particular location as a stop on their tour will remain a mystery.

Thirteen-hundred Femme fans lined the walls of the Walla Walla Armory last Saturday night. A Marshall stack and a light crew were the only indication that the basketball court venue was hosting a classic alternative rock concert rather than a high school prom. The makeshift retaining wall bowed with the pressure of the fans eager to feel the soft spray of Gordon Gano's sweat. The privileged crew and those with backstage passes looked on from an upper balcony that bore two-foot-high letters haughtily proclaiming "We're The Best" to all that danced below.

The opening act, solo artist Carmike DeForrest, kept the crowd occupied with an array of string instruments from electric guitar to a Tiny Tim-esque ukulele. His folk-alternative style was only mildly entertaining and the crowd could not help but mill about checking their watches in anticipation of the Violent Femmes. The crowd turned verbally violent after he mutilated a Beatles song beyond recognition.

"Where are the f\*\*\*ing Femmes?!" roared the crowd. DeForrest quickly finished his set and bolted from sight.

A mass of pimple-faced youngsters swelled forward with delight as a pony-tailed man took the stage with an oversized guitar and began to play a few practice riffs. The excitement dwindled upon the collective realization that it was only one of the roadies. The drone of the crowd took the form of an impatient chant as the masses grew

restless waiting for the Femmes to take the stage.

At last Gordon Gano appeared; Brian Ritchie and Guy Hoffman close at his heels. Ritchie took up an enormous wind instrument of unknown origin and proceeded to produce guttural, aboriginal wah-wahs as Gano spun out the initial notes with a look of apathetic malaise staining his brow. Very little in the way of new music was played, however, nearing the end of the concert, the Femmes introduced a new song never before heard by the public. The Femmes preferred sticking to their hits which they vastly improved upon with elaborate jam sessions. Smooth sax solos and Ritchie's diggeredo rounded out old favorites like "Black Girls," "Add It Up," and "Kiss Off."

The security hired for the event was slightly less than amorous with its charges. Persons judged to be committing any manner of mischief were promptly forced (and at times drug) from the Armory without a warning. Offenses ranged from smoking in the bathroom to crowd surfing. Surfers were pulled over the front retaining wall and quickly emitted by officers who held little regard for who or what stood between them and the back door. One member of this journalistic team took the full brunt of a rent-a-cop's wrath in the belly as he brutally brushed her aside while dragging a bewildered crowd surfer out of the armory and into the cold, wet streets of Onionville. Such Gestapo Coppo methods were hardly necessary considering the harmless nature of the alleged misconduct.

Despite the sweltering venue and the poor conduct on the part of the security team, the concert was a smashing success and a well deserved treat for a concert-starved part of our nation.



# The Caffeinated Rants of

T. Scott Carpenter

## By all means... keep the lettuce crisp!

Many of you have eaten in the Wallace Complex cafeteria sometime in your life. Whether you live in the dorms and eat five meals a day there, or were simply invited by a friend with excess meal passes, you probably have a story to tell.

This is my second semester in the Wallace Penitentiary for the Academically Active, and I must say that the cafeteria has lost the allure it had the first semester.

I remember my first meals in the cafeteria. "Three buffet meals a day! Oh heavenly bliss!" I would exclaim as I skipped gaily up to the designated card swiper. I would then make my rounds, running in circles like a starving vulture. Each time I passed a meal selection, I would heap it onto my tray. Unfortunately the trays were only big enough for two large plates, a smaller plate and a drink, so I ended up making layers of food on my available plates. My beans and macaroni and cheese on the bottom, a salad on top of that, and then, of course, a desert selection of some sort. My tray runneth over with nutritional goodness!

However, that was then and this is now. I find myself only making one round per meal, and the spring in my step is gone, leaving me to drag my club foot behind me. While I still have room for two plates, I only use one now, because very little looks good any more. Apparently the Wallace Complex only believes in three food groups: cheese, chemicals, and dysentery. In fact, I have reason to believe that the cafeteria and the Cellar grocery store in the basement are involved in a conspiracy to pay for the upcoming Rec Center through the sales of Immodium A-D. Sure, that's great for the off-campus folk, but while they are enjoying all the Rec Center will have to offer, the residents of the Wallace Complex will be stuck at home, fishing around in the toilet for their colon. The least the University of Idaho can do is give these poor wretches a break on increased tuition!

