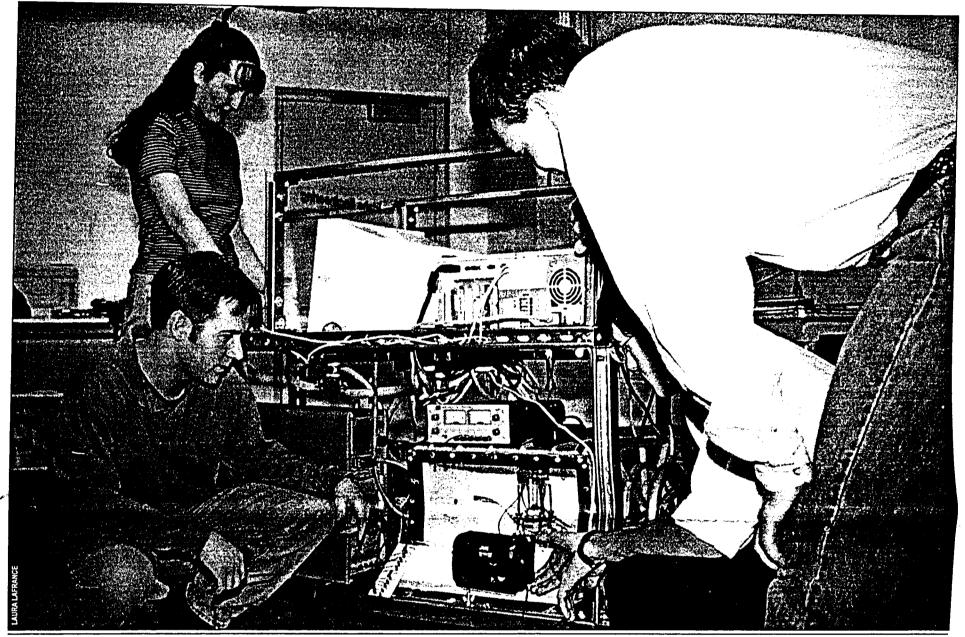
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Waiting for weightlessness

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A team of four UI engineering students have been chosen to test out their pressure boiling experiment on a Boeing KC-135A. The plane will allow the students (from left) Kenton Veeder, Tricia Veeder, Josh Sementi, and Dave Willford 30 seconds of weightlessness

II team joins NASA Reduced Gravity Program

Charlotte West Assistant News Editor

uring the middle of this month, four University of Idaho engineering students will fly high after being selected to participate in the NASA Reduced Gravity Student Flight Program at Ellington Field in Houston, Texas. The team members are Josh Sementi, David Willford, and

Kenton and Tricia Veedor. Their project, "Pressure Induced Boiling in Microgravity," will explore boiling caused by pressure at zero-gravity altitude.

produces a weightless environment. It allows a simulation of the conditions of space flight. The plane was used to film the no-gravity shots in the movie Apollo 13.

Their equipment will be bolted into the plane. It will allow the team to measure the amount of water vapor produced by the pressure-induced boiling. Measurements will also be taken in normal and varying gravity conditions. At higher elevations, water boils faster because as altitude increases, pressure decreases. Less heat is needed at lower pressures and causes the water to boil more rapidly. Heat-induced boiling causes problems at zero-gravity though, because with gravity,

the point where the water is going to boil on its own," said Willford.

The experiment will allow the team to explore the results of the pressure-induced boiling. Possible applications could be used in space flight as well as heat transfer, fluid purification, pharmaceutical manufacturing and food dehydration.

Teams from colleges and universities all over the United States will be involved with the Reduced Gravity program. Another team from UI attended last year.

Most of the work that went into the project is preparatory.

The team will take their equipment up in an Air Force Boeing KC-135A, which is a four-engine turbojet aircraft. element. Without gravity, the bubbles don't rise and can The plane flies in a parabolic path which reaches zero-gravity at its pinnacle. Zero-gravity lasts 20 to 25 seconds and

water bubbles rise from the hot surface of the heating cause the heating element to crack.

"[What the experiment does is] take the pressure down to

Senate launches off-campus e-mail list

Adam E-H Wilson staff

n the continual battle for student involvement, ASUI Senator Ken DeCelle has created what he hopes will be a powerful new weapon. DeCelle, with the help of Personal Computer Coordinator Mitch Parks, has constructed a mailing list of ASUI information.

To sign on, students should send an e-mail to <subscribe.senate-report@asui.uidaho.edu>. They will receive a confirmation request, and the first report should be sent out next week.

"I'm hoping that especially off-campus people will sign on," DeCelle said.

He explained that senators are required to brief their living groups on matters of importance every one or two weeks.

"The people who live on campus, they don't have to go anywhere to get it," DeCelle said of the information.

But for himself and Senator Angela Bowen, who are assigned off-campus students, reaching people is more difficult. Those who subscribe to the list will receive reports written by Senate Pro Tem Rebecca Coyle every one or two weeks.

"The reason why I started the list was to get that huge population that wasn't getting that information, which

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Their on-site experience will be dedicated to testing the experiment. "We've been working on it pretty much non-stop. Once we get down there it will just be fine tuning and troubleshooting," he said.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$5,500, including travel expenses. The team has received monetary support and equipment donations from various departments and organizations. "We've gotten funding from all over the university," Willford said.

They started working on the project the week before school started and have put in hundreds of hours since then. They began by working on a proposal to submit to the Reduced Gravity program. The last semester has primarily been dedicated to designing and building the equipment for the experiment.

'So far we've been kind of playing with our idea and playing with the experiment, seeing how we can get the equipment we need to make the experiment work," Willford said.

All of the work done during first semester was on their own. This semester they will receive three credits for a senior research project.

Willford said that all the work will be worth it when the experiment is completed. He said that he has gained valuable research and design skills that will assist him with a future career.

"Even if we stopped right now, I think it would have been [worth it]," he said.

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Appellate court upholds sentence in Moscow murders

MOSCOW — A former University of Idaho student's slayings of a married couple were "hideous and gruesome beyond belief," the state Court of Appeals said in denying Wenkai Li's appeal for a sentence reduction.

Li pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder and was sentenced in 1996 to life in prison with no possibility of parole for at least 65 years for the stabbing deaths of a fellow Chinese graduate student and his wife.

Li, who was not related, was sentenced to a minimum 25 years for killing Ning Li, who was stabbed 10 times, and to a minimum 40 years for stabbing his wife, Xia Ge 28 times. The sentences were to be served consecutively and the second cannot begin until Li is paroled from the first.

He appealed, asserting the terms are excessive.

Wenkai Li alleged that Ning Li made disparaging remarks about his girlfriend and slapped him. He pulled out a knife and killed the couple. Li took their credit cards, put the bodies in sleeping bags and drove their car to near Rawlins, Wyo., where he dropped them off.

Wenkai Li was arrested shortly after that.

"The offenses committed by Wenkai Li were hideous and gruesome beyond belief," the appellate court wrote.

"The sentencing court had every right to emphasize the brutality and grizzliness of the crimes, together with Li's planning and profit motives, credibility gap and apparent lack of deep remorse, in fashioning these sentences.'

University gains documents about historic mining company

MOSCOW — Lengthy records detailing the history of one of the state's largest mining companies have been donated to the University of Idaho.

The documents about the Bunker Hill Co., and successor Pintlar Corp., are now in the school library's specialcollection department.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state Division of Environmental Quality acquired the records as part of the ongoing effort to clean up the Kellogg Superfund site, polluted by decades of mining and processing silver and lead ore.

"This is a major collection for the university and the state," said Terry Abraham, specialcollections librarian. "The company's records will not only provide an historical record of the mine and smelter for historians and students, but will also provide important documents for future remediation."

The records cover Bunker Hill's history from 1916 to its closure in 1981. Other documents take in cleanup efforts that continue into the 1990s. They all must be processed before they are made available to researchers.

Abraham estimates it will cost the university \$250,000 and will take several years to complete the project once funds are available.

"It's very difficult to get grant money for this kind of activity," he said. "We'll need to rely on private donations to accomplish this."

The school already has an extensive collection of Panhandle mining records, such as the Day Mines Collection.



Interim study committee may be needed to study school repairs

BOISE - Lawmakers and school officials say an interim study committee may be the only way the Legislature will address Idaho's school facilities problems for now.

people working on it this year but it was a circus. They were all doing their own thing and we didn't really work together," Senate Education Chairman Garv Schroeder said Friday.

It has not been finalized, but the Moscow Republican has talked with House Education Chairman Fred Tilman of Boise and agreed a committee is needed to address several education issues raised this session.

several bills addressing the state's crumbling schools. Many, like a proposal to reduce the two-thirds school bond supermajority requirement to 60 percent in exchange for consolidation of bond election dates, failed to make it out of committee. A few more are still alive but neither educators nor politicians believe anything substantial will happen this year.

knew it was probably going to be a multi-year effort," Genesce Superintendent David Neumann said.

including all in Latah County, have sued the state, claiming education and in particular facilities school are underfunded. The case was dismissed and while the schools arc appealing that ruling, Neumann said he thought it helped take the pressure off lawmakers to address the issue.



Are you interested in the position of editorin-chief of the Argonaut for the 1998-99 school year? If so, you can pick up an application at the ASUI office on the first floor of the SUB.

