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#### March for Peace



Demonstrators march from the SUB to Friendship Square Thursday in support of the Free Tibet movement as part of National Day Without

Silver and Gold Celebration honors retiring professor

Kate Lombardi Staff

Professor Robert Spevacek and District Court Judge John Bengston will be having their own Silver and Gold night tonight.

Spevacek, a music professor, and Bengston, a graduate of the College of Law, are being honored in the Silver and Gold Celebration, sponsored by the University of Idaho Alumni Association and the Students Alumni Relations Board (SArb).

The celebration today will begin with a tree planting for Spevacek at 4 p.m. The tree, honoring the professor's long and distinguished career, will be planted in front of the Lionel Hampton School of Music Building. UI President Bob Hoover, School of Music Director Richard Hahn, UI Alumni Director Wayne Rush and SArb representative Greg Sloan will speak at the event.

Alumnus John Bengston will be honored at a Silver and Gold Concert at 8 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium which will feature performances from the Vandaleers and the UI Jazz Choir. There will be a 7 p.m. reception before the concert.

Spevacek is retiring after 30 years of teaching music and leading the UI band as director.

Bengston, who graduated from the UI College of Law, practiced law for 30 years. He has served as president of the Idaho State Bar Association and was appointed by Governor Cecil Andrus to the Idaho State Board of Corrections.

From 1984 until his retirement, Bengston served as a judge for the Idaho 2nd District Court.

This year's Silver and Gold Celebration marks 100 years of work for the Alumni Association. The celebration began its annual run on April 7, 1898. All events are free and open to the public.

# Robert Kennedy, Jr. to speak at Borah Conference

## Planetary stewardship topic of discussion

Candice Long Staff

he Borah Foundation will present "Planetary Stewardship: an Interdisciplinary Conference on the Environment" April 15-18 in the Student Union Building.

This is the first year the Borah Symposium has been transformed into a professional conference that will feature world-renowned experts on the environment, keynote speakers, scientists and government officials. Students and faculty from all over the Northwest are expected to attend and participate.

The conference will feature keynote speakers Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., who will present "Our Environmental Destiny" at 7:30 p.m. on April 16. Former Idaho Governor and United States Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus will address "Accomplishing Conservation" at 12:30 p.m. on April 16.

Other speakers also include Edward Miles, David Pimentel, Charles Wilkinson, Reed Noss and Malcolm Wells.

Also included in the conference is "A Sense of Wonder," a dramatic recreation of the world of Rachel Carson by actress Kaiulani Lee.

"One of the things we wanted to do this year was broaden the

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—MikeWhiteman, Borah Committee

appeal and broaden interest ranges," said Mike Whiteman, Borah committee member and director of international student programs at UI. "We want to have a lot of people from different disciplines provide insight on how these environmental issues affect each other," Whiteman said.

"This is a unique opportunity for students to meet, talk to, and ask questions of people that are leaders in their field," Whiteman said, "and no topic is more relevant to all of us than this one — we are all stewards on this planet."

Whiteman said there will be many experts on campus who will speak on global and environmental issues as well as economic, cultural, political, religious and health impacts.

Nearly 110 students and staff will have the opportunity to present their research and policy papers in concurrent sessions. Field trips have also been scheduled for those interested in visiting sites including Dworshak Fish Hatchery and Dam, Palouse Farms, Winchester and various others.

"I think there's a misconception that there are just speakers," Whiteman said. "But we're encouraging everyone to come. I'm hoping students will come to the breakout sessions because they'll be able to hear keynote speakers that include faculty and students from the University of Idaho. It is interdisciplinary and that alone makes it exciting."

Tickets will be required for the general public to attend the Kennedy, Andrus, and Noss addresses. The tickets are free and will be available at the Planetary Stewardship Registration Desk in the SUB April 15 and 16 only, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information on the conference, visit the UI Web page at <www.martin.uidaho.edu> or email <conferences@uidaho.edu>.



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#### WSU faculty adopt "American Diversity" requirement

PULLMAN — To the cheers of a student rally outside, the Washington State University faculty approved an undergraduate requirement for courses on subjects such as gender and race issues.

The Faculty Senate voted Thursday as more than 100 students outside chanted, "What do we want? Diverse curriculum.

When do we want it? Now!"

Beginning in the 2000-01 academic year, students must take three credits from classes listed under the category "American

Students may "double dip" in several areas to satisfy two graduation requirements with a single course. For example, a required humanities class also could be used to meet the diversity

Washington State already requires an intercultural course, but students wanted contemporary U.S. diversity issues to be required.

Faculty who opposed the measure argued it could hinder student flexibility, complicate transfers and lengthen the time needed to

Communications professor Robert Nofsinger countered that diversity could be incorporated into existing classes with little if any disruption.

"I have faith in the ingenuity of the departments to devise courses in ways that will give us enough diversity courses without bending their four-year plan out of shape," Nofsinger said.



#### Idaho woman wins big verdict against insurance company

BOISE - Two Alaska lawyers helped an Idaho woman win a \$9.5 million verdict against State Farm, their second recent victory over an insurance company.

A verdict returned Thursday by a 4th District Court jury awards Cindy Robinson of Boise damages after she suffered a herniated disk in her back when the

rear wheel of her car fell off. Robinson was represented by Anchorage lawyers Richard

Friedman and Jeffrey Rubin.

Jeff Thompson, a Boise lawyer representing State Farm, declined comment on the month-long trial except to say that facts were in dispute and "hotly contested."

The case alleged bad faith on the part of State Farm after Robinson was injured in 1992 and submitted medical bills to the insurance company. Robinson claimed State Farm denied and delayed payment

based on evaluations by a medical review company. But while the reports appeared to be written by physicians, no

doctor actually evaluated Robinson's claims, her lawyers said. They also said State Farm intended to defeat legitimate claims of policyholders through fraudulent reviews of medical records, and that the company put its customers under financial pressure to

accept reduced settlements. "This is the first jury that has had the opportunity to review this abhorrent practice," Friedman said. "Its verdict should send a clear message to State Farm and other companies that would cheat their insured that the conduct will not be tolerated."

Friedman and Rubin have gained attention among plaintiffs

In a recent Juneau case, the lawyers won a \$16 million jury verdict against Aetna insurance company on behalf of a woman with a disability claim.

The punitive damage award was reviewed by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which agreed that punitive damages were warranted but reduced the sum to \$350,000, the law office said.

## Announcements

Today

- A wilderness survival skills class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays today through April 16, from 7-9 p.m. plus April 18-19. The class fee is \$29. For info or to register contact the UI Enrichment Program at 885-6486.
- Nursing faculty from Lewis-Clark State College will be on campus today from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Life Science 254 to advise students interested in nursing.
- · UI Career Services Center is sponsoring a workshop on using the Internet on your job search today at 3:30 p.m. Participants must be familiar with the Internet. Preregistration is required. For more information, visit Career Services in Brink Hall or call 885-6121.

Tomorrow

- · Tomorrow from 7-9 p.m. the Moscow School of Massage will hold a free introductory class and info fair. Sign up by calling 882-
- An awards ceremony will be held tomorrow for winners of the National Student Employee Week in the SUB Ballroom from 4-5 p.m.
- The UI Safety Board will host a safety forum at 3:30 p.m. in the SUB Vandal Lounge.

