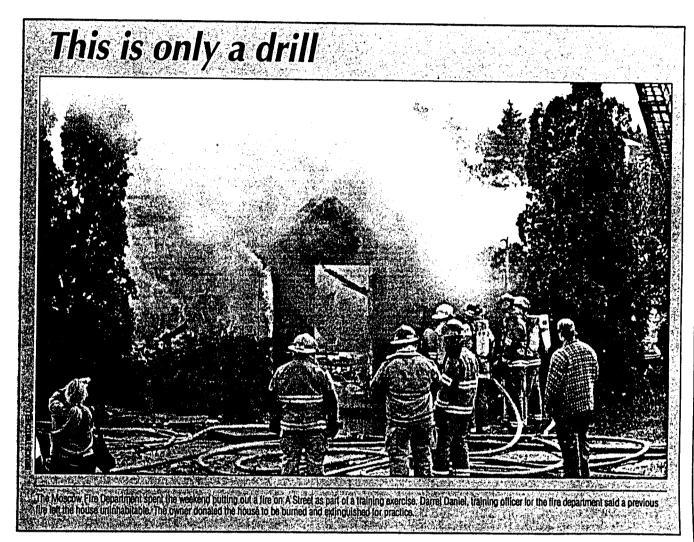


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Contest awards local artists for recycled art

Candice Long Staff

ne man's trash is another man's ... art? The Moscow Recycling Center is celebrating Earth Day 1998 by recognizing talent in the community. Art entries in the Recycled Art Contest were put on display yesterday in honor of Moscow's efforts to reducewaste.

Entrants include students from the University of Idaho School of Art and local elementary, junior high and high schools. Their task: Creating art using common household recyclables that are often deemed as garbage

'This art contest will encourage people to look at recyclables that are potential art material," said Amy Wilson, education coordinator at Moscow Recycling. "We've got some really clever people in our community and the best you can do with these items is to reuse them again."

First and second place entries in all four different age groupings will be displayed in the Moscow Recycling library for the next year.

Moscow Recycling will also be offering higher than usual redemption rates for aluminum cans. They will be offering 50 cents a pound instead of the lower 30 cent range. There will also be door prizes for participants who bring in the most aluminum cans and register for a drawing to win a one-day whitewater rafting trip for two from Salmon River Experience.

"We've done some educational presentations in the past, but this year ve're celebrating that fact that we're helping to save our planet," Wilson said. 'Most of the people in this community make some kind of an effort to recycle and this is an opportunity to just come and have fun and realize that recycling can be fun and easy. Sometimes it's just a matter of getting some bins and putting forth a

Earth Day has been a national holiday since 1970 and Wilson said this is their way to honor the environmental movement and address environmental issues.

"I think recycling is something that really makes people feel good and I think the most important thing is that we're getting people out. Most of the people in the community know about us and visit us regularly," Wilson said.

The Moscow Recycling Center will also hold their 10th annual Household Hazardous Waste Day on April 25 in the Tidyman's Parking Lot in order to keep Latah County's waters and soils free from toxic chemicals. Volunteers are needed to help direct traffic, hand out education materials and survey forms, and recycle paint, oil and antifreeze.

For more information on celebrating Earth Day or Household Hazardous Waste Day, contact Wilson at Moscow Recycling at 882-2925, Tuesday through Thursday.

Hepatitis A case reported in Food Court

Adam E-H Wilson

very university student with an e-mail d address received a release over the weekend regarding a case of Hepatitis A in a Student Union Food Court worker.

"I don't think students need to be alarmed," said Lisa Cramer, an epidemiologist with Public Health. "Just being on campus and eating at food services is not a risk.'