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About 30 school districts,



Today

• KUID-TV and the UI Women's Center present a video premiere, Visions on the Palouse, today at 7 p.m. It will be held in the Brink Faculty Lounge and is open to the public. For more information. call 885-6616.

• The UI chapter of Alpha Zeta honor society is holding a book drive through Friday. All books will be used to improve Idaho public school libraries. Book drops are located at BookPeople, Waldenbooks, Education Connection, and the Moscow Public Library. On-campus book drops are at the Bookstore, the president's office, dean's office of the College of Agriculture and the foyer of the College of Forestry. Cash donations can be mailed to Alpha Zeta, 1018 N. Polk exl. #19, Moscow, ID, 83843.

Tomorrow

· Moscow School of Massage will hold a free introductory class and information fair from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call 882-7867.

• The UI Women's Center is hosting a brown-bag lunch program, Just a Little Skin Cancer, at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 885-6616.

• The Inland Empire Tree Improvement Cooperative will celebrate its 25th annual meeting at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Conference Center with a day-long program, "Planting the Future." The cost is \$55 per person, \$30 for full-time students. To register, contact Tiffany Pancheri at 885-7016, fax 885-6226, e-mail <tiffanyp@uidaho.edu>.

• Career Services will sponsor a workshop, "Preparing for the Interview," at 2:30 p.m. in G-11 of Brink Hall. For more information contact Career Services at 885-6121. Pre-registration is recommended.

Thursday

 The UI stunts and tumbling class will hold its 17th annual Gymnastics Extravaganza on March 12 at 1 p.m. in PEB 200.

Coming Events

• The William Edgar Borah Foundation will hold a program for UI and other regional students April 15-19. The theme is "Conflict and the Environment." Students can attend

the program free by calling 1-888. 884-3246 or visiting their website: <www.martin.uidaho.edu>,

• The UI campus street cleanup will occur during the week of Spring Break, March 16-20. UI Facilities management is requesting that all vehicles be removed from 7th, Elm. Idaho, Blake, Sweet, Nez Perce, University, and Paradise Creek Streets. Parking will be available in the Kibbie Dome west gravel lot.

Opportunities

• Applications for scholarships for the '98-'99 school year are available for single parents and children of single parents at the Women's Center. The deadline for filing applications is Friday.

• Women fast pitch softball players are need to help start a club team at UI. For more information please e-mail Dawn Hopp at hopp1048@uidaho.edu or call 885-8720.

• Need help with your taxes? The UI School of Law is sponsoring Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for lower income taxpayers, senior citizens on fixed incomes and persons with disabilities. VITA volunteers will help taxpayers fill out basic tax forms every Saturday now until April 11 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the basement of the Law Building at the deli. For more information, call April Atwood at 885-6548.

 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 worship schedule is available at their office in Brink Hall. For more information, call 885-6121.

• Summer and fall schedule information is available for viewing on the Web Registration Page at <www.uidaho.edu/registration>.

• Calendar information may be found on the Registrar's Home Page at "Registration/Academic Calendar" at <www.uidaho.edu/registrar>.

 Summer session registration begins March 16. Academic advising for fall semester begins April 6 and registration begins April 18.

Tell mom most of what you're up to.



Marketing internship not without troubles

Candice Long staff

Seven University of Idaho marketing students are "cutting the pathway for the future," and this means there are bound to be some bumps in the road.

Jeff London, Shelby Mortenson, Lisa King, Sarah Harshman, Dan Gerichs, Laura Mattoon and Amanda Nystrom are the first UI students to participate in a year-long nationwide called the General Motors Marketing Internship program. It is designed to provide students the opportunity and experience of running a marketing agency, complete with departments including research, advertising, promotions and event planning.

Originally, the group researched awareness and perceptions for the Buick, Pontiac and GMC lines that Northwest Motors carries, but due to a recent buyout to General Motors, the students were left without a client. Although it was only a temporary setback, they have already begun to research for their new client, All-Star Chevrolet of Moscow, and they are now in the planning stages of their promotional event scheduled to take place in

April. "It has been really frustrating," said Nystrom, the public relations chair for GMMI. "Things don't always work out the way you think they will and we've had a chance to react to both positive and negative experiences. We are under a lot of pressure to get everything done before April and we're hoping it will be successful."

"It's been a really educational experience and we're learning and applying what we learn at the same time," Nystrom said. The professional marketing agency,

Aftershox Marketing, is run with the assistance from faculty advisor Dr. Mike McCollough from the College of Business and Economics. The project objectives include learning to work in a real business setting and to establish awareness of GM vehicles and evoke positive attitudes towards them.

Since the founding of their agency, the students have conducted over 400 surveys and three focus groups on campus — their target market being UI students. With a budget of \$2,500 and community and co-sponsorship, the students hope their educational three-credit class and market research will pay off, Nystrom said. They hope their promotional event, "All-Star Road Rules," will be up and ready by UI Mom's Weekend.

Heads up...



Ivan Wright models head and nails decorated for the Mardi Gras celebration on Main Street Saturday afternoon.

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was off-campus students," DeCelle said. Over two-thirds of University of Idaho students live off-campus, but have been traditionally been on the back burner in matters of student government.

DeCelle pointed out in last week's Senate meeting 15 of 16 appointments approved were on-campus students. "But the beautiful thing about this list is that we're fully encouraging anyone to subscribe," DeCelle said.

He hopes that the list will generate student input as well as keep students up to date.

Student interest has usually been low when it comes to ASUI. Last fall e-mailed ballots for the election were by and large ignored.

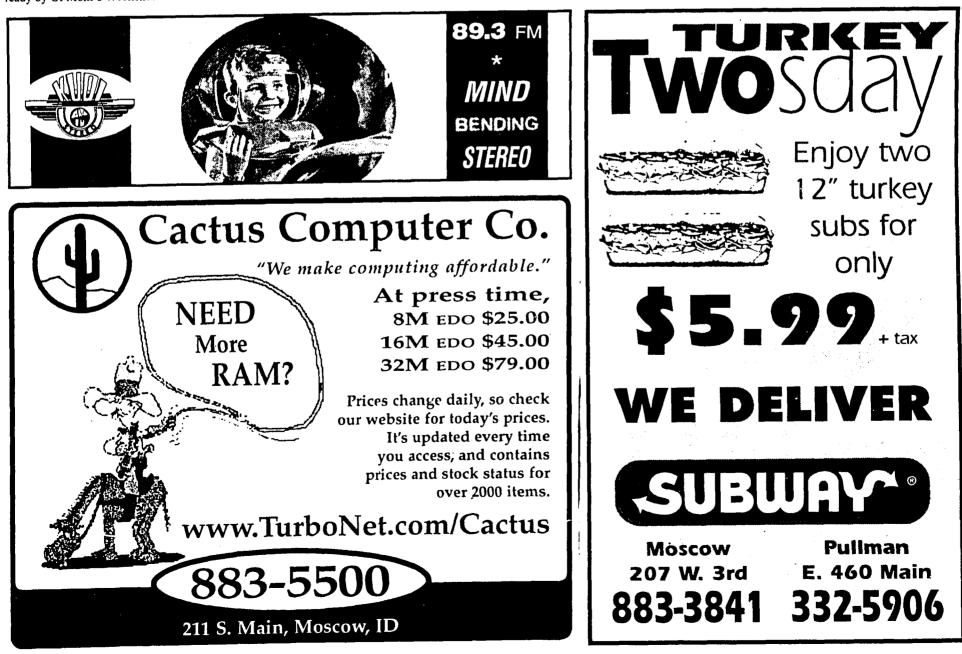
When asked how many students will likely subscribe to the new list, DeCelle replied, "I have no idea. This is really kind of the first time anyone's ever tried something like this."

His outlook is optimistic, however.

"Hopefully it will gain some word of mouth and people will tell their friends about and how to do it," he said.

After sending the first message to the list, students will receive a confirmation request. If they respond to that, they are on the list and will remain on unless they write to <unsubscribe.senate-report@ASUI.uidaho.edu>.

Mitch Parks, who handled the technical aspects of the list, said it was "likely" subscribers will also be able to reply to the Senate.



March marks National Women's History Month

Departments plan activities remembering women's accomplishments

Yvonne Wingett staff

The beginning of March marks the start of the annual National Women's History Month celebration in the United States. It is the month in which we bear witness to the women of every race, class and ethnic background who have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways.

As recently as the 1970s, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in school curriculum or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma-County (Calif.) Commission on the Status of Women introduced a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978.

The organization originally chose the week of March 8 to make International Women's Day the focal point of the observance. The activities that were held were met with an overwhelming enthusiastic response, and within a few years, dozens of schools planned special programs for "Women's History Week."

Word spread quickly across the nation, and state departments of education encouraged celebrations of National Women's History Week as an effective way to achieve equity goals within the classroom.

In 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to expand the national observance to the entire month of March. Since then, each year, programs and activities in schools, institutions, workplaces that define life on the Palouse. and communities have become more extensive as information and program ideas have been developed and shared.

The University of Idaho will celebrate National Women's History Month in a variety of ways. Today at 7 p.m. in the

Many of us don't know that parks or buildings we walk through are the result of women's work. -Susan Palmer, Women's Resource Specialist at the **UI Women's Center**

Brink Faculty Lounge there will be a 30minute premiere video in partnership with KUID titled, Visions on the Palouse, by Jane Jackson.