**Coming Events** 

- Senator Dirk Kempthorne will be visiting the UI campus Thursday at noon in the SUB Gold Room.
- · ASUI Productions will host comedian Patrick Spring on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the SUB main lounge. Admission is free. For more information, call ASUI Productions at 885-6485.
- Baptist Student Ministries will be having a car wash in order to support a UI student suffering from acute leukemia. The car wash for donations will be held on April 11 from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. in front of Jack-In-The-Box. For more information call 882-1844.
- · Tryouts for the Vandal Gold Dance Team are coming. A Clinic will be held on April 11 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Memorial Gym multipurpose room. Tryouts will be held on April 12 from 3-7 p.m. in the Memorial Gym multipurpose room,. For more information, contact Jaimee Ware at 882-3778 or Shelly Femreite at 883-4836, or <www.uidaho.cdu/clubs/dance\_tea

- The UI Advertising Competition Team will hold a presentation for the 1998 National Student Advertising Competition on April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. For more information, contact Jessie or Karin at 885-6458.
- On April 13 at 6 p.m. in the WSU CUB Auditorium, bestselling author David Irving will be giving a lecture on WWII. The event is free. For more information call Justin Ried at 334-6324.
- · The Lewiston-Clarkston chapter of the UI Alumni Association will hold its annual Silver and Gold Celebration on April 16. Contact Bob Culbertson, (208) 743-8088, Marjie Johnson, (208) 743-8763, Sharrol St. Marie, (208) 743-2825 or Mike Tatko, (509) 758-7246 before April 10.
- · 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 College of Engineering Research Colloquium will present "Engineering Funding Opportunities from NSF" on April Funding 20. The presentation takes place at: 12:30 p.m. in JEB 111. -

**Opportunities** 

- Ursula Hegi will offer a fiction writing workshop April 22-25. Application deadline for the workshop is today. To be considered for the workshop, applicants should submit no more than 20 pages of fiction or literary nonfiction to Arleen Furedy at the UI English Department office at Brink Hall 200. For more information, call 885-6156.
- Academic advising for fall 1998 registration has begun. Registration begins April 18 according to class standing and allows continuous access to the registration systems once your initial day has occurred. Refer to the Web registration menu item "Check Registration Status" for complete information <a href="http://www.uidaho.edu/registratio">http://www.uidaho.edu/registratio</a>
- In celebration of Earth Day 1998, Moscow Recycling is holding a contest for the best artistic item made from 100 percent recycled materials. Entry deadline is April 11 at 5:30 p.m. For further information please call 882-2925.

- · The UI Horsemen are sponsoring an O-Mak-See on April 11 at the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and events will start at 10 a.m. There will be a \$15 all-day entry fee or a \$2 per event fee. For more information, contact Kara Watson at 885-7580, <wats5300 @uidaho.edu>, Dawn Nigh at 885-8521, <nigh0067@uidaho.edu>, or Gail Jayo at 883-3214, <gale7587@uidaho.edu>.
- · Women fast pitch softball players are needed to help start a club team at Ul. For more information please e-mail Dawn Hopp at <hopp1048@uidaho.edu> or call 885-8720.
- · 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 between now until April 11 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the basement of the Law Building. For more information, call April Atwood at 885-6548.
- Summer and fall time schedule information is now available for viewing on the Web Registration Page at <www.uidaho.edu/registration>.
- Calendar information be found on the may Registrar's Home Page at "Registration/Academic Calendar" at <www.uidaho.edu/registrar>.
- If you learn by doing, sign up for one of seven field trips around the Pacific Northwest. It will be held on the UI campus April 15-18. For information on this Planetary Stewardship Conference, call 1-888-884-3246 ОГ visit <www.martin.uidaho.edu> for ticket information.
- 'The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Foundation has announced the 1998 Traveling Fellowship program competitions. The Foundation offers fellowships for post-graduate travel in the fields of Architecture, Interior Architecture, Urban Design and Engineering. For more information, <www.som.com/html/som\_foundat</pre> ion.html>
- · The UI's "Saturday of Service" will celebrate National Service Day April 18. Individuals or groups interested in volunteering should contract Kris Day, UI student activities coordinator, at 885-2237.





## Bill Chipman Palouse Trail opens to wet weather

Adam E-H Wilson

With a thousand well-deserved "thank you"s to those that had made its creation possible, the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail opened on Saturday.

Many of the people who huddled together in the rain to see the dedication had helped, in one way or another, build the pathway between Moscow and Pullman.

The ceremony started a little after noon about 2 miles out of Moscow. Assorted dignitaries were there, local legislators and mayors as well as university and student body presidents. All the speakers had a few more people to thank, demonstrating that the trail was possible because so many had helped.

"This trail is a testament to the value of volunteerism in our communities," said Nancy Mack. One of the principles in the trail project, she thought the area needed a safe place for recreation when she began teaching her daughter to ride a bicycle.

That was 12 years and \$515,000 in fundraising ago.

The University of Idaho marching band traveled to the ceremony through the rain to meet Washington State University's band, which stood on the other side of the ribbon.

"It's [explicate deleted] cold out here," said one soaked clarinet player.

Naturally, the two engaged in a cheering match, despite the inclement weather.

"Is this how you get more funding?" asked

Greet one another with a smile .... this would be the very best way to honor Bill's memory.

—Carol Chipman

emcee Glen Johnson when the UI band cheered UI President Bob Hoover to the

'I guess you could call this a 'Trail of Two Cities,'" quipped WSU President Sam

Overall, high spirits abounded. Carol Chipman, Bill Chipman's widow, joked that the irony of naming a recreational trail after her late husband would not be lost on him.

"Greet one another with a smile, with friendship in your hearts and with reverence for your surroundings. Do not abuse the rules of the trail, and encourage others to do the same. This would be the very best way to honor Bill's memory," she said.

Chipman cut the ribbon and elementary students from Pullman and Moscow then led the crowd in "This Rail Is Your Trail," to the tune of "This Land Is Your Land."

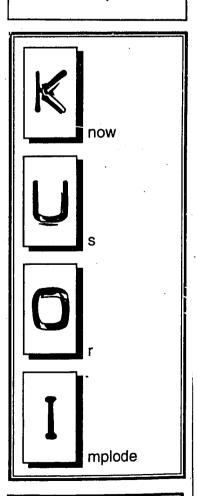
And to close the ceremony, the crowd sang and the bands played "Happy Trails to

Built on what was an abandoned railroad bed a year ago, the trail runs 8 miles from Moscow to Pullman. Members of both communities raised \$515,000 to match a federal grant of \$900,000 to build it. It is open to all unmetorized traffic.



Raincoats and umbrellas were the order of the day Saturday at the grand opening of the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail





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## Stuff your face with marshmallows, it's spring!



Hall won the banner competition held that

The Tug-o-War on Friday night was won by Carter and Targhee. The Pyramid was won by Borah and McCoy. Residents had the opportunity to sip coffee while watching performances that night during Targhee Hall's Southside Coffee House.

Saturday afternoon, the Chubby Bunny and Human Knot contests were held in the Gault/Upham party room. Chubby Bunny was won by Houston, Snow, and McConnell and the Knot was won by Graham. The Egg Toss was canceled due to the weather.

"Everyone that came had a lot of fun," Simpson said.

In addition, a penny war was held between the various halls. Each hall collected pennies to earn Spring Fling points. All money donated went to Crisis Line and Alternative to Violence on the Palouse.

Spring Fling week was topped off by the Decades Dance. The event was free and open to all. Students came dressed in costumes from various eras. Houston Hall President Megan Browne was crowned Spring Fling Queen, and Snow Hall President Edsel Atienza was crowned Spring Fling King.

Browne described the week as a "friendly competition." "It also provided a chance for brother and sister halls to get to know each other better," she said.

"I thought that the events board did an excellent job of planning events that incorporated competition as well as promoting cohesion among the halls. It was a nice break from end-of-the semester stress and a great time to show our hall and residence hall spirit," she

The Overall Winners and Most Spirited Hall award will be announced at the Residence Hall awards banquet on

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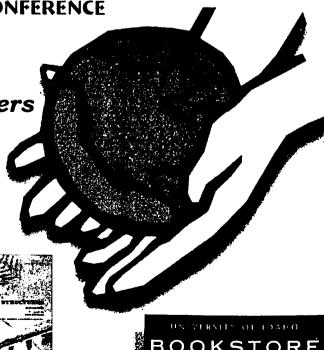
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## Computer Services discusses future with student leaders

Yvonne Wingett Staff

"Our goal is to get more bang for the buck," said Glenn R. Wilde, executive director of Information Research and Technology.

On Thursday about 50 University of Idaho students and faculty members attended an "ASUI President's Student Leadership Forum" at the Student Union Building.

Members from the staff of Computer Services were on hand to discuss issues affecting students and their use of computers and technology and to answer questions regarding campus computer concerns.