Hepatitis A is a virus, said Dr. Donald Chin. director of Student Health. Early on, the virus causes flu-like systems such as nausea and loss of appetite. Later symptoms include darkcolored urine and jaundice, the yellowing of eyes and skin. Because it is highly contagious, any case is required by law to be reported to the local Public Health district, who immediately investigates the case and potential threat to the

Originally, the virus is contracted by contact with infected stool, perhaps while changing a baby's diaper. Poor hygiene spreads the disease, as simply washing your hands will kill it. Once a person is infected, contact with food becomes a major concern because that food can be contaminated by touch.

In this case, Rick Gabriel of Public Health investigated after someone was diagnosed with Hepatitis A last week. Public Health found the risk to the public health to be extremely low.

Cramer said that food was "well-handled" by the Marriott Corporation, which runs all campus food services, including the Burger King station where the infected person worked. Sanitary practices like washing of hands and wearing of gloves greatly reduce the chance of

About 25 employees of Marriott were given immune globulin shots as a precaution. Immune globulin boosts the body's immune system, and can only be acquired through Public Health. Cramer said the investigation showed little chance of spread and therefore did not recommend giving the shots to the general

Student Health Services said many students had questions yesterday and over the weekend. Most wanted to know the signs of infection and whether they needed the shots.

The first signs - nausea, aches, loss of appetite, fever, and abdominal pain — typically do not appear until a month after infection. Because of the virus' long incubation period, if any student had contracted the disease, they would not likely be feeling the effects yet.

Anyone with questions regarding Hepatitis should call the North Central Public Health District, in Moscow at 882-7506, or the local district head at 799-3100 in Lewiston.

SEAC urges administration to switch to tree-free paper

Adam E-H Wilson Staff

t's tree-free, chlorine-free and fairly expensive. It's kenaf L paper, and the student environmental group SEAC wants the University of Idaho to use it.

The group, which has gained notoriety in recent months for its earth-friendly and anti-industry campaigns, sent a letter to UI President Bob Hoover last week asking to meet with him and discuss the possibility of switching UI computer labs to the kenaf

Officially the letter has been forwarded to Jerry Wallace, vice president of finance and administration. Wallace expects to have a recommendation in about a week, after reviewing the proposal.

"I don't expect them to just say

'yeah sure,' but I expect them to be aware of it and think about it," said SEAC member Russ Schnitzer.

Made from the African kenaf plant, the paper is cream colored and has a rougher texture than the bleached-white paper made from tree-pulp now in the labs. The standard paper sells for a fraction of a cent per-page, however, and the kenaf paper, SEAC says, will cost 2 cents per-page.

SEAC members hope UI students will be willing to pick up the tab for paper that doesn't come from forests.

They point out that students voted to spend \$70 a semester on a new recreation center, and it would only take a few dollars more a semester for the kenaf paper.

This semester, full-time students paid \$28 for the student computing fee. That fee has been the same since 1993, when it was

first implemented. Starting next fall the fee will be \$42 a semester.

That fee covers student lab printing, which has increased 50 percent last school year ('96-'97) from the year before ('95-'96).

"Besides the negative environmental impact of the wasted paper, there is also the little matter of wasted money," said Diane Griffitts of Computer Services in the spring edition of the CS newsletter.

To show the students' willingness to use kenaf, expensive or not, the group has begun a petition to present to the administration. They hope to gather more than a thousand signatures. This issue, says Schnitzer, is the most relevant to students, who may shy away from more complex environmental

"It's basically self-explanatory:

we don't have to cut down trees to get this paper," he said.

The supporters of kenaf paper say it saves more than just trees. It is produced without chlorine, which means that no dioxin is produced during manufacture.

SEAC member Wade Gruhl describes dioxin as "one of the most cancer-causing agents on the planet."

The group states that dioxin helps give Lewiston its nasty smell, and is among the worst of the worst pollutants.

With so many benefits, SEAC hopes to see the kenaf paper in use next semester. They think switching to it will allow UI to take the lead in progressive environmental policies.

"This should definitely set an example for the entire state of Idaho and the whole region," Schnitzer said.