Jackson is a video producer/director for KUID and a lecturer in the UI School of Communication, Visions on the Palouse features several local female artists, and it depicts the special qualities

On March 25, at 7 p.m. in the UI Administration Auditorium, there will be another 30-minute premiere video in partnership with KUID titled Idaho Women and the Land, by Lauren Fins.

Fins is from the UI Forest Resources Department. In this video, she presents her combination of lectures, interpretive readings, dramatization, and videotaped interviews to audiences throughout the region. It explores women's perceptions. feelings, and connection to the land within the framework of historical data on resource use.

Susan Palmer, a Women's Resource

Specialist at the UI Women's Center says she thinks celebrating Women's History Month is important because there continues to be a number of women's achievements that are ignored.

Palmer says, "It has allowed us to heighten our awareness and attention for all diverse groups. When we have a month that focuses on that, it lets us remember the contributions they have made...many of us don't know that parks or buildings we walk through are the result of women's work."

For more information regarding events and activities associated with Women's History Month, call the WSU Women's Resource Center at 335-6849.

Computer update: cause of computer problems found

Computer Services has discovered the cause of the recent lab crashes and burns. The anti-virus program McAfee was constantly scanning servers Hickory and Hawthorn from machines in the Art and Architecture Macintosh lab,

The problem was finally identified over the weekend after over two weeks of searching. On Feb. 19, the twin student servers Hickory and Hawthorn began running at 100 percent capacity because McAfee was constantly checking them for viruses. They are now running in the single digits.

Computer Services will install a newer version of McAfee over spring break and test it.

They will also review the manner in which the problem was dealt with and try to see what they could have done differently to improve the response time.



ASUI Senator wants advising system changed

Adam E-H Wilson staff

In their time at the University of Idaho, more than one student has become frustrated with the advising system.

Much more than one, says ASUI Senator Steven Adams.

Adams is looking to have the current system "restructured," or even disposed of altogether.

'The opportunity and the window for change is now," he said, "The idea is to take a wounded horse and remove it."

"They need to change it because none of the professors know what they're talking about," said Shona Lawsome, who will graduate in May.

Adams said he talked to 80 students, and 19 of them said they had to attend UI longer than they planned because of bad advising.

"Sometimes it's a lot of pressure on the faculty member to do advising, as well as publish," said ASUI President Annie Averitt.

She said that the professors are asked to do a lot, but agreed the system needs to be "beefed up."

"I usually deal with the secretary more than my advisor," said Susy Buhler, a Wildlife Resources major.

Adams thinks that the system should focus more on an "interpersonal relationship" between student and advisor. He said that he was very happy with his advisor, and wished more students could experience that.

He points to the College of Agriculture as a model of good advising. There, he says, students are given support and advice, in addition to having their registration blocks removed.

Adams also proposes a "mentor system" that would match incoming freshmen with sophomores and juniors to provide guidance.

Lawsome said that she suggested a centralized advising department in her senior review of the university.

Whatever the solution may be, most agree that the current system is not effective for enough students.

"A lot of students will go through their junior and sophomore years; and not know who their advisors are," said Averitt.

Adams is collecting student ideas and comments, and encourages students to talk to the Senate or their department. He hopes to acquire enough requests to fix the system to push the administration into reevaluating it, possibly over the summer.

"It wouldn't be a good effort if the students are not in support of it," he said. But he strongly believes a large percentage are unsatisfied.

Many students, like Averitt and Lawsome, are pleased with their current advisor, after having switched from less satisfactory counselors.

Adams said that some students are "literally put down" by their advisors and discouraged from pursuing their chosen maiors.

Adams would like to receive feedback from students on their experiences with the advising system, both negative and positive, and suggestions or ideas for helping to remedy the current sytem. He can be reached via e-mail at <sadams@sub.uidaho.edu> <adam9434@uidaho.edu>.

Judge denies motion to suppress evidence

Associated Press

MOSCOW - Second District Judge John Stegner has denied Latah County Public Defender Steve Mahaffy's motion to suppress evidence in the first-degree murder trial of David Pettit.

If convicted, Pettit faces life in prison.

The former University of Idaho student's constitutional rights were not violated when he was interviewed by police about how Rebekkah, his 15-weekold daughter, was hurt and why she seemed unresponsive after being left in his care, Stegner ruled Friday.

The infant died in October after allegedly being shaken violently by Pettit.

In his motion, Mahaffy said Pettit was not advised of his Miranda rights before being questioned by Pullman Police while Rebekkah was being treated at Pullman Memorial Hospital in Washington on Oct. 2, nor was he advised of his rights before being questioned by Moscow Police Detective Sgt. Bruce Fager.

Moscow Police conducted the second interview because the alleged abuse took place in the Pettit's Moscow home.

Mahaffy argued that Pettit told police he would rather go to Spokane to be with his wife, Dawn Pettit, and Rebekkah, who was flown there for additional care. The infant died Oct. 5 at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane. According to autopsy results, Rebekkah's injuries were consistent with shaken baby syndrome.

Pettit did not testify at Friday's hearing. His affidavit stated that he told Pullman officers he did not want to go to the Moscow Police Department to be interviewed and that he did not think he was free to leave.

Pullman Sgt. Sam Sorem testified that he spoke briefly to Pettit at the hospital before asking if he would like to go to the Moscow Police Department. He said Pettit was willing to go.

"I offered to give Mr. Pettit a ride to Moscow so we could go to the police department and clear things up," Sorem said.

Pettit was never handcuffed or arrested before being driven to Moscow by Detective David Peringer and Sorem. He did not ask to be released or to have an attorney present. Sorem said.

Fager also testified that he told Pettit he was not under arrest. Fager did read Pettit his Miranda rights before arresting him for injury to child after a two-hour interview.

Latah County Deputy Prosecutor Robin Eckmann reinforced Fager's testimony when she played a videotape that showed the first few minutes of that interview. On the tape Fager told Pettit he was not under arrest by "any stretch of the imagination.'

Pettit's trial is scheduled for May.



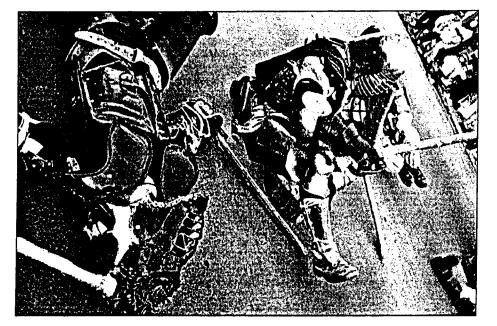


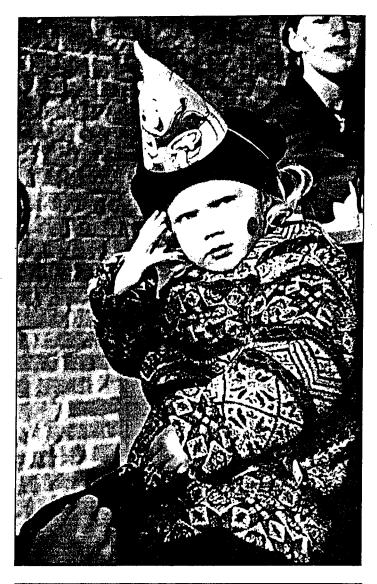


Moscow Main Street takes on carnival atmosphere



Mingle's bartenders, left, Mike Nugen and Brad Newby frantically make drinks for a shoulder-toshoulder crowd. An armory group, below, jousted during the parade. Those who were struck fell to the ground and faked death





Before the parade, 3-year-old Kendyl Landeck had her face painted.

Photos by Laura LaFrance

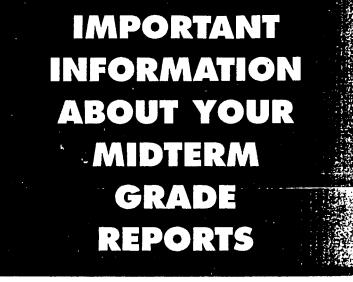


Midterm grades for Spring 1998 will be available on the Web registration system.

The address for the Web registration system is

http://www.uidaho.edu/registration

After logaing in, choose the Student Information/Registration



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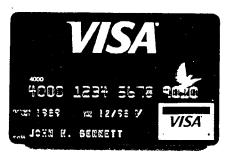
Midterm grades will be scanned and available for viewing as soon as they are received in the Registrar's Office. Midterm grade reports are due from the faculty by 1:30 PM on Monday, March 16. If you do not find a midterm grade for a specific course by the end of the week, contact your instructor. in your courses. If you see any surprises or reasons for concern, you will have time to contact your instructor and your academic adviser for assistance and information.

- Viewing your midterm grades will allow you to make sure that your registration record is accurate. If you are not enrolled in a course that you are attending, you need to take action to add it. If a course that you are not attending is on your record, you need to take action to drop it.

- Checking the section numbers to be sure you are attending the correct one will alert you to any changes that you need to make. All of the courses on your schedule may be correct, but you need to be sure you are attending the section number for which you are registered.