According to the movie *Conspiracy Theory*, if my hunch is correct then you may not be hearing from me again for quite a while, as I will be hunted by the UI's trained killers and forced to seek refuge in the sewers. There I will continue my fight against this grave injustice by organizing a militant group of diarrhetic campus refugees who will print newsletters and stage demonstrations... at least until the price of Immodium A-D is reduced a little bit.

Unfortunately, the afflictions suffered by the consumption of Wallace edibles (and I use that term figuratively) are not limited to loose bowels. A while

ago a very dear friend of mine ate a Wallace salad, and soon afterwards her body was wracked by insidious hives, like a monkey rubbing up against a beobob tree. Apparently this is not an uncommon reaction to certain chemicals that are sprayed on the lettuce in order to keep it crisp and fresh.

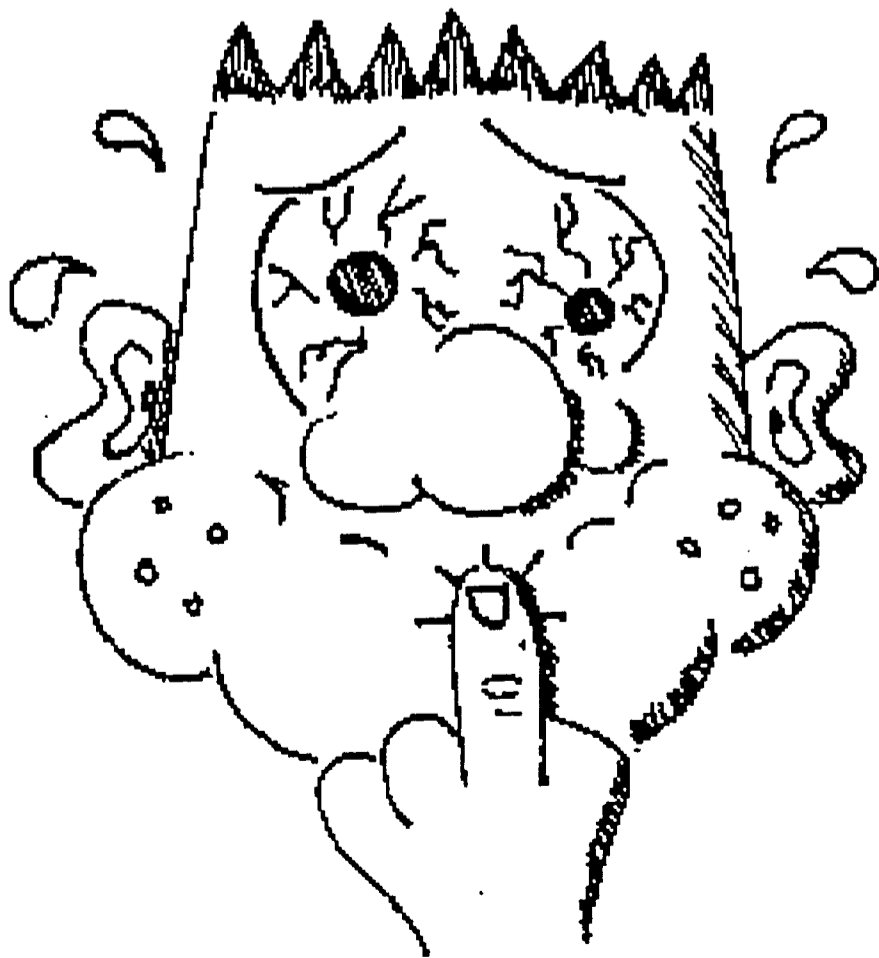
Now, I don't know what kind of chemicals these may be that can stop the aging process of green vegetables, but all I can figure is that its some sort of

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shellac that coats the lettuce, and protects it from surrounding oxygen. I find it more than a little disturbing that each time I eat this lettuce, I run the risk of it attempting to reject my flesh. And what are the long term effects of this chemical which is affectionately referred to as Agent Crisp. How do we know this isn't liquid cancer they're spraying on our much needed roughage?

Health hazards aside, the cafeteria does have its good points. After all, you have to give them credit for providing real Lucky Charms and not that Malt O'Meal crap. And their Jell-O is good, but then again how can you screw up Jell-O? And perhaps best of all, our very own sports editor Tonya Snyder met her boyfriend when she and a group of her colleagues went to sing "Happy Birthday" to him, because he had contracted food poisoning from Wallace edibles and was spending his birthday in complete misery.

Isn't that heartwarming?