Still, the group expects more resistance from the administration than students or faculty. They worry that grants from the timber industry might be used as political levers to block the switch.

"Any time you talk about timber," Schnitzer said, "it's a political issue."

Most of Idaho timber is not used in pulp production, which is found more in the southeast. The infamous Cove-Mallard timber sale, however, contains lodgepole pine, which is a strictly paperproducing species of tree.

According to the Earth Island Institute, kenaf produces three to five times more fiber than pine. It grows to 12-15 feet in five months as compared to 20-25 years for plantation pine.

The group suggests Vision Paper from New Mexico as a possible supplier of kenaf paper.



Local News

Neighbor of radio tower

says it's a costly nuisance

MOSCOW — Mary Butters says

a radio tower near her home has

taken away the enjoyment of her

property and cost her \$1,500 to fix

Supreme Court on Thursday,

alleging the KZZL-FM and KCLX-

AM tower affects her more than her

update her telephone system to

eliminate the radio signal in the

phone the tower causes. Butters

Her attorney, John Bradbury,

appealed a 2nd District Court ruling

that said she could not challenge the

validity of an ordinance that allowed

the tower's installation by Colfax,

Wash., radio station owner Robert

so that gives her (the right) to contest the permit," Bradbury told

the justices meeting at the

2nd District and the Supreme Court

commissioners upheld the zoning

board's decision to issue a

conditional-use permit that allowed

the tower. The permit was revoked

on appeal in 2nd District Court after

former Judge John Bengtson said

the tower would not enhance the

But the commissioners updated

the ordinance and amended the

restriction dealing with the issue of

economic value or public need for

the permit. Hauser then was granted

a conditional-use permit, and

Butters appealed to district court

where Bengtson ruled she lacked

Doug Whitney said Butters' case

tries to show the tower's

conditional-use permit and the

current ordinance are one issue

Latah County Deputy Prosecutor

The case has been in and out of

The county

University of Idaho Law School.

since 1993.

standing.

The tower "affects her differently

She said she paid money to

She took her case to the Idaho

electronic problems it causes.

neighbors on Paradise Ridge.

wants it taken down.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seismologists find flaws in earthquake hazard estimates

BOISE — When the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805 crossed into what would become Idaho, it marked the beginning of written records about this part of the West.

But the nearly two centuries since are little more than the blink of an eye in geologic terms.

And there is far too little historical information about the dates and places where colossal earthquakes have hit to gauge whether future temblors will crumple buildings in the rapidly growing West, Boise State University seismologist James Zollweg said.

"We probably have a lot of active faults, but people have only been around here for 200 years to write down their experiences," he said. "It means we in the West, and in the East in some respects, have had a very small chance of experiencing the largest quakes, which may occur hundreds to thousands of years apart."

In fact, Zollweg believes the potential of all too many faults has been underestimated, raising questions about the adequacy of building codes and other modern anti-quake measures.

The largest two recorded quakes to shake Idaho were in 1959 centered at Hebgen Lake in the Yellowstone Region and in 1983 at Borah Peak in central Idaho's Lost River Range.

The Hebgen Lake quake killed 28 people and unleashed a landslide of 80 million tons of rock and debris. It packed a magnitude of 7.5.

The Borah Peak quake measured 7.3. It caused \$12 million in damage and was felt hundreds of miles away. Two Challis children were killed by the crumbling facade of a 19th century building.

Scismologists inspect the geological footprints from prehistoric earthquakes to determine the potential strength of future events. But a strong temblor may not always produce much visible evidence on the surface, Zollweg

Announcements

Today

· Residence Hall students: If you would like to keep your present room, come to the University Residences today through April 16 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on April 17. If you would like to change rooms on your current hall, come to the Morin Room on the second floor of the Wallace Complex on April 21 at the time designated on the informational postcard you received. If you would like to. move to a different hall, come to the Morin Room on April 22 at. the time noted on your postcard. For more details come to the University Residences office.