Wilde said he and the Computer Services staff have several objectives and goals for the future, including maintaining and upgrading computing and hardware software, increasing the number of accessible student computer and instructional labs, increasing the staff support for student labs and help desk operations, and improving internet access.

Wilde said the funds needed to attain these goals is going to come from student fees.

Students asked a number of questions on Internet access availability - their primary concern was why it took so long to establish a connection.

In response, Wilde said they are attempting to build a more "cost-effective"

Internet access plan. "We are attempting to build contracts with institutions such as WSU so we can aggregate a larger number of students so we can reduce the cost to provide better service to you students...we want to build on the backs of companies that have better resources than us."

System Network Analyst Diane Lee Griffitts said she hopes to "emphasize quality over quantity, take advantage of limitations on new space, enhance performance by upgrading workstation and network hardware, increase efficiency by higher standardization, keep support costs under control, and make labs more consistent and easier to use."

Griffitts said they want to make the computers more capable than what they have

Students questioned the "unpredictability" of the university's computer system because of the two-week problems it had back in February. Wilde said the network UI has is

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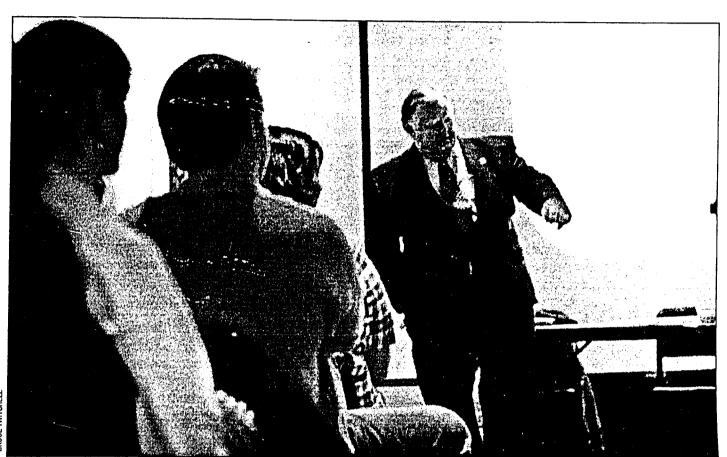
> ---Glenn R. Wilde, Executive Director of Information Research and Technology

one of the "most stable out there," and advances are taking place in order to make the system "more predictable."

Wilde said they are acquiring new drive technology for faster speed — the newest version of Novell, which will allow them to put certain aspects of the system into their own environment so in case they crash, they won't infect the entire system.

Sophomore electrical engineer student Cody W. Tews said he thought the forum was a good idea. It gave students the opportunity to voice their opinion. "I wish they had more time, but on the same token, if they took too long, everyone might get bored," Tews said, laughing.

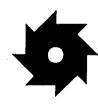
Overall, Wilde was pleased with the turnout, "We're really here because of the students," he said. "This gives us a chance to talk to students and answer any questions they might have...we had a lot of good questions, and a good attendance."











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#### Here she is, Miss Northern Idaho



UI student Rebecca Weeks is crowned Miss Northern Idaho for 1998 in the Administration Auditorium Saturday night.

## Many jobs, few apply

Candice Long Staff

University of Idaho graduates won't be flipping burgers if they play their cards right.

Experts are calling the 1998 job market the best in this decade, but some students don't have the basic job-finding skills in order to take full advantage of the high demand for all graduates.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, a strong economy is feeding business growth, company expansion, improved corporate outlooks, and diversified markets for many organizations. Employers are considering new graduates for entrylevel positions and planning to raise entry-level salaries by a respectable amount.

Although hundreds of students from UI will be well-prepared after graduation, Dan Blanco, director of Career Services, feels many students who are lacking skills and have waited until the last minute to set things into motion may run into some trouble along the way.

"No one is born with job-finding skills and you never have a better opportunity to acquire those skills than when you're at the university," Blanco said. "My sense is we probably have too many students who wait until their senior year attempting to master four years of developmental skills in a much shorter time frame, and they're the one's who need our help most.'

Blanco said the job market is also leveling students into complacency. The job market is not so good that employers are desperate enough to lower their standards.

"I think when there's a good job market out there, some students think they don't have to work as hard,"

Blanco said. "Yes, there are a lot of jobs but employers are still looking for the best employers they can find and these days, employers want people who have it all.'

Blanco said the general feedback he gets from employers is very positive and students are well prepared academically for the careers they choose. If underclassmen can project ahead and do what they can to graduate with an attitude that they can

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> —Dan Blanco, Director, Career Services

"perform ordinary tasks in an extraordinary way," they'll be successful.

There are three guidelines an underclassman must follow in order to find the best jobs, Blanco said, Students must do as well as they possibly can, academically. They should try to get professional experience before graduation, and third, they should try to develop 'walking around smarts" that includes communications skills, leadership skills, and the ability to write and speak persuasively.

"But most importantly, you should use your ears more than your mouth. Listen and learn what's going on around you."

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#### Williams challenges Chenoweth to reject independent campaign ads

Associated Press

BOISE- Democratic congressional challenger Dan

Williams has called on incumbent Republican Helen Chenoweth to reject independent advertising during their rematch in Idaho's 1st District.

Williams, who fell less than 6,500 votes short of ousting Chenoweth in 1996, proposed on Thursday that both sign a pledge rejecting third-party advertising expenditures and agreeing to immediately donate to charity the equivalent of any independent expenditures made on their behalfs.

"The message was clear and loud to me that most voters in this state did not want to hear from these groups," at the close of the 1996 race, Williams said, and some of his strategists believe organized labor's persisting ads against Chenoweth produced a backlash that may have cost Williams the race.

Chenoweth, who has complained repeatedly about the hundreds of thousands of dollars in ads organized labor independently aired against her two years ago, said through a spokesman that "everything is always open to consideration."

But spokesman Graham Paterson said the campaign was skeptical of the proposition since organized labor has reportedly changed its tactics and is abandoning independent advocacy ads for district organizing.

"So by signing that pledge he's really not

giving anything up," Paterson said.

Chenoweth, who has said that if she wins re-election to a third term it will be her last, did not set any timetable for deciding whether she will accept or reject Williams' challenge.

That head-to-head rematch contrasts with the crowded GOP primary in the state's other congressional district, where incumbent Republican Michael Crapo is running for the U.S. Senate.

That primary bulged to four again when former state Sen. Dane Watkins, who lost a 1988 race for the seat to then-incumbent Democrat Richard Stallings, reversed his decision of a week ago and joined the field that already includes House Speaker Michael Simpson of Blackfoot, state Rep. Mark Stubbs of Twin Falls and former state Sen. Ann Rydalch of Idaho Falls.

Stallings, who left four terms in the House for an unsuccessful 1992 U.S. Senate race, also filed for his old job and with no primary opposition awaits the outcome of the GOP battle.

"It's great to be back," Stallings told supporters on the steps of the state Capitol. We're not great in numbers as Democrats in this state, but we work harder."

Watkins, an Idaho Falls businessman, had dropped out of the campaign because his wife was fighting breast cancer. But after repeatedly expressing his outrage over GOP Gov. Phil Batt's veto on Monday of a

parental consent abortion bill, he said his wife urged him to get back in the race on that

The message was clear and loud to me that most voters in this state did not want to hear from these groups.

> —Dan Williams, congressional candidate

"I cannot and will not allow my health to be the reason we do not have a truly pro-life candidate for Congress in Idaho's 2nd District," Mrs. Watkins said during a news conference in Idaho Falls.