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# ASUI Productions brings open mic night to the SUB



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Norris sang some of her compositions, such as "Dec. 26," "Tuesday Afternoon" and "If You Wanna Fight." While Servias played the piano she sang opera and a jazzy song.



David Servias, a piano performance major, accompanies music education student Sharon Norris. The two gave an incredible performance.

photos and text by  
**Kike Calvo**

Last Friday the SUB was the location for the first Coffee House ASUI Productions event organized in the last two years. Kris McBride, with the help of others, put together a variety of shows, including the performance of her daughter Marina, who sang "Five Little Ducks" suited in a bright yellow dress.

Those who viewed the student artists in their wonderful performances listened to piano music, drums, guitars, poetry readings, and jazzy songs.

"I don't know, I just do," Sharon Norris, music education, said. "There are many reasons to perform in front of people. But one is I like to share what I have inside me with other people and see them enjoy."

# Blood Drive



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# Warhol works join Prichard exhibit

AMY SANDERSON

STAFF

*Endangered Species*, a series by Andy Warhol, is part of an eclectic mix of works by local artists now unveiled at the Prichard Art Gallery.

Warhol's colorful portraits depict ten animals like the tree frog, orangutan, and the black rhino who have all at one time neared extinction. The series' obvious environmental message is reinforced by a detailed description of each creature displayed next to the prints. Created in 1983, the series of silk-screen prints reflect Warhol's later style before his death in 1987. Using photographs created by other artists, Warhol layered silk-screen prints full of vivid colors and electric lines outlining their subjects. *Endangered Species* is on loan from a permanent collection at Eastern Washington University.

The seemingly disconnected exhibit is somewhat linked by themes in Jill Dacey's two installations. Dacey, chair of the UI art department, uses brightly colored fabrics incorporating animal prints and a sense of foliage that coincide with the environmental awareness of the Warhol pieces upstairs in the gallery. Included with these mixed media works is a display showing facts and figures on the medical effects, specifically ovarian cancer and leukemia, caused from Hanford nuclear waste. Dacey attempts to present her concerns with

sociopolitical events. In the installation, *Monument*, Dacey explains the piece recalls a scale of sacrifice individuals undergo for defense brought on by their government.

The unusual and highly autobiographical works by Karen Larson Watts spread out over the majority of the gallery walls. Using a variety of mediums, mostly altered photographs, the series entitled *INVALID* tells the shared story of Watts and her long time friend and co-worker Peter Kiddle's struggle with physical limitations. Kiddle, who is diagnosed with Spina-Bifida, a disease inflicting intense pain in the lower region of the back and legs, becomes the subject of Watts' works. In a series of black and white photographs, Watts shows the scars and in some, the bones in the injured region of the back. Also included in the exhibit are transcribed interviews from both Watts and Kiddle.

One element present in these mixed media works is a visual connection drawn between the metal, surgical implants in the x-rays of Kiddle's back with strangely similar Japanese letters. Having back problems herself, Watts creates a highly personal exhibit of reactions and adjustments to life and living with her injury.

The exhibit opened Jan. 30 and will run to Feb. 28. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Prichard Gallery at 885-3586 for more information.



## A Look Ahead

• A series of works by the late Andy Warhol will be presented at the Prichard Art Gallery until Feb. 28. The series is entitled *Endangered Species* and features portraits of animals that were facing extinction in 1983.

• Husband and wife musical duo Double Exposure will be performing in the Administration Auditorium tonight. They will play an assortment of classical type stuff.

• The Moscow Community Theater will bring you Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Moscow, Feb. 5-Feb. 14, Thursday-Friday 7:30 p.m. and Saturday 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults; \$3 students and seniors.

• Houston Hall's "Take My Breath Away" Valentine's Day Dance will be in the Gault-Upham Party Room Feb. 14 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are available at Union Ticketing Student Union Information Desk.

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# Idaho snaps BSU, four-game rut

TONYA SNYDER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Boise State University fans have been touting the superiority of their men's basketball team all season under head coach Rod Jensen. They had been anticipating their trek to Moscow for months in what they hoped would be the second rout of Idaho in the Kibbie Dome this year.

Bets were against the Vandals with UI suffering their fourth-straight loss Thursday night against last year's Big West champion, Pacific.

Someone failed to mention to the Idaho team they were destined to lose Saturday. Instead, Avery Curry and his loyal band managed to send BSU packing in front of a massive crowd, 72-67.