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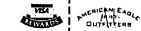


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Opinion

Student insurance plans seem to lack something: coverage



Wes Rimel Opinion Editor

Student Health Insurance through the University of Idaho that I decided it needed to be looked into. To my surprise, everyone at the UI is covered by some type of insurance, even if they have none of their own. It's certainly not the best plan in the world, and is dubbed "Plan A." In fact, to quote the brochure, "The Student Accident Insurance covers Injuries only." Even if injured, the policy covers only 80 percent of the bills for "Medically Necessary medical or surgical treatment."

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Part-time and summer school students are covered only when on UI property or traveling as authorized by our university. If death occurs, with "double dismemberment," the plan will pay a robust \$1,000. If sight is lost in both eyes the plan will pay \$1,000. If one eye goes blind and you also suffer a "single dismemberment," you'd receive \$1,000. Loss of sight in one eye or single dismemberment would pay \$500. Finally, severing the thumb and index finger off of one hand would deliver \$250. It becomes quite apparent after hardly any consideration at all that the "Plan A" coverage deserves an F.

The other plan available through the Ul, at additional expense to students, is the "Plan B" coverage. This health coverage is the one that shows up on the bill for school, along with tuition and class fees. Many students on campus, who are not insured by their parents or from work, opt to pay for the plan. For the fall semester, the plan costs \$154. Spring semester and summer coverage costs \$228.

Paying for this insurance can cover students up to \$60,000 in combination with the other plan. What is not covered for \$380 per year is any dental treatment, eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other costs involved with your sight, preventive medicines, vaccines, routine physical exams (except mammograms), birth control pills, surgery to correct deformity in newborns, routine newborn and baby care, pre-existing conditions, mental or nervous disorders or expenses for treatment of drug

addiction, and drastic limits on physical therapy.

The most outrageous thing "Plan B" does not cover is preexisting conditions. If you had some condition that made you go to the doctor once a month for the past year, the insurance would not cover future visits. That could be something as simple as physical therapy for nagging tendinitis in a knee. And physical therapy sessions are limited to \$15 per treatment, and \$150 maximum.

Let's see, this is accident insurance, yet it has hardly any coverage on physical therapy? Everyone who is in a major accident needs good physical therapy coverage — it is very expensive and very necessary. In addition, "Plan B" still only covers 80

In addition, "Plan B" still only covers 80 percent of the charges, with a deductible of \$150 per school year.

Assume somebody had an automobile accident. They were injured enough that they had moderate expenses and needed physical therapy. For an accident where the hospital



bills were \$5,000 and the maximum of 10 sessions of physical therapy were needed to be nursed back to health, this person would be covered by "Plan B." Assuming the physical therapy would be \$50 per session, this poor student would still have \$1,500 in medical bills.

Even filing the claim is a pain. The insurance isn't just billed, which normally happens. Students must file a "claim form" and figure everything out themselves.

Hopefully our hypothetical friend wouldn't be in the hospital long, because the insurance needs to be notified within 30 days after the date of the accident. In addition, bills that the benefits pay must be submitted within 90 days of the date of treatment. For even more money (\$462 per year) students can opt for a \$100,000 plan. Unfortunately, the coverage isn't expanded, it just covers more severe injuries.

In my mind this insurance is pathetic. For not much more money, people get full coverage through their employers or via other sources. Of course, that's to be expected; the policy is underwritten by the Continental Assurance Company. The key word is "Assurance," not "Insurance."

Stay tuned for the next column when the student insurance coverage and costs are compared to a more adequate policy.

Editor's note: This is Part One of a twopart series analyzing student health insurance.

Hypocritical legislators want no public transportation spending

Associated Press

t's time to draw a line in the sand against the wasteful federal government. So say state Reps. Joan Wood, R-Rigby, and Lenore Hardy Barrett, R-Challis, who Tuesday voted against expanded funding for public transportation.

It's a good thing they don't take that attitude with highway funding or more of us would be driving on crumbling roads.

Wood and Barrett were part of that narrow

dollars, though.

You never hear any legislator complaining that the federal government gives Idaho too much money for its highways.

If anything, legislators tend to complain that the federal government is too stingy with its highway funds.

And they aren't shy about raising state gas taxes if that's what it takes to secure more federal highway funds for Idaho. Idaho devotes about \$11 million of its state fuel tax revenue just as matching dollars for federal There are 19 such edicts now in effect. Another, ordering states to enforce a stricter drunken driving standard, is on the way. Some make sense. If the federal

government is going to spend money on Idaho roads and highways, it can expect the state to follow federal construction standards, for instance.

Idaho is one of a hand-

control junkyards, lift the driving licenses of drug offenders and engage in metropolitan planning.

About the only time Idaho lawmakers showed much backbone was when the federal government started talking about requiring motorcycle riders to wear helmets. So what's the difference?

With Wood, it's the bottom line. Her family operated a trucking company, so it recognized the value of taxpayer-supported public highways.

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band of conservatives who dominate the House. That group killed a plan to generate about \$1 million in state funds for public transit through a \$2.50 surcharge on vehicle titles. The state dollars would have attracted as much as \$12 million in matching federal public transportation funds, three times what Idaho now receives.

Wood and Barrett have a point. After all, federal dollars usually come with strings attached forcing the state to do something it otherwise wouldn't. It means tying up a source of local money to serve as matching funds. And too few people use this mode of transportation anyway, said Wood and Barrett, who repeated stories of buses traveling down the roads and highways more than half empty.

Idaho is one of a handful of states that spends not one dime of its own money on public transportation. Individual systems like the Community and Rural Transportation (CART) rely on federal and local dollars to get by.

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Funny how legislative resolve against federalism melts when it comes to really big

highway administration funds.

It's estimated that \$132 million - 42 percent of the state highway budget - will come from the federal government next year.

But it's a good deal. For every dollar Idahoans pay at the gas pump in federal highway taxes, the state gets \$1.75 back in federal highway funds.

So what if it provides Idaho with more highways than it truly needs or could afford to build on its own. Truth be told, this state has a lot of four-lane highways that are mostly void of any traffic. Taken a trip to Montana on Interstate 15 lately?

And these legislators are so eager to get this money that they will bow down and comply with virtually any federal edict to get it.

Remember the 55 mile an hour speed limit?

Legislators will tell you they had no choice but to follow that federal mandate until it expired a couple years back. Fact is they could have resisted the 55 mph speed limit if they had been willing to sacrifice some of the federal highway money to do it. ful of states that spends not one dime of its own money on public transportation. Individual systems like the Community and Rural Transportation (CART) rely on federal and local dollars to get by.

But other federal mandates are a pure quid pro quo.

For instance, when Ronald Reagan wanted to raise Idaho's legal drinking age to 21 in the mid 1980s, he simply tied that standard to federal highway funding. Legislators soon followed Reagan's lead.

To keep the cash coming, lawmakers also have agreed to limit outdoor advertising, But the rest of the Legislature simply was ignoring the neediest people in this state who typically rely on public transportation and seldom vote.

Idaho wants good highways and is willing to put up with some federal meddling in its affairs to have them.

The nation as a whole benefits from having good roads in rural states like Idaho, even if those sparsely populated areas can't afford to build and maintain those highways and really don't use them that much.

In a nutshell, that's the same idea behind the expanded public transportation system. It is true that most people who would have paid the title surcharge probably would not have seen the inside of a CART van or any other bus in Idaho.

And yes, many of these buses run partially empty.

But for people who need it — the elderly, disabled, children and non-driving adults public transportation often allows them to remain independent.

That's as important to everyone in this state as having a sound highway system.

Celebrate those not driven by money

Student awards let unselfish folks shine



Lance R. Curtis columnist

It's amazing how our society has changed in just the past 20 or 30 years. Back then, students did extracurricular activities simply because they wanted to do them. Yet somehow that attitude has changed. Now students do something outside of class with the attitude of, "What's in it for me?"

Twenty or 30 years ago, students did things for the sheer love of doing them. How many of us today would think of doing something outside of class without being concerned with monetary reimbursement?

Last semester I received an e-mail message which exemplified the modern focus on money. I deleted it soon after receiving it, but I'm sure that many of you received it. It went something like this:

"Hi! My name is Bill Gates, and I need your help. I'm working on a special e-mail tracing program, and I need as many people as I can get to send this e-mail to everyone they know. If your address appears in my trace, I'll send you a check for \$1000!" I admit I was skeptical when I read that. Bill Gates is the head guy for perhaps the best-known software company in the world. He's too high up the ladder to be writing code. Someone like Bill Gates gets some other guy to do it for him.

Then I scrolled through the list of forwarded addresses. It had taken me several minutes just to reach the real message at the end. I thought to myself, Good grief! Look at all these people who just sent this off without even thinking about what they were doing!

There were probably a handful who actually didn't believe the message but still forwarded it because a chance of getting big money was offered. I just deleted the message. My skepticism was too great to believe the message.

What has caused our society to become so focused on money?

Perhaps the increased cost of living has something to do with it. I know that looking through different internship offers, I have many which interested me, yet they offered no monetary reimbursement. I was then disinterested in those opportunities simply because Business and Accounting Services will not accept experience as payment for tuition and fees.

Inflation has done quite a bit to raise the price of everything. For example, you can't do today with \$500 what you could even 20

years ago. Many people today concern themselves so much with money that they lose sight of the simple joys in life like smiling and being with family and friends.