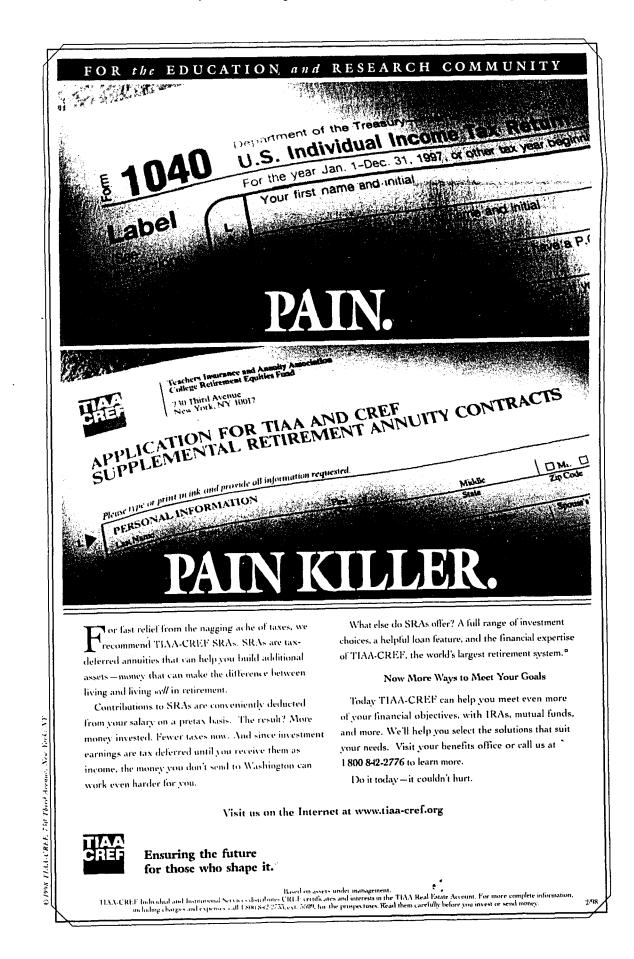
Watkins filed for the race five hours later, declaring that "abortion is the single most defining moral and social issue for America. There's no question in my mind where the voters in this district stand.'

It is the issue that has defined the Republican primary race so far. Simpson and Stubbs, both moderates on the issue in the past, battled each other through the recent legislative session for the strongest antiabortion credential. And Stubbs reiterated on Thursday that he had been honored by the staunchly anti-abortion Idaho Chooses Life PAC as its "Friend for Life."

But after the primary in one of the nation's most conservative congressional districts. abortion will likely fade as an issue in a campaign against Stallings, whose antiabortion credentials are impeccable. At the 1988 Democratic National Convention, three delegates from Minnesota cast their presidential nominating votes for Stallings because of his strong anti-abortion stand.

In his announcement, Stallings raised the issue of electric deregulation, one that cuts both ways in the 2nd District because half is served by high-cost Utah Power & Light whose customers would welcome a shot a lower rates while the rest of the state has hydropower from Idaho Power and Washington Water Power with the lowest rates in the nation.

Many political leaders have skirted the issue while others, including Batt, have flatly questioned what Idaho has to gain by deregulating the utilities.



## Letter grades should include pluses and minuses

Making grades more accurate reflects students' effort



Lance R. Curtis

t the University of Idaho, letter grades do not include pluses and minuses. Because of this, the letter grades themselves represent a larger range of values. For example, suppose someone gets a B in a class. What does that mean? That means that the student received anywhere between 80 and 89 percent of the total number of possible points. This distinction would include students who made just barely over a C and just barely under

Should these types of students be grouped together with students in the middle of the spectrum? If letter grades were accompanied by a plus or a minus, each letter grade would represent a smaller range of values, thus distinguishing between students who make just barely over a C and those who make just barely under an A. Common sense seems to dictate such a distinction since an A requires much more effort than a C. But apparently the university does not feel that making that distinction is needed.

Consider for a moment the effect upon GPAs by having pluses and minuses with letter grades. Without pluses and minuses, a student receives 3.0 points per credit for a B, whether that B is high or low. But with pluses and minuses, a student receives 2.7 points per credit

for a B- and 3.3 points per credit for a B+. In this way, those who make barely over a C do not receive as much as those who make just barely under an A. And for students with higher GPAs, earning 3.3 points for a B+ would not affect GPA as much as would 3.0 points for any kind of B.

To compare the difference pluses and minuses would make, I formed many hypothetical scenarios, some of which are shown in the sidebar. A student takes five classes, each worth three credits, forming a semester load of fifteen credits. The sidebar shows four typical examples.

Clearly, whether or not you would benefit if pluses and minuses attended letter grades depends upon the distribution of the grades you receive. Consider Mary and Sam. Both students received three Bs and two Cs, yet Mary retains her GPA while Sam does not. Now consider Susan and Jeff. Susan is an A student with a B while Jeff is a B student with an A. In this case, pluses and minuses favor the underdog, helping Jeff while hurting Susan.

Apparently, pluses and minuses help some students while hurting others. The difference comes in the borderlines

between letter grades. Students who place in the lower end of an interval receive less than they would under the status quo, but conversely students who place in the upper end of an interval receive more than they who would under the status quo.

I know that many faculty members in the humanities would like to see pluses and minuses with letter grades. However, many faculty in the sciences would not. In many technical disciplines, classes are scaled, meaning that an A is not necessarily from 90 to 100 percent. It may be, for example, from 85 to 100 percent. This complicates the situation, but only slightly. Changing a different scale doesn't involve much effort.

Perhaps some worry about losing the protection the status quo affords to those students who score in the lower end of a letter grade range. I confess that earning the full benefit of an A even though I earned a low A is nice. But why should I receive what I did not earn? If I earn a low A and someone else earns a high A, why do both of us receive the same number of GPA points even though one worked more than the other?

At larger issue is what our grading system says

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philosophy toward learning. Part of the purpose of a university education is to instill in students a lifelong desire to learn. Indeed, more, the university learning is a lifelong process. (perhaps inadvertent-By equally rewarding those ly) teaches an attitude who do less with those who do more, the university (perhaps

inadvertently) teaches an attitude of mediocrity. How does the university instill a lifelong desire to learn, grow, and improve when the grading system, that process which "measures" student progress, teaches that second best will suffice?

Looking at my own record, I think that my own GPA is higher under the status quo. But I still desire to change the system to include pluses and minuses. Such a system would encourage me to work harder to excel in my studies. Under the current system, I get the same result whether I earn 81 percent or put in extra effort and earn 86 percent. What incentive do I then have to do more? That would not be so with pluses and minuses.

The grade I receive would more accurately represent my true performance if pluses and minuses were included. If I get a high B, why should I be grouped with those who did less and earned a low B?

Including pluses and minuses with letter grades

Below are four hypothetical examples of student grades and GPAs. Compare the effect upon GPA that adding pluses and minuses would have. Each example is based on a 15 credit, five class semester.

#### Mary, a B-C student

Grades	Now	+&-
78	2.0	2.3
82	3.0	2.7
85	3.0	3.0
81	3.0	2.7
79	2.0	2.3
Total	13.0	13.0
GPA	2.60	2.60

#### Sam, a B-C student

Grades	Now	+&-
3	3.0	2.7
8	2.0	2.3
5	3.0	3.0
5	2.0	2.0
1	3.0	2.7
otal	13.0	12.7
<b>PA</b>	2.60	2.54

#### Susan, an A student with a B

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Grades	Now		+&-
93	4.0		3.7
88	3.0		3.3
95	4.0		4.0
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91	4.0		3.7
Total	19.0		18.4
GPA	3.80		3.68

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GPA		3.20				3.26

represents a more consistent philosophy than the status quo. Pluses and minuses would encourage us to reach higher and work a litter harder to be a little better. That desire, once instilled in the individual, inspires a lifetime of learning and progress much more than do rewards for mediocrity. Considering these arguments, I will opt for pluses and minuses over the status quo, even when the status quo benefits me more now.

#### Letters to the Editor

#### Argonaut news needs to rethink priorities

I have a real problem with the priorities of your news staff! I enjoyed the preview in your March 31 issue about the AIDS awareness speakers on campus that evening and, as I could not attend, looked forward to a thoughtful, researched follow-up article about both speakers. So imagine my outrage when I looked through the April 3 issue only to find that the greater of the two speakers, Cleve Jones, was completely ignored!

I don't understand how such a powerful and prominent activist was overlooked by your staff but somehow they managed to write a two column article about somebody no one has ever heard of who uses a terminal illness to spread his

Am I wrong in thinking that the mission of the Argonaut should be fair and impartial journalism, and not aiding the ministry of Christianity, which, historically, has only ignored and oppressed those living with HIV/AIDS? I have no respect for a "newspaper" that ignores the presence of one of the most instrumental AIDS activists in history to quote the religious testimony of somebody with less education than half the people on campus. You really ought to get your priorities straight while you still have an audience!