Idaho was on top of their game in the first half of play, with both Curry and Banks finding their range from the get-go.

The first few minutes of play looked a little shaky for both teams, the Vandals slightly behind the Broncos in the first few minutes of play. Roberto Bergersen proved himself a worthy opponent, nailing a trey early in the half.

Numerous turnovers plagued BSU early on and gave Idaho the advantage they needed. Curry knocked down a two at 14:50 to put the Vandals ahead for the remainder of the first half.

Josh Toal found good use for sloppy Bronco play a few moments later. Two back-to-back turnovers for BSU turned into back-to-back assists from Toal to Curry and another from Toal's hand to the long arms of Kevin Byrne. Kris Baumann didn't want to be left out of the scoring spree and drained a huge shot from way downtown to give Idaho the decisive nine-point lead.

With the exception of a dunk by

Bergersen and a jumper by Trevor Tillman, both teams spent the rest of the half shooting freebies from behind the charity stripe, the Broncos going on a nine-point run to close out the half, severely denting the Vandal lead. Despite the last minute surge, Idaho still held a three-point lead at the half, 33-30.

Nearly half of Idaho's 33 points came at the hands of Curry who accounted for 15. Overall, Idaho was shooting well from the floor at 59 percent while the Broncos struggled with 36 percent. BSU had Idaho whipped at the line, the Broncos hitting an impressive 93 percent. Bergersen led BSU at the half with 11 points.

Boise carried over their intensity from the last minutes of the first half into the first five of the last half of play. Clifford Gray's two free throws at the start of the half would be the only points Idaho would score for a long while.

In the meantime, fouls began to stack up for Idaho, giving BSU the fuel to support their 12-point run. Curry managed to sink a three-pointer to end the UI drought, but by that time Boise State possessed a 35-42 lead.

The fouls kept right on coming as Idaho shots were few and far between. Banks picked up the slack for Idaho during the slump and Idaho slowly hammered at BSU.

Another trey for Curry had UI in striking distance at 54-57 with 5:39 remaining, but Idaho didn't regain the lead until only 1:23 was left in the