• An introduction to Career Services will be held today at 11:30 a.m. in Career Services in Brink Hall. For more information call 885-6121. Pre-registration is recommended.

• The UI Safety Board and Women's Center are sponsoring a special Sexual Assault Awareness program, "As They See It," featuring Allyson Kurker, tonight at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The program is free. For more information, call 885-6616.

Tomorrow

• A Career Services workshop, "Marketing Yourself with a Resume and Cover Letter," will be held tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in Carrer Services in Brink Hall. For more information call 885-6121, Pre-registration is recommended.

• The William Edgar Borah Foundation will be holding a program for UI and other regional students April 15-19. The theme is "Conflict and the Environment." Students can attend the programs free by calling 1-888-884-3246 or visiting their website <www.martin.uidaho.edu>.

• Ul marketing students will present "All Star Road Rules," an on-campus promotional event which will feature 1998 Chevrolet vehicles, free food, music and over \$1,000 in prizes. It will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. tomorrow in front of Memorial Gym.

• There will be an AmeriCorps information meeting in the SUB Kerouac Room at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow. For more information, contact Cooperative Education/Service Learning at 8 8 5 - 5 8 2 2, <cooped@uidaho.edu>, or Education 204.

Coming Events

• The UI Safety Board and Women's Center have scheduled a series of sexual assault awareness programs in mid-April. On Thursday, Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse will provide information outside the UI Library, and the Sigma Chi Fraternity will distribute white ribbons. Beginning at 5 p.m., the Clothesline Project will be on display at the UI Admin lawn. A March for Safety will conclude the Clothesline Project. On April 21, "Why Not? I Bought You Dinner" will be presented in the SUB Borah Theater. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call 885-6616.

• The Lewiston-Clarkston chapter of the UI Alumni Association will hold its annual Silver and Gold Celebration on Thursday. Contact Bob Culbertson, (208) 743-8088, for more information.

• The UI's "Saturday of Service" will celebrate National Service Day April 18. The registration deadline is Thursday, Individuals or groups interested in volunteering should contract Kris Day, UI student activities coordinator, at 885-2237.

The UI College of Engineering Research Colloquium will present Funding Funding Opportunities from NSF" on April 20. The presentation will be held at 12:30 p.m. in JEB 111.

• An ASUI candidates forum will be held at noon on April 23 in the Vandal Lounge and at 5 p.m. at the Wallace Complex. For more information, contact Jolynn at ASUI.

• "Wilderness International," a free public lecture, will be held April 23 at 7 p.m. in Life Science 277.

• The nationwide tour of "Love Makes a Family: Living in Lesbian and Gay Families," a photograph/text exhibit, will be displayed in the SUB from April 24-May 8, Call 885-2691 for more information.

• The annual Paradise Creek Clean-up will be on April 25. Call 882-1444 or visit <www.moscow.com/pcei> for more information.

• Annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held April 25. For more information, call 882-2925. • The Art Department is offering a summer course that is open to anyone interested in the visual art scene in New York City. It will be held May 18-25. For more information, a course flyer, or questions call the Art Dept., 885-6851, George Wray, 885-7424, e-mail<gtwray@uidaho.edu>, or Nathan Griffith, 885-4758, e-

Opportunities

mail <ngriff@uidaho.edu>.

• 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 at <www.uidaho.edu/registration>

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.

• The Student Counseling Center offers the following workshops: Stress Management April 30, 2:30-4 p.m. and Reducing Test Anxiety May 7, 2:30-4 p.m. Call 885-6716 or stop by UCC 309 for more sinformation.

Summer and fall time schedule information is now 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>.

• The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Foundation has announced the 1998 Traveling Fellowship program competitions. The Foundation offers fellowships for postgraduate travel in the fields of Architecture, Interior Architecture, Urban Design and Engineering. For more information, visit <www.som.com/html/som_foun dation.html>







Summer's coming Don't forget to

'Lorax' speaks for the teens

Kate Lombardi

"Mister,' he said with a sawdusty sneeze, 'I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees. I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues...'" (The Lorax, by Dr. Suess).