-David R. Jackman

#### Passengers aboard Titanic were following their hearts

Mr. Amsbaugh's letter concerning Scott Mahurin's column is confusing. He mentions that the behavior of Rose's fiancé was violent, vindictive, and cowardly. Clearly, the love-sick fiancé was following his heart, so what's the problem? Was there something wrong with his attempt to shoot the happy couple with a handgun? One should also note other situations in the movie depicting people following their hearts. For instance consider the gentleman keeping the lower-class people locked up below decks while the ship was sinking. Also, remember the half-full lifeboats? The ple on those boats followed their he rts and let noor lack, among others, freeze it 30 degree seawater.

I think that Titanic, if nothing else, showed the world that people are basically good. After all, everyone followed their hearts, and, consequently, everybody was saved from the sinking ship. My, that was a wonderful moviel

-Edward Evans

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## Palouse Mall loses customers by closing early on weekends

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Please don't shop

#### Business hours do not reflect students' shopping patterns -



Wes Rimel **Opinion Editor** 

t never ceases to amaze me how early the Palouse Empire Mall closes its doors and locks up. At times when one would expect hours to be extended, especially on the weekend, the mall closes early — as early as 5 p.m. Some stores do stay open beyond these hours — I know Lamonts usually runs sales on the weekend and stays open a few extra hours. However, I know of no other mall in the world of the Palouse Empire Mall's size that has 90 percent of its stores closed at 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Closing so early might make some sense to me if this area was predominately filled with senior citizens, since many of them are home for the night by 5-6 p.m. on any day of the week. However, Moscow and Pullman together contain about 27,000 college students, most of whom are out late on the

weekends — far past 5-6 p.m. Of course, once the area high school students and junior high students are thrown into the mix the number starts pushing 30,0000.

Sometimes I expect to see a sign on the doors of the Palouse Mall saying, "Sorry,

we're closed. Please don't shop here. We don't want your business." However, I never see signs on the doors - even saying the hours of the mall for every day of the week. Noting that the mall tries to inconvenience as many people as possible, wouldn't it be nice if they could at least post their hours on the doors?

Two particularly "stupid to close early weekends" stand out in my mind. The first unnerving one for me was Saturday, Feb. 14

- otherwise known as Valentine's Day. After going to a movie at the University 4 which was completely jammed, we had plans to go to eat afterwards at one of the restaurants in the mall. After the movie let out, about 6:45 p.m., we went to the mall, only to find the doors locked. It's not like we

were the only people trying to get into the mall, either. Plenty of "would-be customers" stormed from the movie theater to the mall. That seems like an extremely idiotic time to close early to me. Hallmark and other shops who supply Valentine's Day gifts apparently

did not wish to sell their goods to last minute shoppers or to people that had nothing else better to do. Instead, they decided to sell their remaining Valentine's Day supplies at steep discounts the next week, and lose all kinds of business to stores like Wal-Mart.

Thank heavens Valentine's Day was on a Friday last year. I happened to be one of those last minute shoppers. Fortunately, the mall wanted my last minute business on Valentine's Day in 1997 - in 1998 they

The other weekend that made no sense to close the mall early was the weekend of the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, Feb. 28 and March 1. There were thousands of extra people in town, with lots of money to spend, but the mall decided they didn't want their

business - not after 5-6 p.m. anyway. All the motels and hotels were packed as well — the businesses in the mall could have made a killing. But instead they decide to hang out the "we don't want your business sign" --closing early.

I was stunned as I walked through the mall at 5:58 p.m. on Feb. 28 and saw the merchants herding the customers out of their stores, locking the gates behind them. The mall was particularly busy on that day, because there were so many people in town. But apparently, the mall didn't want any business. Lack of workers willing to work late can't be a problem — college students are always desperate for money, and don't go to bed until the wee hours on the weekend.

All this is really bizarre considering that the Palouse Mall is the largest and best mall in the area. Maybe it's a good thing the Eastside Marketplace is starting to fill up with merchants --- they could use some competition.

Even if everybody left to shop in Lewiston there is no mall there that can compare to the size and selection of the Palouse Mall. As far as I know, to find a comparable or bigger mall, one must travel all the way to Coeur d' Alene or Spokane. But that's not the safest idea on the weekend because of the drunk drivers who fill highways. However, given the lack of respect for the customers apparent at the local mall, I'll probably be making the trip more often.



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## Women artists featured at new gallery



The exhibit, "Streams of Consciousness," unveils work by women and a few men supportive of women's issues from Colorado, Idaho and Washington. Colleen Esparsen, an organizer of WCA events, said the exhibit was an important statement "because women are so profoundly underrepresented in the

Esparsen, who founded the Idaho chapter two years ago, explained that despite the fact that 50 percent of MFAs in the visual arts are women, only 3 percent of the artwork shown in museums are by women.

"It's through organizations like these that women have been able to get shown in major exhibitions and galleries," said Esparsen. The national organization is dedicated to promoting women in the arts, exhibition and

The exhibit features a wide variety of works from painting and drawings to sculpture. Works can be found on the second and third floors of the building, some curiously positioned between office doors and over copy machines. However, Moscow Arts Commission director Mary Blithe explained the unlikely venue provides a new

objectification of women.

A mixed media work by UI graduate Brenda Chrystic is one of the more abstract and controversial works displayed. The piece, He Made Me Do It, is a large mixed media work dealing with sexual abuse. Covered in orange and yellow paint and a dripping formation in wax, the abstract image, explained Chrystie, is based on a "money shot" in pornography. Chrystie is recognized for her highly personal works on sexual victimization and featured work in an exhibit early this semester at the SUB shared with assistant professor Byron Clercx and undergraduate art student Pat Adolfae.

"A lot of the perceptions of sexual abuse is that it is some how naughty to discuss it," said Chrystic explaining she hopes her work helps other women who have experienced the same trauma she has. "It opens up a forum and they realize somehow they're not alone,"

"Streams of Consciousness" runs until May 6. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information on WCA visit their website at <www.nationalwca.com>.

### Terrence and Philip pull our fingers

A review by Heather Frye

More than the usual quantity of melancholy glutted the air over Moscow last Thursday morning. Hundreds of young Muscovites held their heads in baffled anguish — still reeling from the shock of the cruel hoax that had been perpetrated upon them the night before. The violator? South Park.

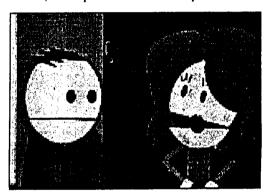
The April Fools Day episode of the beloved little program disappointed more than a few fans. Reassurance after reassurance was given that yes, this would be the night that we would find out the identity of Cartman's father. Four weeks, then a fifth ticked slowly by as we waited anxiously, like children doing the pee-pee dance, for this episode. Those who are fortunate enough to have cable suddenly became enormously popular. Provisions were procured. VCRs primed. Huddling together on Goodwill furniture we blissfully awaited the stroke of the 10th hour to be confronted with our dearest little pals...

Terrence and Philip?

To use a South Park-ian phrase: "You bastards!'

Instead of a revelation as to Cartman's lineage, we were met with a barrage of fifth-grade humor as the South Park side short "Terrence and Philip" became an entire episode aptly entitled "Not Without My Anus." Saddam Hussein, Celine Dion, and Ugly Bob gallivanted with Terrence and Philip through a series of absurd situations dotted heavily with frequent flatulence

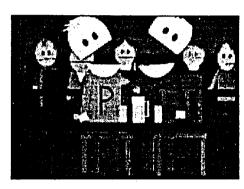
Reactions from the Moscow community were mixed. Those that actually saw the show, however, were quick to voice their opinions.