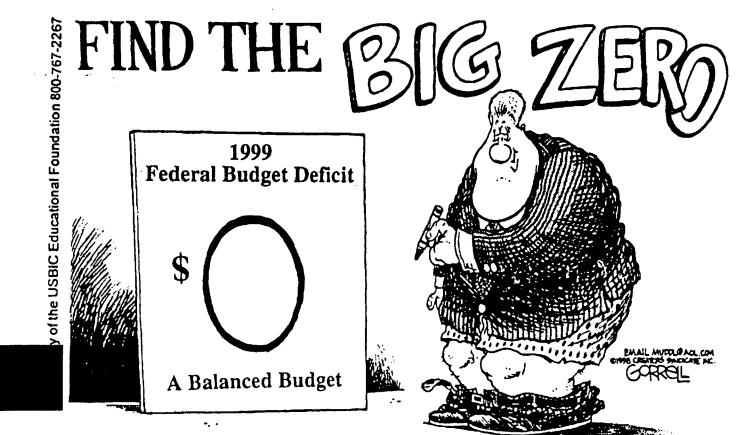
Twenty or 30 years ago, students did things for the sheer love of doing them.

Yet despite the large focus on money in our society, we are still surrounded by a few individuals who give of themselves without thought of payment. Do you know of anyone like that? If so, then allow the student body to celebrate their achievements and selflessness together. Nominate that individual for one of the Student Achievement Awards in Leadership and Service. The university gives different awards to different types of individuals during a special ceremony each year which celebrates the service and commitment that individual students and faculty members have made during the year. I plan to nominate one of my instructors who has really been patient with me and gone the extra mile to insure that I understand that material he teaches.

That sort of behavior, which teachers do not owe students, should be congratulated by students when they do receive it.

President Theodore Roosevelt once said. "The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly; who know the great devotions, and spend themselves in a worthy cause; who at the best, know the triumph of achievement, and who, at the worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Take a stand by nominating someone you know (even yourself if you're not too modest) for one of the Student Achievement Awards. Nomination applications, contained inside special blue booklets which explain the various types of awards, may be obtained at the Information Desk in the SUB. The deadline was March 6 but has been extended another week to March 13. Join with the university in congratulating those selfless individuals among us who improve our community by their contributions.



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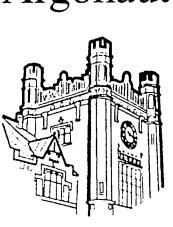
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Mardi Gras 1998



Moscow mimics Mardi Gras tradition

by Amy Sanderson

N ear 4 p.m. Saturday, an eclectic group of festive folks gathered on Main St. The annual parade drew a crowd eager to catch a glimpse of a Mardi Gras tradition. Parade nuts aggressively staked out corners and slices of sidewalk and marked their territory while others daunted silly hats and garish outfits. Parents with baby carriages full of kids stood watching and politely clapping at the strange sights marching by.

There was the Scottish bagpiping group, an alien in a spaceship, several floats, and the Society of Creative Anachronism giving joust performances with tinfoilwrapped swords. As all stood huddling in the cold and gaping at the freakshow marching by, a questioning look spread across the crowd. Why are we here?

In the tradition of this famed event taking over the French Quarter of "The Big Easy" each year, our quiet Moscow community tries on a little debauchery for one day. Parades are a huge part of the New Orleans festivities that finished up last week. More than 70 processions occur during the parade season in New Orleans and visitors can catch an often extravagant and richly costumed procession almost daily. Frat boys and drunks duke it out for golden Zulu coconuts, silk panties, or the highly sought after plastic pearl necklaces thrown from the highly decorated floats.

Each New Orleans parade is sponsored by a private club called a "krewe." Filling up to 40 floats and bringing up to 25 marching bands, krewes roll into the streets. Each parade has a theme, usually taken from Greek mythology or Hollywood. This year's visitors watched comic Drew Carey reign as Bacchus the XXX for the huge annual Bacchus procession.

A true Mardi Gras parade is anything but Shriners and little waving American flags. Smokey the Bear is replaced by drag queens and parade-goers often take off more than their Mardi Gras masks.

Fortunately, there were no duels over coveted Mardi Gras beads at Moscow's parade and no bare chests exposed from behind women's parkas. All in all, it was a tame event. Just a few kids battled it out in the streets for a few missed pieces of candy and some folks swaggered from an early start on the bar bash that evening. Before parade-goers knew what had hit them, the street sweeper was cleaning up parade remains, a few candy wrappers, and remnants of miniature ponies. While a mass exodus to the parking lot formed to escape the cold and the loudspeakers blaring something reminiscent of "Louie Louie," a satisfaction hit the crowd. Another Moscow Mardi Gras parade had passed and another excuse for drunkenness, innocent exhibitionism, and just plain wackiness was here.



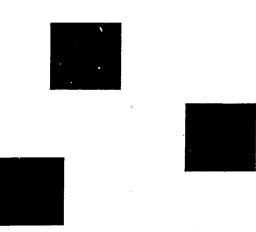


Fat Tuesday for the kiddies

by Mike Last

In people packed the Micro Moviehouse on Saturday afternoon. People so small and so cute, they could only have been children. The children's part of Mardi Gras began at the Micro, with storytelling by Palouse Story Circle. The energetic performance of the storytellers Steven said, "I'm really surprised that he called on me."

All of the volunteers did a great job and appeared to have fun. It does need to be mentioned, however, that Lane wasn't exactly on the ball. She was supposed to magically transfer her red puffy ball to Magic Jeff's hand. Instead, she magically moved his ball to her hand. Oh well; good effort, Lane. After the magic show, the kids grabbed their parents and dragged them toward the parade route just before starting time. On the way, many stopped at the booths in Friendship Square.



captivated the children as well as their parents.

One favorite was the story by David Holtz, "The Way the Freedom Bird Goes." The story's golden birds kept eluding a hunter, but never gave up and were never finished. Not only was the Holtz story fun, it taught the important message that freedom cannot be killed.

Another lesson taught was that the hand is quicker than the eye. Magic Jeff (alias Jeff Helding from Pullman) took the stage next. He amused the audience with what he said were some of his "old tricks, and some new ones." His magic consisted of cards, scarves, balloon tricks, and even destroying a paper sign and putting it back together.

Stories and jokes accompanied his magic, as did several volunteers from the crowd. The Lovely Sara assisted him with a scarf trick, and Magical Lane made one red puffy ball multiply into 10 (much to her surprise). These two were thanked by being awarded with balloon poodles.

Another volunteer, Steven, assisted Magic Jeff with a card trick. He thought he would get a poodle too, but instead the magician turned him into rabbit (with balloons of course). "It was pretty funny," Shan Dudley and Annic English set up a booth dedicated to maskmaking.

"It's just a little thing we put together," Dudley said, "in spirit of Mardi Gras." The masks were in the Mardi Gras traditional waving design, with all sorts of colors and sparkles. They were designed by someone who Dudley said was an "artistic friend."

Workers at a face painting booth painted butterflies, dolphins, cats, and shooting stars on cheeks of children. Right next to the busy mask booth, a volunteer painter grabbed her paint, saying, "We'll paint anything they want." High school volunteers worked both booths.

This served as a great prelude to the nightlife of Mardi Gras. It gave those people who were too young for bar-hopping a chance to participate in the festivities. All of these activities were free.

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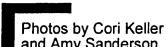
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Mardi Gras Bar Scene

by Heather Frye

ayer upon layer of cheap, colorful beads adorned the necks of penguin-clad Muscovites Saturday night. Dressed in everything from snappy tuxes to wedding dresses paired with combat boots, the Palouse populus celebrated its own version of Mardi Gras with food, frolic, and multitudes of music.

John's Alley hosted premier Northwest jam band Apricot Jam. The band arrived a little late but set up quickly, to the delight of the droves that already packed the small, brown bar from end to end. Their mellow brand of acoustic grooves kept the audience swaying despite the lack of elbow room.

Getting into the Moscow Social Club was a task in itself. A cold and anxious group glutted the front entry, hopping from foot to foot to keep warm and lamenting the fact that the hotdog man was out of propane. A brief riff on the bagpipes caused a wave of anxious murmurs through the line. The Clumsy Lovers were striking their first chords and nary a Muscovite wanted to miss a moment of the band's set. Hailing from Vancouver, British Columbia, the group has won the favor of thousands in the Northwest with their celectic mix of

Celtic/rock/bloody-good-fun/ctc. music. Needless to say, they drew a sizable crowd to the ballroom. They belted out their usual tunes with an unusual fervor that evening. If the crowd danced hard, they played harder. The odor of hot bodies, smoke, and stale beer permeated the air as the throng jumped and jigged, a two-toned heartbeat thumping harder and faster until...

"We're not letting anyone else up there — the ceiling is starting to cave in from all the people. You'll have to wait downstairs," said a pink-shirted security guard. Good suggestion: stand underneath it.

In the smoke machine and disco ball haze, the downstairs crowd at CJ's grooved to Liftkit's renditions of well-worn dance hits. Liftkit played impressively well, especially considering the fact that they have only been a cover band for a very short time. The crowd was decent while the band was on, however, tempers flared when everyone made a push for the bar during the set break. Structural perils and nasty temperaments aside, a good time was had by all at the MSC.