John Crout is the Lorax. "I want to speak for the kids," Crout said. And that's just what Crout has set out to do. Armed with brochures, ideas, and one great big plan, John Crout is ready to set the youth of Moscow, and hopefully the nation, back on track.

Crout, who currently works for the Moscow School District, began work for his program, Student Business Incubator, in 1991. After doing "field research" while living in Texas and California, Crout is applying his knowledge to Palouse

"Kids were asking for help and

the schools weren't helping because they were told they didn't have it in their budget," Crout said. "The answer wasn't that tough. So I got fired up to start."

Thus the Student Business Incubator began. Now, almost seven years of planning and fundraising later, Crout is ready to get going. The ambitious plan for Moscow's future doesn't just begin with a program. "Everything is programmed out," he said.

Instead, it begins with a building. The building, situated on 22 acres near Paradise Creek, is a place, Crout says, for kids and the community to interact together. Crout stresses that taking kids away from the community will only increase alienation, but by having everyone together will bolster community support for the teenagers.

Each of the three floors within the planned SBI building serves a different purpose.On the ground floor, teenagers and community members alike can eat and socialize in the Food Court. Just beyond the Food Court is the "Self-Help/Life Skills" area where teens can study, work out, do laundry, or even take a

The first floor provides a place for teens to hang out. "Some kids go to the Pantry and hang out all night," Crout said. "But this will give them someplace to go something to do so they can go home."

The second floor is the home for more classes where teenagers will learn to deal with everyday situations in order to become an asset for the workplace. "They can do all the training they like on the job," he said. "But SBI will prepare them to deal with what comes along with work.'

On the third floor, teenagers can work in labs or immerse themselves in the "Military Zone." Crout, who spent 12 years in the military, believes that the military presence will be good for "kids who want more structure and discipline."

Yet Crout doesn't want to do all of this without area kids' input. We know there is a problem," he said. "And we want to try and get answers from the kids. We want answers from the kids."

Through his daily work with teenagers, Crout feels that he is getting some valuable input but could always do with some more. Crout plans to have roundtable discussions with teenagers and adults alike to make SBI-related decisions.

"We want it to be give-and-take on both sides," he said. "The kids will tell us what they want, we'll tell them what we want, and we can all work together for the same

Moscow isn't the only place in which Crout is hoping SBI will make a mark. Crout hopes that someday SBI will be a national program.



John Crout overlooks the land he hopes to use for the Student Business Incubator headquarters

But the nation will have to wait until the Palouse has triumphed, which Crout says will only happen with the support of the community and surrounding area. SBI has the support of many local businesses and also of administrators, such as Moscow School District Superintendent Jack Hill.

"John has some great ideas," Hill said. "His heart is in the right place. His thoughts and concepts are what we in public education have become more aware of — that kids need confidence and skills for jobs. He is not putting down public education; he wants to expand it. I am very supportive.'

However, the Moscow School District does have a program like Crout's, but to a lesser extent, in place now.

"The principles are the same as the Business Education Partnership program," said Debbie Ray, who works with the program through the Chamber of Commerce. "We are finding a way to enhance skills. We are on parallel tracks but just going in different ways to achieve our goals."

The SBI program will focus on students throughout the surrounding area from ages 14-21. For more information, write to Student Business Incubator, 1420 S. Blaine, Dept 104, Moscow, Idaho, 83843 or e-mail at <sbi@micron.net>. SBI also has a web page:

<users.moscow.com/solutions/fr ame.html>.