"I am prepared to watch another episode, but I know people who aren't and they were dedicated fans from the beginning. They felt robbed," said University of Idaho mechanical engineering student Mike Vilhauer. Some folks, like Ul

student Maya Lisa Anderson, said they actually enioved the show; however, an anonymous UI creative writing student summed up the consensus: "Man, that sucked. I was so let

Now hold on a second, little campers, let's give the violin player a smoke break and take a moment to reassess this situation. Is our



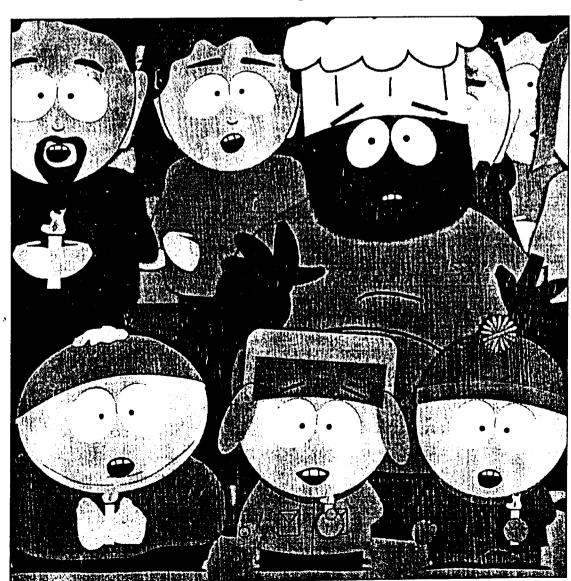
melancholy and contempt well-founded? Were measures such as boycotts really invented for the purpose of "getting our way" with television programming?

Granted, the episode stunk for the most part (no pun intended) and it was certainly not what we were promised. But had we looked carefully at the signs, we could have easily come to the conclusion that we were apt to be suckered. The postponement of the airing date to April 1 and the sudden outcropping of Terrence and Philip memorabilia available for sale on the web are just two of the many indicators that pointed toward the impending prank. The episode was not really "sprung" upon us. If our disappointment is spawned from anything it is the fact that the show skipped out of its normal, formulated groove and burst the bubble of denial that surrounded our

expectations going into the show.

We could chalk up this ballsy move by South
Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone to
cruelty or boredom. Or we could put a bit of that collegiate objectivity we are supposedly learning to use and take this as a gentle reminder that we are not sheep and that art, regardless of its form and the extent of its popularity, is not meant to be formulated.

So, before you set fire to that "Oh my God, they killed Kenny!" T-shirt, stop a moment and reflect upon the message you were sent last Wednesday. I will look back on it as I view future episodes as a good lesson. But if they do it



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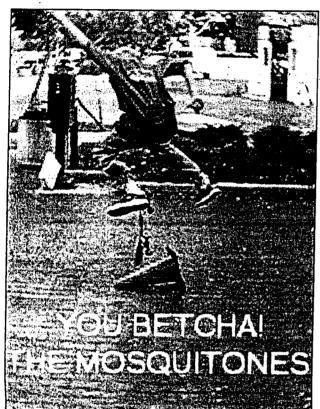


## The buzz on the Mosquitones

by Mike Last

What is a Mosquitone? This question has plagued the residents of Boise for years. Every time a flier with this name pops up, or a sticker reading "the Mosquitones-You Betcha!" is spotted, another Boisean's curiosity rises.

The Mosquitones are a nine piece band from Boise who play something old, something new, and something borrowed. The instruments include alto and tenor sax, trumpet, trombone, two guitars, bass, drums and vocals. Their style, according to guitarist Dave Manion, is best described as, "Northwest ska chaos." Ska chaos, for those



who are only familiar with ska, is like water with a lemon; it's ska with a twist. It takes the basis of ska and moves on, adding things and evolving into something slightly different.

something slightly different.

To nail down all of the inspirations and influences of the band would be nearly impossible, because of the large number of band members. Many of them started by playing in jazz bands, which is a definite influence, as are the punk roots they share. Specific bands that have left their mark on each Mosquitone include Methiskapheles, Desmond Decker, Isaac Green, The Skalers, and Let's Go Bowling.

The band has been together, playing mostly originals, for about three years. They do play a couple of cover songs including "Route 69" by Let's Go Bowling, and "Material Girl." They've recently put out an 11-song, self-titled CD, and are now

hitting the road for their longest tour ever.

The tour kicks off right here in Moscow at John's Alley. They play a lot of bar gigs, but also many all ages shows as well, which extends their visibility and

After John's Alley, their next stop will be Seattle. They will also play Olympia, Santa Rosa, and Bay Area cities until they head for home on April 25.

The Mosquitones' resume is quite impressive. The venues they have played are not limited to small bar shows and coffee houses. They have performed at "Alive After Five" (a middle aged hob-nob in downtown Boise), and the "Van's Warped Tour," just to name a couple. They have also played with big names such as Social Distortion, The Descendants, The Skoidats, The Toasters and will also be performing with Methiskapheles in Springfield on their current tour.

The success of a band is often measured by the crowd

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response. The Mosquitone crowds have grown fairly large in Boise. They have also, at times, become rather rowdy. At their Alive After Five performance, a mostly young audience got a bit wild, scaring off the older, moneymaking patrons of the function.

"We're the second band in history to get kicked out of Alive After Five," Manion proudly stated. "They said we were talking about condoms in a song, which we weren't. It was about bongs." Manion expressed that he felt the real reason his band was shut down was simply that not enough money was being made during their performance.

The Mosquitones have played Moscow before, once at John's Alley, and another time with the Pills (who they really liked) at the Vox. At both shows the turnout was good.

The Mosquitones will be at John's Alley Wednesday night beginning between 9:30 and 10 p.m., and will play until around 1:30 a.m. CDs will be sold while the music and beer flow.

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#### Triathlon to test Muscovites' mettle

#### by Mark Deming

For the 15th time in as many years, the Palouse Triathlon, the longest running event of its kind in the region, challenges its idle inhabitants with three good reasons to put aside the remote control and any notions they might have about the natural limitations of their bodies and pick up the pace for spring. (Well, four good reasons if you count the free-with-entry and indisputably spiffy canvas sport bag).

Scheduled for April 15, the race sponsored by UI Campus Recreation offers competitors of all skill levels the opportunity to participate in a tri-sport event with a reputation for being one of the truest and most challenging tests of an athlete's physical ability and mental strength.

The triathlon consists of a 1.5 km swim, followed by a 40 km bike and a 10 km run. Though undeniably difficult, the race strives to accommodate a wide range of athletes.

"This is a very novice-friendly race with many locals participating," says race director Teree Sheckler.

The triathlon originated in 1984 under the leadership of Associate Director of Campus Recreation Deborah Norum and has since become a significant community event with

as many as 120 athletes participating in a given year.

The large field of individual competitors is divided into categories based on gender and age. Divisions are also provided for both same sex and coed teams of two.

The race will begin with the swimming event at the UI Swim Center with the first of four heats taking to the water at 7 a.m. After completing their laps, the athletes will take to the pedals following a route along Highway 8 toward Pullman, then around the West Airport Loop to the McDonald's grain silo where they will turn to head back toward Moscow. The run will follow a course along Old Pullman Highway before finishing at Memorial Gym.
The entry fee for the race is \$25 for individuals and \$60

for teams and will earn participants a sharp looking canvas sport bag. Entry forms are available at Campus Recreation and local sporting good stores and will be accepted through 5 p.m. on April 10. A pre-race meeting will be held for competitors at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 18 in room 201 of the Physical Education Building where participants can check in and be advised of any course changes.

For more information, contact Campus Recreation by telephone at 885-6381 or by e-mail at <terees@uidaho.edu>.



## A Look Ahead

- The award-winning film Good Will Hunting will play in the Borah Theater tomorrow at 7 p.m. On April 10 they will play Scream and Scream 2. The first one starts at 7 p.m., and so I guess the second one will start right after it. Murder has never been so much fun! Both films cost \$2 for students with ID and \$3 for all you non-academic types.
- Well-known mystery writer Elizabeth George will speak on "The Mystery as Literature" at the WSU CUB Auditorium at 7:30 p.m on April 9. George has been compared to Dorothy Sayers, Ruth Rendall, and other literary big wigs. The lecture is free and open to the public.
- The critically acclaimed Moscow drag show is back! On April 11 everybody who is anybody will be flocking down to the Moscow Social Club around 9 p.m. to dance and make merry. Then at 10:30 p.m. the real fun begins when the show starts! ABBA fans rejoice! Tickets are \$5 at the door or \$4 when bought in advance at Eclectica or Safari Pearl.
- The exhibit at the Prichard ends tomorrow, so if you haven't seen it yet see it now! It features the works of Glen Bach and Mel Strawn: Glen Bach's work is entitled *Breaking the Sound Barrier* and is composed of digital mixed media. Mel Strawn's work also consists of digital mixed media and is called *Transitions*.
- Photographer Jared Smith is displaying his work at the Vox right now. These black and white images, featuring fire escapes and masked subjects, give the viewer a glimpse into the fragile world of the psychotic. Then again, different people perceive art in different ways.