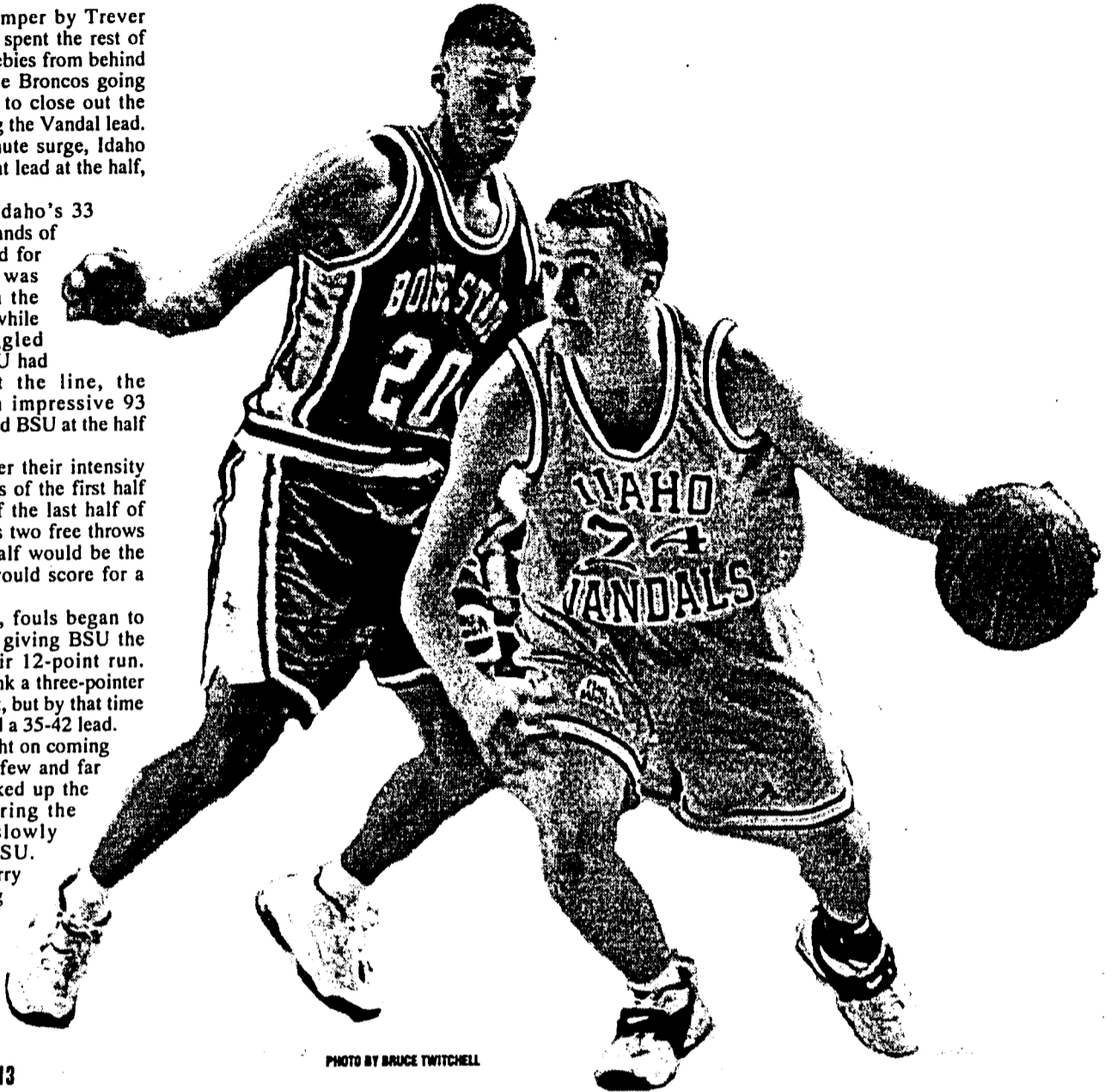


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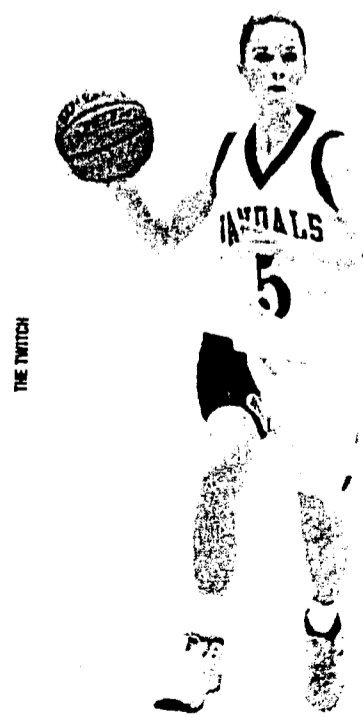
## 1997-98 Men's Basketball Standings

### Eastern Division

	W	L	Conference Pct.	Home	Away
Utah State	7	1	.875	4-0	3-1
Nevada	6	2	.750	4-0	2-2
New Mexico State	4	4	.500	3-1	1-3
Boise State	4	4	.500	3-0	1-4
Idaho	4	4	.500	3-1	1-3
North Texas	2	6	.250	1-4	1-2

### Western Division

	W	L	Conference Pct.	Home	Away
Pacific	6	2	.750	4-0	3-1
UC Santa Barbara	4	4	.500	2-2	2-2
UC Irvine	4	4	.500	3-1	1-3
Long Beach State	3	5	.375	3-2	0-3
Cal Poly	2	6	.250	0-3	2-3
Cal State Fullerton	2	6	.250	0-4	2-2



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Kelli Johnson scored her 1000th point in her 100th game against Eastern Washington last week. Johnson, who has 1,023 career points so far, is just eight points behind Ari Shorpik (1,031) and Kelly Moeller (1,057) to move into eighth place, but will have to average 27 points per game the rest of the season to reach Jennifer Clary (1,215). Melissa McDaniel isn't far behind in games played with 95 under her belt in her fourth year at Idaho.

# Youth serving notice at NBA All-Star game



BARRY GRAHAM

STAFF

Ah, the good old days in the National Basketball Association.

Remember the mid-'80s when players like Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, and Isiah Thomas were lock-ins for the NBA All-Star game? Johnson and Bird usually picked up most of the fan vote, but players like Thomas were close behind. The reason for these players garnishing most of the popular vote was because they were simply the best players in the game at that time. No one argues this fact.

Now, the legends of the game have stepped aside and been replaced by youth with tremendous potential. Sure, Michael Jordan is still the best in the league bar none and players like Karl Malone and Scottie Pippen are still going to get their votes from the fans, but the new wave in the NBA is youth.

That youth will serve notice in the 1998 NBA All-Star game from Madison Square Garden on Sunday.