The Capricorn sported a rather large cluster of intoxicated patrons outside its door as well. Cap house band Stranger Neighbor treated its listeners to some of their originals (yes, they really do have their own songs!) before launching into their standard repertoire. They too seemed to be in high spirits that evening. Their strong horn solos and hearty vocals kept the Cap's masses on the dance floor.

The Kingpins drew in a slightly smaller crowd at Mingles with yet more cover tunes, this time of the blues variety. Though it lacked the excitement of the other venues, the ample breathing/dancing room was a pleasant break. Another agreeable addition to the eve was a jazz quartet in the main bar at The Garden. It was a nice change from the usual jukebox scene and a great breather from the audio onslaught in the other venues. The cold kept many more folks inside this year as opposed to last. This kept the fights down, but served to make the bars all the more hot and crowded. All in all though, it was, at least musically, one of the best Mardi Gras in years.

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Fantastic fiddlers to play SUB

by Mark Deming

Dust off that kilt: three Celtic stars are coming to the University of Idaho campus this week. Sorry sports fans, if you're hoping to get Larry Bird to sign your gym shorts, you're out of luck; these Celtics will be of average height at best and wielding bows rather than balls. The Celtic Fiddle Festival will take the SUB Ballroom stage at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday to perform its unique brand of traditional instrumental folk music.

The group is comprised of three world-renowned fiddlers and an award winning guitarist who have taken leave from their own respective successes to form one of the most talent saturated folk groups

in history. Kevin Burke of Ireland is thought by many to be the best Irish fiddler in the world. Formerly of the Bothy Band, he now plays with Patrick Street and Open House. Scottish fiddler Johnny Cunningham is well known for his work with Silly Wizard, Relativity, and his current group Night Noise. Rounding out the trio of fiddlers is Christian Lemaitre of Brittany, a Celtic region in northwestern France, who gains his reputation from his work with Breton groups Pennou Skoulum and Kernog.

Accompanying the fiddlers is acclaimed American guitarist John McGann.

The quartet originally collaborated in 1992 to perform together on an American tour. A live album was compiled from their performances and due to its success on retail shelves, the group came together again in 1994 for an encore. Now in its third incarnation, The Celtic Fiddle Festival will perform a polished and expanded stage repertoire.

With representatives from each of the three Celtic states, the group's music transcends the traditional styles of each. Cuts on their self-titled album range from foot-stomping, Guinness-guzzling dance tunes to drifting

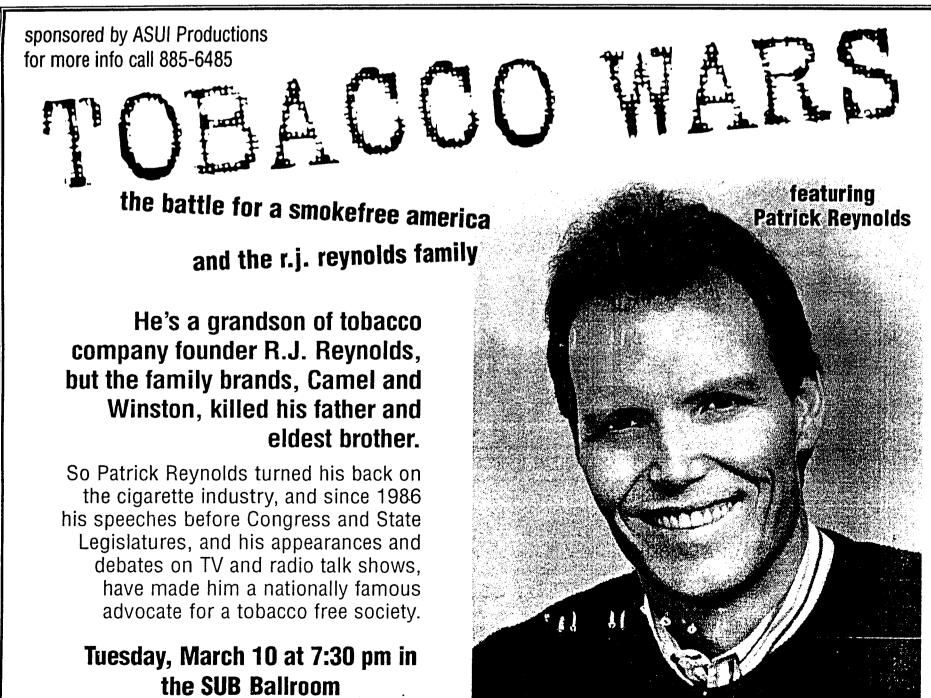
lonesome Highland melodies. Most songs are interpretations of traditional folk songs, but original compositions by Cunningham and McGann are performed as well. Whether playing solo or teaming up for ducts and trios, each fiddler possesses a distinct virtuoso style and McGann's guitarpicking provides a natural backdrop that

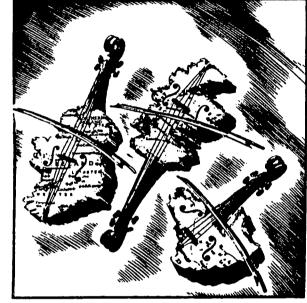
highlights without overpowering. The show is drawing folkies from all over the Northwest and promises to be the highlight of the

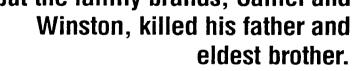
spring folk season. Tickets are going fast; if you don't have yours yet make a run to the SUB Information Desk or BookPeople to reserve your seat. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for students.



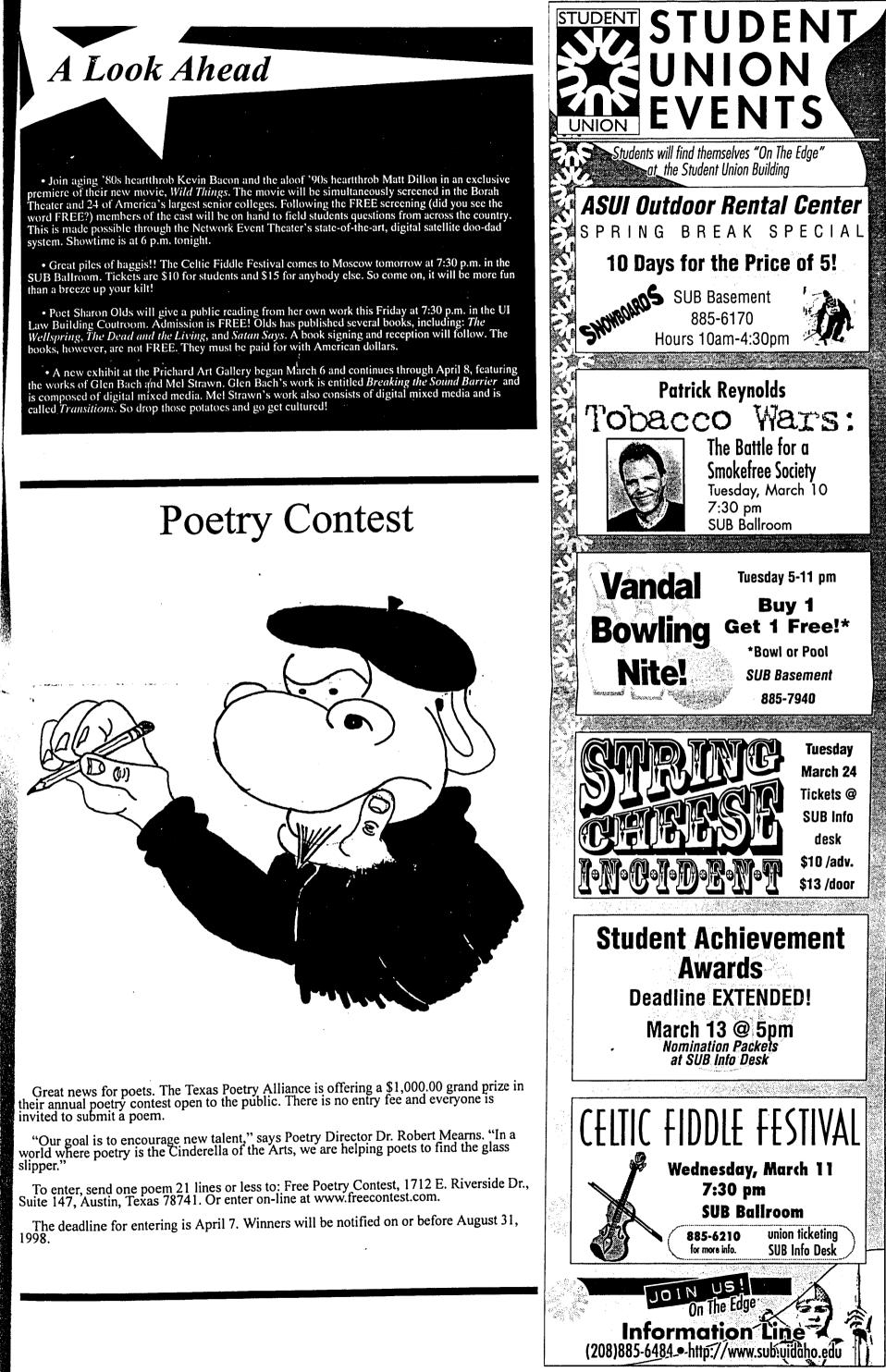
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Idaho bids adieu to basketball seniors



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6-1 Guard New Plymouth, Idaho

Total Points: 96 Average Points per game: 6.4 Field Goal Percentage: 34.9 Total Rebounds: 34 Rebounding Average: 2.3 per game Assists: 117

Kathryn Gussett 5-9 Forward Susanville, Calif.