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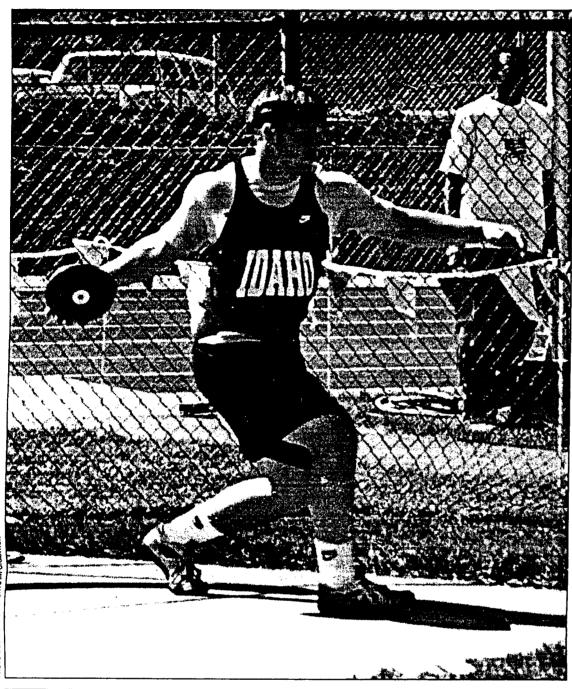
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## High sets personal best at Texas Relays



Jeff High set a personal best of 180.1 in the hammer throw at the Texas Relays over the weekend.

#### Steve Blatner

The University of Idaho men's and women's track and field teams, along with 3,500 other athletes, converged on Austin, Texas, this past weekend to compete in the prestigious Texas Relays.

The Vandals faired well against the stiff competition.

Hammer thrower Jeff High finished 11th in the men's competition with a throw of 180 feet, one inch. High's throw was a personal best and the best throw in the Big West Conference this

High may be on his way into the Vandal record books: his throw is the third best in Idaho history.

Idaho women's hammer thrower, Amber Sielaff, also performed well in the event by finishing 12th with a throw of 153 feet, 6 inches.

In other field events, javelin thrower Oscar Duncan finished in the top five with a mark of 220 feet,

Duncan is holder of the Vandal javelin record, with a throw of 238-

On the track, speedster Jason St. Hill was the top Vandal finisher, coming in eighth place in the 100meter dash with a time of 10.77 seconds.

St. Hill, along with Tawanda Chiwira, Scott Whalen, and Felix Kamangirira hold the school record in the outdoor 4x400 relay with a time of 3:08.34.

The 71st Texas Relays attracted top-notch high school track and field athletes, college and university champions, and world class Olympic champions.

Maurice Greene, who represents team HSI, which stands for Handling Speed Intelligently, has parlayed his success at the Texas

Relays into a world championship. At the 1995 Relays, Greene defeated Carl Lewis in the 100 with a time of 9.88 and then went on to beat world recordholder Donovan Bailey Championships.

At this year's Texas Relays, Greene's HSI teammates John Drummond, Ato Boldon, and Danny McCray posted the fastest 400-meter relay time in the world this year with a mark of 38.42.

In collegiate action, University of Texas pole-vaulter Jacob Davis set the world junior record and Texas Relays record by clearing 19

High may be on his way into Vandal the record books: his throw is the third best in Idaho history.

feet, 4 1/4 inches. Davis may have Lawrence Johnson's American record of 19-7 1/2 in his sights.

The only other record that fell at the Relays was in the women's hammer throw, where BYU's Amy Palmer shattered the old record by almost 10 feet, with a throw of 220 feet, one inch. South Carolina's Dawn Ellerbe held the previous record of 210-8.

This was the final year for the Texas Relays at the Darrel K. Royal-Memorial Stadium. The Relays will be moving to a new track facility next year.

#### NBA gears up for playoff surge, teams look for homecourt advantage

#### Bulls sure to dominate court



**Barry Graham** 

7 ith just under 10 games remaining in the National Basketball Association this season, it is position time for many teams. The homecourt advantage is quite critical in the NBA. For many teams, attaining the homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs will be

In the Eastern Conference, can anyone stop the Chicago Bulls? The Bulls, if anyone remembers, struggled in the early portion of the season. Now, that is all a memory as they have won 12 straight and again have claimed the best record in the NBA. Michael Jordan will win the scoring title again and the Bulls have too much for anyone on the planet.

However, if there are any challengers in the East, the physical Indiana Pacers and coach Larry Bird may provide some defense. Let's be honest though, the Pacers can't win in Chicago and the Bulls do have the skills necessary to win in Indiana on many occasions. Scratch Indiana from the list.

Early on, the Miami Heat were poised to be the team that would dethrone Chicago. Very few people believe that now as the Heat have struggled and underachieved. Throw into the mix that they lost Alonzo Mourning for the season and the Heat have no chance of advancing to the NBA Finals.

Let's run down the list of the other pretenders in the East. New York doesn't have enough weapons on offense and the Nets have little playoff experience and are too young. When was the last time that the Charlotte Hornets played a consistent ball game? Yeah, they are 20 games above .500 but, when you get to play Toronto, Milwaukee, Philadelphia and Boston four times a year, a record can inflate.

The "real" challenge to the Bulls comes from the Western Conference, where one of three teams could play a competitive series with the defending champs. First and foremost, we have the Seattle Supersonics. Seattle has been in charge all season in the

Pacific Division with a combination of inside and outside play. Remember all of the critics that were questioning the trade of Shawn Kemp to Cleveland and the acquisition of Vin Baker from Milwaukee? Mr. Baker has shown the fans in Seattle that he can play. He has dominated on the inside and possesses a jump shot, which Kemp lacked.

Gary "the Glove" Payton is surprising many people with his three-point shot and continues to be the playmaker and defensive stopper for the Sonics. Seattle has many other weapons and a fairly solid bench.

Would any team really feel that they had a legitimate chance to go into Utah and defeat the Jazz in May and June in the playoffs? The Jazz are the premiere homecourt team that can beat just about anybody by 20 even on an off night. Karl Malone is ready for an NBA title and John Stockton and Jeff Hornacek are the outside shotmakers that could lead the

Finally, the Los Angeles Lakers are making a run at the top of the West. Shaquille O'Neal is definitely back after his early season injuries and Los Angeles has so much young talent. This may not be their time yet but the Lakers will be strong for years to

In the end, look for the Bulls, surprise, surprise, to face off against the Jazz or Sonics in the NBA Finals. The Bulls will win one game on the opponents homecourt which will enable them to wrap up their sixth title of the dccade in six games.

#### Wild start in Majors

The Yankees were 1-3, the Expos had yet to win their first game of the season, Tampa Bay was 4-2 and the Dodgers were, well, playing awful baseball. The 1998 Major League baseball season has begun and already strange occurrences seem to be taking place. I say already because these strange occurrences usually take place later on but blame it on El Niño in 1998.

The Yankees seem to have underestimated the rest of the American League. New York starting pitchers have struggled and have given up the big hit in late innings. However, manager Joe Torre is not worried. He feels that the hitting will pick up and the wins will come. Well, Joe, the hitting may improve and the Yanks may score some more runs but does there really need to be another Seattle in the American League? Mr. Torre, pitching wins the World Series!

Are the Devil Rays for real? Yes, Tampa Bay is loaded with veteran baseball players like Wade Boggs, Fred McGriff and Kevin Stocker. The Tampa Bay pitching staff is fairly solid. Will they win the American League East? No, but they will at least provide some tough competition for the rest of the division.