Let us travel back in time to 1985. Would you have ever thought a player with no college experience who has been in the league for two years and is not even a starter on his team would be able to start in the All-Star game over

competitors who have been solid their whole career?

Such is the case in the Western Conference as Los Angeles Laker sixth-man Kobe Bryant will start at shooting guard on Sunday. Bryant is going to be a marquee player in the league for years to come. He averages about as many points as the amount of minutes he plays in any game. He can score inside and outside and has the leaping ability and shotmaking prowess of that guy in Chicago. Even with his great ability, Bryant is still young and does make a careless mistake on occasion.

Here's the real question: Does he have the right to be the starter over players like Mitch Richmond who leads the Kings in virtually every offensive category, or even Clyde Drexler who is still a factor in Houston?

Let's continue to look at the Lakers. Not only is Bryant in the All-Star game, but Eddie Jones, Nick Van Exel, and Shaquille O'Neill will also play for the West. What do they all have in common? They are all young with huge futures ahead of them. O'Neill has shown he may be the best center in the league and Jones and Van Exel also have shown superstar potential at times.

In the East, Grant Hill still is, next to Jordan, the top overall guard in the league and he has yet to truly become the next mega-superstar in the NBA. If it weren't for an early season injury, New Jersey Net forward Keith Van Horn probably would have had a place on the East roster as well. No player this season has come on and flourished as a rookie in a faster period of time than Van Horn.

These are just a few of the players that have garnered some of the highest praise that an NBA competitor can

attain. It will be interesting to see if these players can improve in the next decade and garner the same type of high praise that they are now receiving!

## Czech is in mall Down Under!

For those of you that do not know of a professional men's tennis player from the Czech Republic named Petr Korda, you're not alone! But, if you follow sports at all and sometimes check out ESPN or any other sports information network, then you may have seen some highlights of the Australian Open, which is the first of four Grand Slam tennis tournaments this year.

In those highlights, you may have seen this tall and lanky blonde competitor execute some of the hardest groundstrokes, piercing serves and feather-light touch volleys that you have seen in a long time. You might have also seen him execute a few somersaults and other gymnastic maneuvers after all of his wins. Well, Korda had a lot of those wins, seven to be exact. The last one coming over Chilean Marcelo Rios, to claim his first-ever Grand Slam title.

Korda, 30, has all the skill a Grand Slam champion should own but has often folded under the pressure. Not this time! The Czech seized the moment in all of his matches and never choked, especially against Rios, en route to the title.

Analysts have said that in the last month Korda has been the second-best competitor in the world, second only to world No. 1 Pete Sampras. And with the win, Korda ascended into the No. 2 world-ranking and will now challenge the American for the top spot on the ATP tour.

## BRONCO BLOOD (from page 12)

ball game with, you guessed it, another try, this time from the hands of Toal.

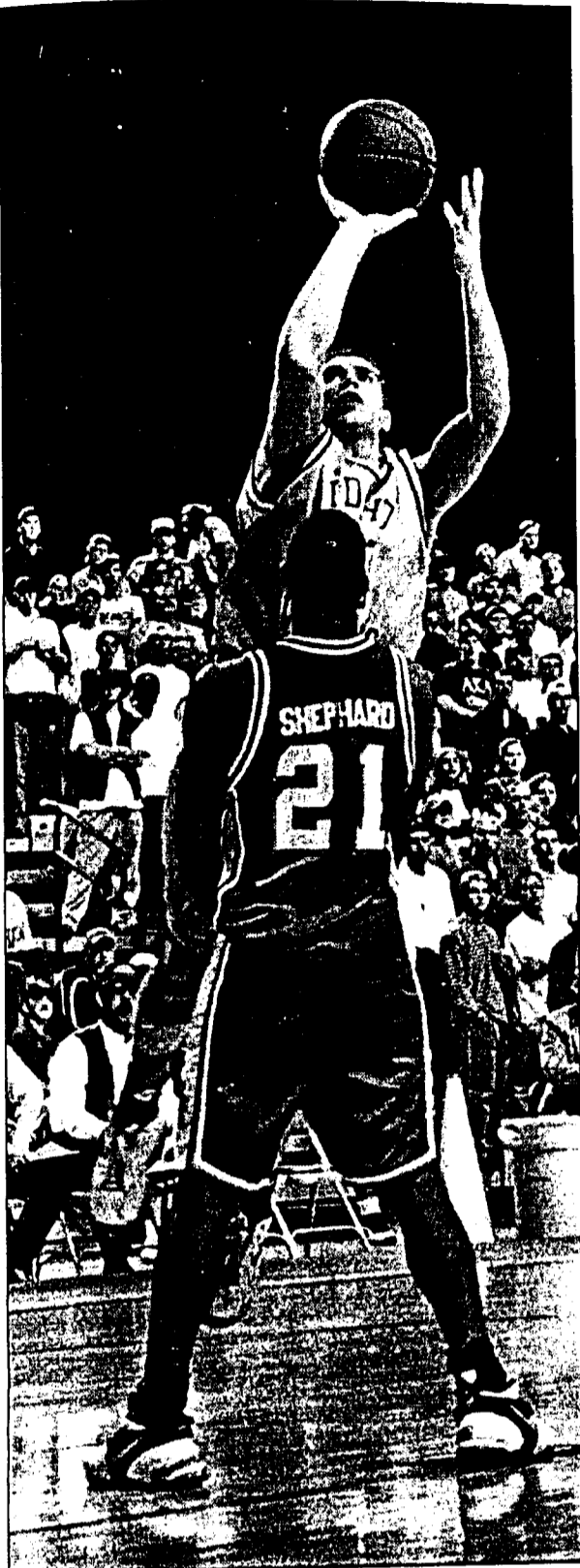
Up 64-62, Curry sealed the game for Idaho at the line, going 6-6 in the last minute of play.