Total Points: 220 Average Points per game: 7.3 Field Goal Percentage: 40.7 Number of three-pointers: 23 Three-point percentage: 33.8 Total Rebounds: 172 Rebounding Average: 5.7 per game Assists: 27



Kelli Johnson 5-10 Guard Moscow, Idaho

Total Points: 399 Average Points per game: 13.3 Field Goal Percentage: 41.4 Number of three-pointers: 61 Three-point percentage: 39.6 Total Rebounds: 91 Rebounding Average: 3.0 per game Assists: 71

Melissa McDaniel 5-6 Guard Grandview, Idaho

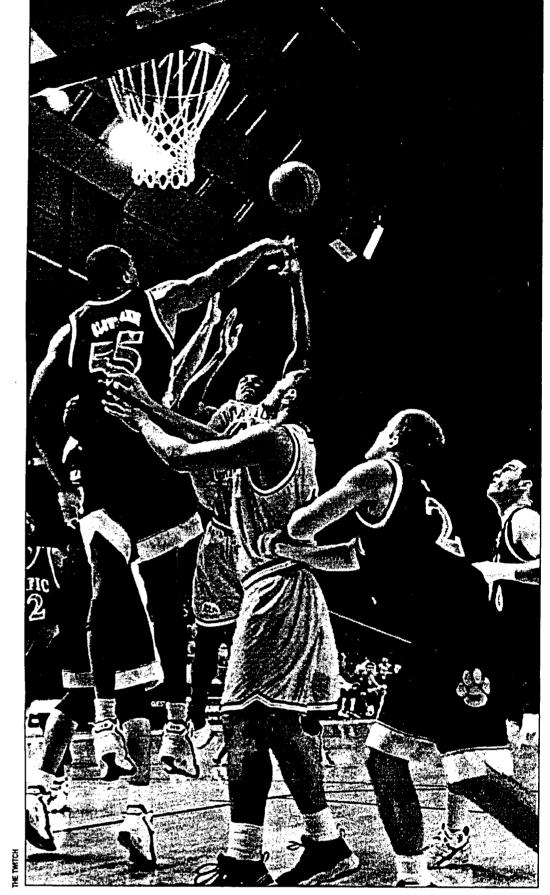
Total Points: 158 Average Points per game: 5.3 Field Goal Percentage: 41.5 Total Rebounds: 72 Rebounding Average: 2.4 per game Assists: 39





Lauren Newman 6-0 Forward Oxnard, Calif.

Total Points: 91 Average Points per game: 3.0 Field Goal Percentage: 44.9 Total Rebounds: 87



Idaho men push Pacific to the brink

Steve Blatner staff

The University of Idaho men's basketball team gave Pacific all they could handle in the first round of the Big West Conference tournament before falling to the Western Division's No.1 seed 82-74.

For a split second, it even appeared the Vandals were on their way to an upset victory when Avery Curry hit a three-pointer to give Idaho a 44-43 second half lead, but Pacific was able to weather the storm behind the all-around play of NBA prospect Michael Olowokandi. The 7-foot-1-inch center scored a team high 22 points, but his crisp passes out of Vandal double teams to sharpshooters Clay McKnight and Adam Jacobsen may have been the dagger in Idaho's heart. respectable 15-12 record.

In other first round match-ups, Boise State was embarrassed by 12-15 Cal State Fullerton 89-82. Nevada got past UC Irvine 81-72 and Utah State beat Long Beach State 69-61.

The second round saw Pacific sneak past Nevada 67-62 behind 18 points from Aaron Woliczko. Utah State dashed any hopes of a Cinderella ending for Cal State Fullerton by rushing the glass slipper and handing the Titans a 65-56 loss. Tournament MVP Marcus Saxon's 31 points led the Aggies. In a rematch of a semifinal game in last year's Big West Conference tournament, Utah State out of the East, and Pacific out of the West, went to battle in the championship game for the Big West Conference automatic bid into the NCAA field of 64 Pacific, the defending conference champion and winners of 16 straight, were no match down the stretch for Saxon and company, as the Aggies held off a late rally to claim the championship and a berth in the NCAA tournament. Utah State was led by the strong guard play of Saxon who scored 23 points and the hot hand of Justin Jones who added 17 points to the Aggies cause. Olowokandi once again led the Pacific attack. scoring 32 points to lead all scorers. Three games in three days may have taken its toll on Pacific's big man, as Olowokandi appeared to run out of gas down the stretch. Utah State, coached by former Vandal head man Larry Eustachy, ends a 10 year tournament drought and will play Maryland in the first round of the tournament.

Rebounding Average: 2.9 per game Assists: 10

Troy Thompson 6-5 Forward San Jose, Calif.

Total Points: 107 Average Points per game: 6.7 Field Goal Percentage: 48.1 Total Rebounds: 50 Rebounding Average: 3.1 per game Assists: 4



McKnight finished with 13 points on 4-6 shooting from beyond the arc and Jacobsen finished with 17 points and seven dimes.

Curry, who finished with a game high 23 points on 9-21 shooting, led the Vandals. Senior guard Kris Baumann finished his career as a Vandal with a strong performance by shooting 60 percent from the field, including 5-8 from threepoint range to end up with 17 points. A quick start by Clifford Gray and Baumann

A quick start by Clifford Gray and Baumann helped the Vandals jump out to an early four point lead, Idaho had trouble finding the rim, and Pacific took advantage and quickly took a nine point lead.

By halftime Idaho would cut the lead to four and never fall behind by more than five until the closing seconds when the Vandals were forced to foul to stop the clock.

The loss ended the Idaho men's season with a

Road to the Final Four

East, West bracketed for Madness

Barry Graham staff

March Madness is here. Announcements have been made about where 64 of the best teams in the country have been placed in the annual NCAA tournament beginning on Thursday and Friday.

In the East Region, the top seed is the North Carolina Tar Heels, who won the ACC tournament on Sunday. Their opponent in the first round is Navy. They should not have any trouble with the Midshipmen and will likely face UNC Charlotte in the second round. It would be the first meeting between the two schools. If the Tar Heels can advance into the sweet sixteen, they would likely face either Princeton or Michigan State. But don't count out Eastern Michigan or the WAC champion UNLV Running Rebels. Both of those teams have the necessary talent to pull off the major upsets in the first round. A possible sweet sixteen matchup could be North Carolina's inside strength against the precision passing of Princeton. However, Carolina would have a decided advantage as the game would be played in the Greensboro Coliseum in North Carolina.

In the bottom half of the region lies the number two seed, Connecticut, winner of the Big East tournament. UConn will likely face Indiana in the second round. This matchup pits the "General" Bob Knight against Husky coach Jim Calhoun. If Calhoun's Huskies could advance, they could face South Carolina for the right to challenge North Carolina in the East Regional final. The Gamecocks of the SEC have one of the best guard tandems in the nation in B.J. McKie and Melvin Watson. Their offensive punch could challenge UConn. If the Huskies and Tar Heels were to avoid being upset, their matchup, in the regional final, would be quite interesting. Big East Player of the Year Richard Hamilton would have to shut down perennial National Player of the Year Antwan Jamison if the Huskies had any chance.

In the West Region, Arizona looks to be the favorite in advancing on to the elite eight as they should not have a problem getting by Nicholls State in the first round and Tennessee in round two. Maryland looms on the horizon and has the size on the inside to challenge the perimeter oriented Wildcats of Arizona.

In the bottom half of the region, there are several teams that have a legitimate chance to advance to the regional final. First look at Cincinnati and Bob Huggins pressure defense. The Bearcats will face Northern Arizona of the Big Sky and should coast as they are much too athletic for the 15 seed. Temple and West Virginia should be a battle. The Utes of Utah struggled a bit down the stretch, especially in the WAC tournament but should have little trouble in downing San Francisco. Their opponent next would be the real sleeper of the region, the Arkansas Razorbacks and coach Nolan Richardson's "40 minutes of Hell" defense. The Razorbacks have the offense as well and Pat Bradley is one of the best three-point shooters in the country.

If the seeding holds up, the Wildcats of Arizona would face Cincinnati. That game features a contrast in style as Arizona's quick backcourt play would oppose Cincinnati's tenacious defense.

If the seeds were to hold up from there, North Carolina would face Arizona in one of the "National Semifinal" games. That would be a terrific matchup that would pit North Carolina's Ed Cota and Shammond Williams against Michael Bibby and Miles Simon of Arizona. The backcourt combination that wins the battle quite possible could lead their respective team to victory and a shot at the national title.

UI tennis sweeps competition over weekend

Barry Graham

The University of Idaho men's and women's tennis teams swept both Eastern Washington and Montana on Friday and Saturday in the first and second days of the Vandal Invitational in the Kibbie Dome.