The Dodgers and Expos will get on the victory track soon. Los Angeles is too strong a team to struggle and the Expos are a much better team than has been indicated by their

## Idaho narrows basketball search to two candidates

The University of Idaho has narrowed its search for a new women's basketball coach to two candidates, both of whom, Director of Athletics Mike Bohn said, "have all the right tools to take an excellent foundation and continue with it on a path to success."

Current Idaho assistant Hillary Recknor and current Saint Mary's College assistant Michelle Sasaki have been chosen from an initial pool of more than 40 applicants from across the country.

"We are fortunate to have two finalists who we believe fit the immediate and future needs for the University of Idaho women's basketball program," Bohn said.

Bohn said the strengths of both candidates are their excellent Division I recruiting and coaching experience and their strong ties to the Northwest.

Recknor has been an assistant for the departing coach Julie Holt for one season. She came to Idaho from Bellevue Community College, which she built into one of the top community colleges in the region during her six-year tenure. Recknor also coached two highly successful AAU programs in the Northwest after a coaching and playing career in Norway and Belgium.

She is a 1988 graduate of the University of Washington, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Communications.

Sasaki's ties to Idaho are with Holt, under have a keen insight into the needs of a whom she was an assistant when Holt was the head coach at Gonzaga University from 1989-93. Sasaki went to Gonzaga to Washington State University, where she was an assistant until accepting the Saint Mary's position in

At all three schools, Sasaki played an integral part in recruiting in addition to her on-court coaching tasks. She earned her bachelor's degree in Sport Management from the University of the Pacific in 1989. Holt was her coach at Pacific.

"Both candidates have proven Division I recruiting and coaching experience, and strong ties to the region," Bohn said, "They successful basketball program and they have the ability to apply that insight at the University of Idaho.'

"They've been very successful in each of the stops along their career paths.'

Bohn said those tools are necessary to build on the foundation Holt has set.

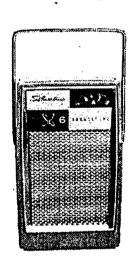
"With the number of returning players coupled with a top-10 recruiting class," Bohn said, "it will be imperative that we find the right match to the institution, to the program, and to the community."

Bohn expects a successor to Holt, who is leaving to join her husband in Louisville, to be named late this week.

#### Stee-rike!

The SAEs take on the Delts in an intramural softball game yesterday in Guy Wicks field. The Delts took off to an early lead only to be humbled in a 16-5 loss.



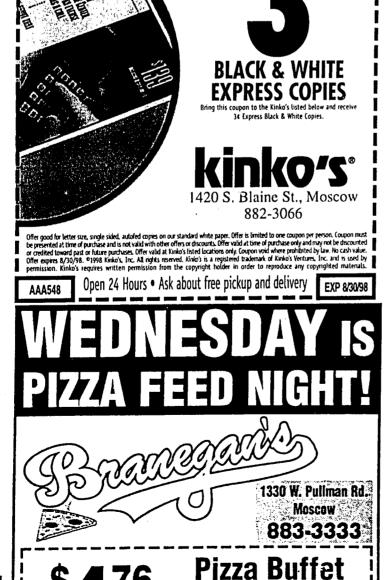


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#### News and Notes

#### **Bohn Charts Course for the Future**

Mike Bohn has the University of Idaho athletic department on the move as the Vandals head into the next millennium.

As the Vandal football and volleyball teams begin preparations for the fall, Bohn — Idaho's recently installed director of athletics. announced new youth and community outreach programs from the Vandal athletic department in addition to season ticket packages and prices for football and volleyball.

"We're excited about this fall and we want to do everything we can to bring to our fans the same excitement," Bohn said. "We also want to show our fans and boosters our commitment to our statewide community with the 'U and I -Partners in Vandal Pride' outreach program." One of the most prominent features of U and I begins this fall when all children 12 years of age and younger who are wearing Vandal colors will be admitted to all University of Idaho athletic events without charge.

"We want our young fans to feel welcome and to form a bond with our university and our athletes," Bohn said. "They are a big part of our future."

#### Women's Golf League

The UI women's golf league is scheduled to begin play Tuesday, May 5 at 8:30 a.m. The league will continue play-each Tuesday

through August 25.

The spring meeting will be held at the Latah County Grain Growers Auditorium on Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. Interested golfers are welcome to attend this meeting. For more information, please call the UI Pro Shop at 885-6171 or Janice Shoop at 882-4481.

#### **Beginning Golf**

Moscow Parks and Recreation is taking registration for beginning golf. This adult course will cover basic techniques of putting, chipping, short, middle/long irons and woods. Grip, stance, club selection and strategies will also be covered. Instruction will be provided by qualified UI staff. Equipment will be provided. Participants must be a minimum of 18 years of age. The class begins May 26 and runs through June 11 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the UI golf course. For more information, please call

#### Adult Softball League

Team registration for the Adult Softball League will be one day only, Monday, April 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Eggan Youth Center. A team fee of \$600 is needed at registration. For more information, please call 883-7085.

#### **Aerobics Classes**

The UI Community Enrichment Program will be offering several aerobics classes beginning March 23. Neuromuscular Integrative Action (NIA) Mind/ Body Aerobics is a combination of Eastern and Western philosophies of movement that incorporates both dance and martial arts. Section 1 will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30-7 p.m. with a fee of \$45 for 22 sessions and \$25 for 10 sessions. Section 2 will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7 p.m. with a fee of \$32 for 16 sessions. For more information or to register, please call the UI Community Enrichment Program at (208)882-4270.

#### Fourth Annual Chris Tormey Golf Tournament

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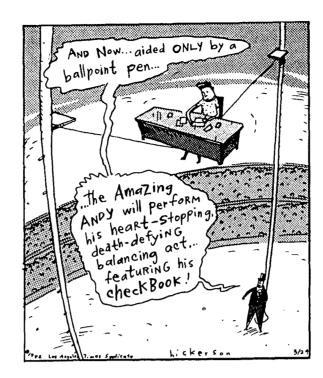
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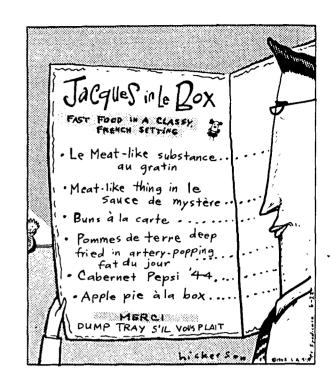
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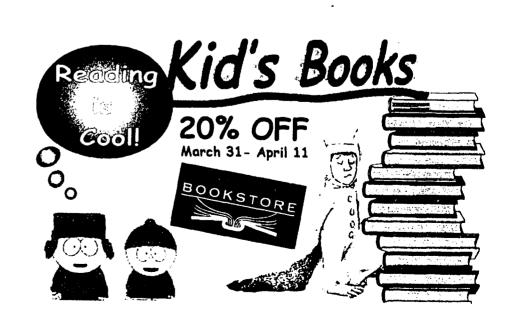
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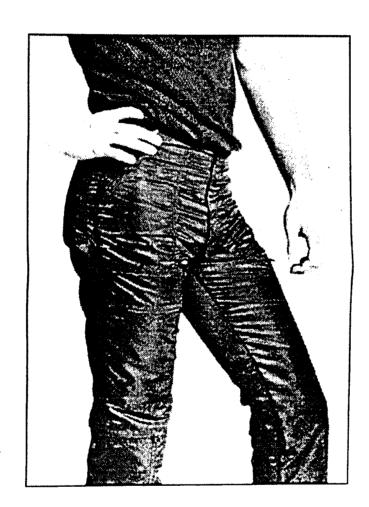








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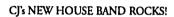
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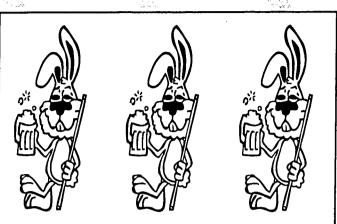
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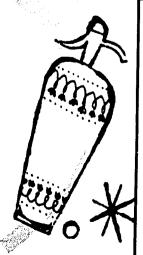
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