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Crout hopes to use the land off Mountain View Road next to the Paradise Creek Project for the Student









Stop by & listen to the

ASUI Candidates Forum

> April 23rd 12 noon **SUB Food Court**



Forum discusses campus safety

Charlotte West

A forum on Wednesday allowed students and others to voice concerns about campus safety. Representatives from the Moscow police and campus organizations sat on the

One concern voiced was the speed of traffic in front of the Wallace Complex. A suggestion was made to install more stop signs. Dale Mickelson, division commander of the campus police, said that additional stop signs would cause more harm than good. "Anything that impedes traffic increases accidents," he said.

Another area of discussion was the role of

police on the UI campus. Police patrolling the campus are Moscow city police under a contract with the university. They work out of a substation located on campus. Carol Grupp, director of Administrative Affairs, called it a "combining of resources and improving of quality.'

"The cost of maintaining [our own] police force would be quite a bit higher," Mickelson said.

He said there are two "campus community" officers whose main duty is problem solving. They want to develop a relationship with the students. Also, he encourages students to voice concerns so that

they can be more sensitive to student needs. "We're open for suggestions on how to improve relationships," he said. One of these officers, Crpl. Tery

Haldeman, is a bike cop on campus. "Our job is to do nothing more than be visible. I can stop and talk to people and make myself

One concern was that police officers were only seen on campus when they were arresting someone or busting a party. "We pour out gallons of booze, issue warnings and write citations," Mickelson said.

"Warnings are great, but they don't always work," said Officer Tom Webber. He said UI has had a reputation for being a party school, and as soon as enforcement increased, the partying decreased.

Another issue was concern for safety of students in campus buildings at night. They are considering a system that would allow access to buildings through Vandal Cards. This would allow access to those who had reason to be in a specific building and keep out intruders. "You program who you want to have access to that building," said Fred Hutchison, a health and safety officer.

However, this is simply a precautionary method. It would not be 100 percent effective. "The biggest key to any student living group is a pizza box," said Bruce Pitman, dean of students.



ASUI President Annie Averitt and Salety Board member Angela Rauch sit on the panel at the Salety Forum Wednesday night.

The panel also discussed concerns about crime on campus. Hutchison said there are not many reports of unknown assaults, but they were aware that a significant number of crimes were not reported.

"The problems for us are behind closed doors. That leads us to other things such as education and prevention," said Valerie Russo, a sexual assault education specialist.

"I feel it's very important that we get out

safety messages in the first three or four weeks of the school year. Our emphasis is to personalize it to the living groups," Pitman

In addition, panel members said safety is the responsibility of everyone. "We've had to go back to the community. We are counting more and more on public input on what you see as a problem. It involves community action," said Mickelson.

El Niño really is something to sneeze at

BOISE — Springtime allergy sufferers can blame El Niño for their earlier-thanusual runny noses, watery eyes and scratchy

Boise's winter was wetter and warmer than normal, a whopping 9.9 degrees above normal in January and 1.8 degrees above normal for March, the National Weather Service reports. And now, plants are getting a head start on producing pollens.

The way it looks now, it probably is going to be a pretty bad allergy season," said Dr. John Jeppson of the Boise Valley Asthma and Allergy Clinic.

The office has fired up its pollenmeasuring machine at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. So far, pollen is coming from juniper, maple and elm trees.

Jeppson and other Boise-area doctors already are dealing with ore allergy patients than usual.

"I've been seeing increasing numbers for three or four weeks now," said Dr. Arthur C. Jones III, a specialist with Southwest Idaho Ear Nose and Throat clinic.

Jones suspects the valley's moist, warm

weather might be fostering mold growth. Molds are common allergens, but because they aren't usually a problem in desert climates such as Boise, the Allergy Clinic doesn't routinely measure them.

An estimated 15 percent to 20 percent of adults and children suffer from allergies, some seasonal and some year-round, thanks to a sensitivity to dust mites and other household allergens.