The Vandal men's team, which is ranked No. 72 in the nation, blitzed both Eastern and Montana by the scores of 7-0 and 6-1. Starting at the top, the Vandals were the stronger team as top seeds Danny Willman and Jorge Aldrete dominated their opponents by the scores of 6-3, 6-2 and 6-1, 6-1.

Idaho has won 20 of 21 matches despite an injury to No. 5 seed Tad Kincaid. Dustin Hinson took the place of Kincaid and was victorious over Josh Owens of Eastern 6-1, 6-0. Freshman Andrei Novikov of

Moscow, Russia took over the sixth spot for Hinson and was in complete control over his opponent and won 6-2, 6-2.

The Vandals improved to 6-6 in dual matches and remain 1-2 in Big West play.

On the women's side, the Vandals were just as impressive, winning 16 of 18 matches on Friday. Against both Eastern Washington and Montana, Katrina Burke, Rachel Dive, Georgina Whittem, Erin Wentworth and Cameron Erickson all won their singles matches. Glorianna Serrano and Barbara Perez-Martinez won their singles match at the No. 5 and No. 6 seeds against Eastern.

The doubles team of Burke and Dive swept through the competition winning over Eastern 8-0 and 8-3 over the University of Montana.

With the wins, the Vandals improved to 4-4 in dual matches and remain 0-1 in Big West competition.

South, Midwest schools gear up for NCAA tourney hoopla

Steve Blatner staff

Another long college basketball regular season came to an end Sunday with the announcement of the NCAA field of 64. When all of the smoke clears, look for the Duke Blue Devils to cut down the nets in San Antonio.

SOUTH

Duke picked up the No. 1 seed in the South despite a loss to North Carolina in the ACC tournament final. The Blue Devils face Big South representative Radford in the first round and will win easily.

Kentucky, the No. 2 seed, will have no problem with South Carolina State.

Michigan, a very hot team after winning the inaugural Big Ten Conference tournament, will have no trouble with No. 14 Davidson.

New Mexico, the fourth seed, beats Midwestern Collegiate Conference tournament champ Butler.

Syracuse struggles but will get past Iona.

UCLA, No. 6 out of the Pac 10, will beat Miami, setting up a great second round game with Michigan.

Saint Louis is no match for Umass.

In a minor upset, No. 9 George Washington behind Alexander Koul beats No. 8 Oklahoma State.

George Washington could be a team to watch in the South. GW has strong guard play and a big man inside, which could give the Dukies some trouble in a second round game.

Duke, however, should come out of the South and be the region's representative at the Final Four.

MIDWEST

Kansas, out of the Big 12, nabbed the No. 1 seed and the Jayhawks will blow by Southwestern Athletic champ Prairie View.

Purdue, a bit of surprise in the No. 2, spot will get by the Blue Hens of Delaware.

Stanford, the No. 3 seed, will struggle to get by upset-minded Charleston.

High scoring Texas Christian out of the WAC will pile on the points against Florida State.

Clemson, like Michigan, is hot and will take down No. 11. Western Michigan.

Detroit, an at large team out the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, will upset the Big East's No. 7 St. Johns Red Storm.

Murray State, the No. 9 seed, a team that took Duke to the brink last year, will sneak by No. 8 Rhode Island.

Detroit is the team in the Midwest who could make some noise and quite possibly end up in the sweet sixteen.

Look for Stanford and Kansas to match up in the regional final and for the Cardinal to use their size advantage to punch a ticket the Final Four in San Antonio.





Idaho Intramurais

Registration forms are due today for 2-on-2 volleyball in both men's, women's, and co-rec divisions with play beginning on March 23. Registration is also due for Co-Rec basketball tomorrow as well with play starting March 25. Softball registration will be due tomorrow before 4 p.m. with play starting on March 23 for both men and women. All registration forms are to be returned to the Campus Recreation Office, 204 Memorial Gym. For more information, please call 885-6381.

Gymnastics Extravaganza

The UI stunts and tumbling class will hold its 17th annual Gymnastics Extravaganza on Thursday, March 12. The event begins at 1 p.m. in the PEB gym, PEB 200. Everyone is invited to come and watch the performance. For more information, please call Kirk Leichner at 885-7051.

Big West All-Tournament Team

Sophomore Alli Nieman was named to the 1998 All-Tournament team this weekend in Reno, Nev. She was joined by Erin Buescher (UC Santa Barbara), Stacy Clincsmith (UC Santa Barbara), Jelena Zrnic (Nevada), Nicole Greathouse (UC Santa Barbara), and Kellie Lewis (Boise State).

Nieman was also named to the first team allconference. Senior Kelli Johnson picked up a second-team nomination and Susan Woolf received an honorable mention.

Women's Fast Pitch Softball

Women's fast pitch softball players are needed to help start a club team at UI. For more information, or if you are interested in playing, please contact Dawn Hopp at 885-8720 or e-mail her at <hopp1048@uidaho.edu>.

Spring Registration

The Moscow Parks and Recreation's spring brochure is available and program registration is now open. For more information, please call 883-7085.

St. Patrick's Day Run

The Seaport Striders Running Club is hosting its 20th annual St. Patrick's Day run Saturday, March 14 starting at 10 a.m. at Clarkston High School. Registration for the five-mile course begins at 9 a.m. Registration fees received before March 8 are \$4 or \$14 with a long-sleeve T-shirt. Entry forms are available at Tri-State Outfitters and Gart Sports. For more information, call Bill at 746-8287.

Soccer

Moscow Parks and Recreation is recruiting volunteer coaches and paid officials for boys and girls grades 1-7. Officials will be paid \$7-8 per game with the number of games varying between 4-12 a week. For further information, call Moscow Parks and Recreation at 883-7085.

100 K Run

The 9th Annual Washington State University 100 Run has been set for Sunday, April 5. The 62+ mile course follows a loop through the Palouse country of southeast Washington, starting and finishing at the WSU campus.

The race is open to competitive and noncompetitive teams and solo runners. Registration fees are \$12 per members of relay teams and \$35. for ultras. Early registration deadline is Friday, March 13. Late fees will be charged on registration after March 13 with no registrations accepted after April 3.

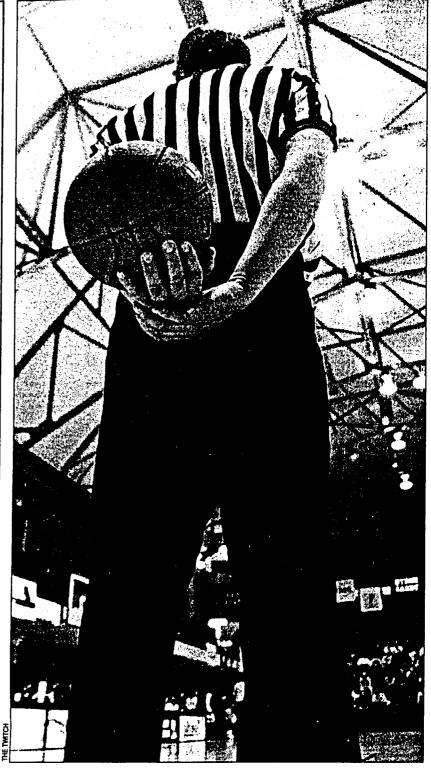
For more information or for registration materials. contact please the Activities/Recreational Sports Office at WSU at (509) 335-9666.

Snow Reports

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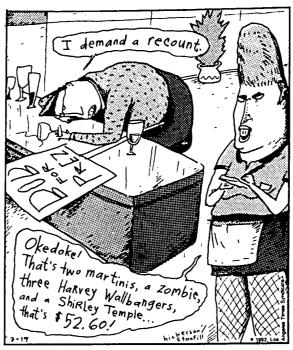
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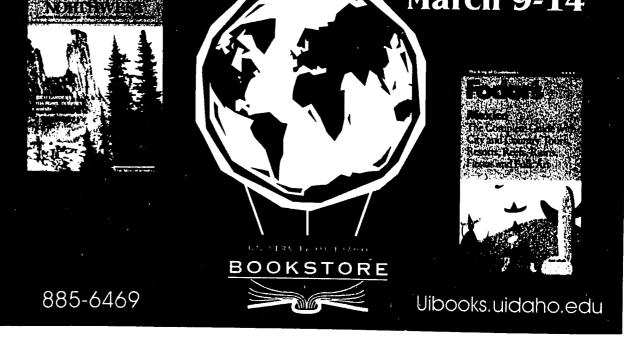












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The Corner Club fame is not lost on the Palouse. The Club has been featured in Sports Illustrated three times and once in National Geographic. Athletes, students, retirees and business persons all find a welcoming spot at the Club. Part of the excitement is the intense "Vandal" artwork that decorates the walls. Idaho memorabilia includes newspaper clippings, pictures, collages and signed jerseys.



Anytime is a good time to watch sporting events at the Corner Club. The Club has 9 televisions with satellite coverage of NFL, NBA and college sporting events. Shuffleboard was added to The Club in 1985, and has provided endless hours of entertainment. And of course, who could pass up the famous 32 ounce tubs, which have a unique tradition of their own. Milkshakes used to be one of the many offerings at The Club, then one day a customer wanted a bigger cup for his brew. The beer was placed in the milkshake cup, and the rest is history.

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