Bronco Gerry Washington snagged a three pointer with 8.7 seconds remaining, but it was still a one possession ballgame as BSU trailed 70-67. Washington soon left the game with his fifth personal foul, giving Toal two easy shots at the line and the winning ticket. Toal easily dropped his two

from the charity stripe and finished off the game with Boise State 72-67.

Idaho is at home later on this week to face North Texas Thursday night and New Mexico State on Saturday. Both games start at 7:05 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome.

Meanwhile in the Big West Conference, the two big powers of Utah State and Nevada clashed this weekend. The Utah State Aggies, 5-0 in regular season play, were upset by the Wolf Pack.



Cameron Banks pulls up for a short jumper over a grounded Bronco defender in Saturday night's thriller.

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## News and Notes

### Thomas Receives Hardship

The University of Idaho received official word Monday that running back Joel Thomas has been granted his NCAA hardship, which makes him eligible to play this fall.

Thomas was joined in receiving a hardship by lineman Doug Lumsargis and defensive end Brian Boudreaux. Thomas and Lumsargis will be seniors, and Boudreaux will be a junior. "It's nice to have this thing officially done," said head coach Chris Tormey. "All three of these guys had a very positive impact on our program."

All three were granted hardships by the NCAA and had been awaiting word from the Big West conference.

Thomas sustained a posterior dislocation of his right knee during the first quarter at Air Force while Lumsargis missed all season after injuring his knee during fall camp. Boudreaux saw limited action in three games before injuring his right shoulder and missing the remainder of the season.

### Women's Basketball

The Lady Vandals lost 60-53 to Pacific Thursday night in Stockton, Calif., down 35-22 at the half. Idaho went on a 23-9 run to cut the Tiger's lead to 45-44 with 5:49 left in the game. But Pacific hit 9-of-14 free throws down the stretch to secure the victory. The Vandals shot a season low seven free throws, making only four. In comparison, Pacific went 20-of-32 from the line. Kelli Johnson leads Idaho with 16 points.

### Men's Basketball

The Idaho men hope to extend their winning ways Thursday night in the Kibbie Dome against North Texas. Tip-off is at 7:05 p.m.

### Women's Rugby Practice

The Idaho women's rugby club will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-9:30 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome. All interested players should meet on the southwest concourse. Please contact Aimee or Janet for more information at 883-8345.

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(as of 2-2-98)