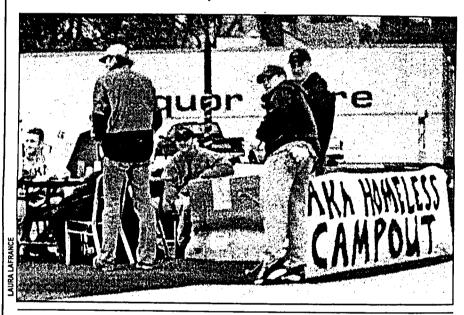
Allergy sufferers account for 3 percent of all doctor appointments nationwide, Jones

Until last year, Mark Kramer, a 37-yearold Boise insulation contractor, suffered without going to the doctor. But his allergies, which began in childhood, got worse and worse year by year, especially after he moved back to Boise, his boyhood home, in

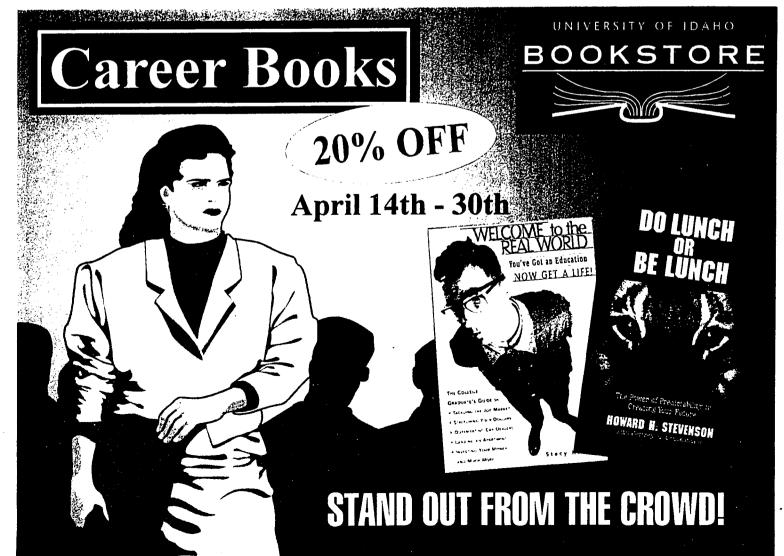
His symptoms included sinus headaches, congestion, runny nose and red, watery eyes. Sometimes weeks-long bouts of illness would begin with sneezing fits.

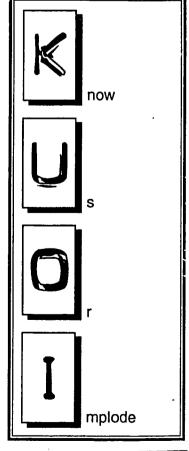
'I might sneeze six or eight times in a 10minute period, so violently to the point where I will literally see stars."

Homeless for a day



Members of Alpha Kappa Lambda and Kappa Kappa Gamma camped out for the homeless Saturday from 8 a.m. until Sunday 8 a.m. in front of Sears. Proceeds went to Sojourner's Alliance to benefit the homeless.









America should adopt a flat tax



Lance R. Curtis

Tomorrow is the day which annoys many. Actually, today is the day which annoys many, because it's once again time to fill out tax forms and pray for a refund. So while you are scrambling to finish your taxes by midnight tonight (or even if you filed weeks or months ago), consider how messed up our tax system is.

We currently have a progressive tax system. This means that those who make more money pay a higher percentage of their income as taxes. I disagree with this concept because it punishes the desire to improve and to grow. If someone is currently paying 25 percent of his income in taxes, the current tax system discourages him from improving his lot in life because that would place him in a higher tax bracket. Certainly those who earn more have more to contribute to the public fund, but just because someone has more doesn't mean that they should be required to pay a higher rate.

Whatever happened to the idea that all men are created equal? Wasn't the civil rights movement in this country about the equality of people? How then do we tolerate a system which discourages self-improvement and places unequal burdens on our people?