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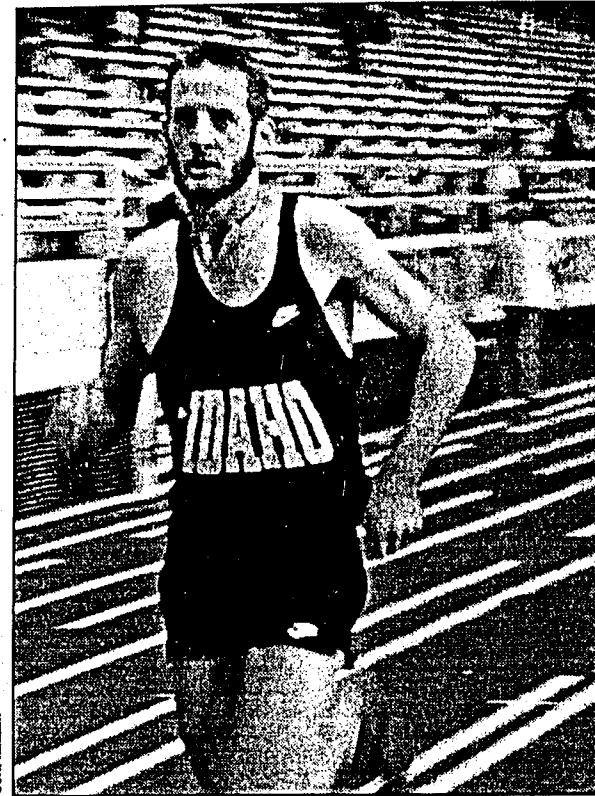
### Ski Transport

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### Idaho Track and Field

Both the men's and women's track and field teams saw great success in Saturday's first home meet of the season in the Kibbie Dome in the first part of the McDonald's Invitational.

On the ladies side, Debbie Ogden won the long jump (17-9.5) while Humrei Thompson set a school record in the 60 meters with 7.60 seconds. Thompson excelled in the 200 meter as well, taking first with 24.5 seconds followed closely by Katharine Hough with a time of 25.1. In the mile, Andrea Jenkins and Jaime Stone took the top two slots. In the 400 meters, Idaho captured the first four spots. Shana Ball hefted the shot put 44-9.5 for the first-placed finish



Josh Muken heads for the finish line in his 3000 meter race on Saturday.

while Amber Sielaff and Molly Leonard got first and second respectively in the 20-pound weight throw.

On the men's side, the big news of the meet was Tawanda Chiwira's 46.40 second run in the 400 meter. This surpassed the NCAA qualifying mark and ties the Idaho indoor record. Jose Ricsco took first in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 7.77 seconds while Hugo Munoz and Geoff Judd captured first and second respectively in the high jump.



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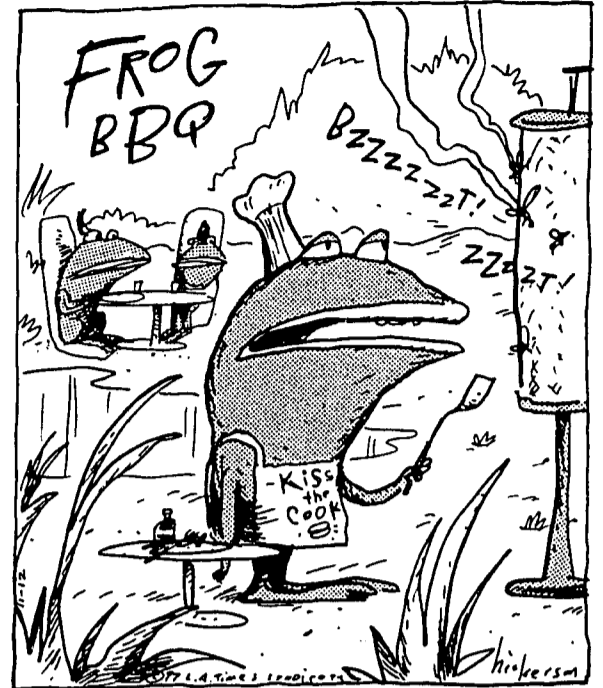
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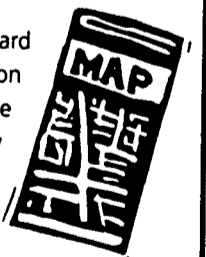
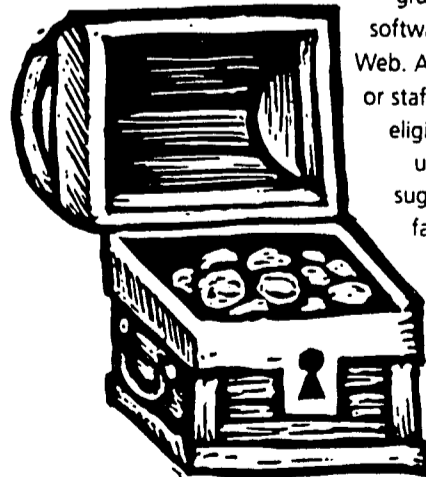


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