Also, lobbyists and special interest groups have become so integrated in taxation law that the system has become defunct. Why do so many special interests get particular tax deductions? What makes one interest better than another? Why are there so many loopholes through which people can avoid paying taxes? Loopholes certainly provide incentives for the public to behave in certain fashions, but they also allow members of the public to refrain from paying taxes.

Why are so many so anxious to avoid paying taxes? Part of the reason is because we work for our money. So naturally we desire to keep what we have worked to have. But why should we not cheerfully support our government and the services which government provides? Loopholes and tax deductions may be good in some instances, but these same loopholes and deductions inspired by special interest groups have made a virtual mess of our tax system.

We could eliminate many of the injustices and problems of our current tax code if we simply eliminated the present system and replaced it with a flat tax. A flat tax gives the same rate to all, thus placing all Americans under an equal requirement. And under this equal requirement, those who have more always pay more than those who don't. For example, if the tax rate were 15 percent, then those making \$20,000 a year would pay

\$3,000 in taxes while those making \$80,000 a year would pay \$12,000 in taxes. Those who

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make more will always pay more under a flat tax rate.

A flat tax system would also eliminate the need for endless tax forms, schedules and booklets explaining how to fill everything out, because the only deduction is for the cost of living. I don't think that filling out tax forms under the present system is really that difficult. Most students probably fill out a 1040EZ if they file at all. But even the

standard 1040 which most use to file isn't that hard to fill out.

Still, forms for a flat tax system would be even simpler to fill out. You compute your total income for the year, subtract a cost of living deduction, multiply that amount by whatever the tax rate is, and you have computed your tax for the year. Then subtract that amount from what you have already paid, and you have the amount of your refund or tax remaining to be paid. How simple and quick! Such a process wouldn't even take five minutes to complete. Compare that to the time you took to file your taxes under the

Allowing the cost of living as the only deduction when filing taxes wrests power from the special interest groups and lobbyists who have messed up our tax system to begin with. I would say that we should allow no deductions, but those making just barely enough to survive should not have to worry about pinching pennies as much as possible.

A flat tax system would bring equality in our tax code and eliminate the confusion and mess caused by loopholes and special deductions. I admit that eliminating the current system also eliminates the jobs of many lawyers, accountants, and other tax specialists. This may be one reason why Congress has yet to enact fair tax legislation. But fairness and equality under the law should be our standard. Inasmuch as the current system does not allow these virtues, we should work within the law to change the

Asarco: Go mine in Hell!



Wade Gruhl columnist

sarco Inc., party to 21 Superfund sites nationwide, is the diabolical company behind plans to operate one of the largest copper and silver mines in North America. The Rock Creek mine would be located in Noxon, Mont., just across the Idaho border in the Panhandle.

The mine would contaminate as much as 3 million gallons of water per day, most of which would be poured directly into the Clark Fork River, which would carry the mine waste to Lake Pend O'reille. Asarco assures us that they will not contaminate any water, but plans to use unproven, untested technology.

I don't believe them, and neither should you. Besides being a party to 21 Superfund sites. Asarco has been fined \$6 million for pollution it caused in Arizona and Montana. Asarco has been cited four times for water quality violations at its Troy, Mont., silver mine, fined 422 times for air pollution violations in Tacoma, Wash., ordered to spend \$10 million to clean up a mess it made in Denver, and has been named as a defendant in 730 asbestos related cases. It reportedly has a \$100 million lawsuit fund.

Asarco also plans to leave 100 million tons of mining waste permanently along Rock Creek, and only a quarter mile from the Clark Fork River. The tailings pile would have no liner. In addition to these significant impacts, the mine would degrade the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness, and have severe negative impacts on habitat for the threatened populations of grizzly bears and bull trout. Hunters and anglers will have a harder time finding elk and cutthroat trout if Asarco plans are implemented.

We have no reason to believe a word Asarco says. There was a time in America when corporations had to get permission to operate, and they had to show that they would be good for the community. Now they have the legal

status of people, except that they can't vote in elections (aside from their campaign contributions), and that they aren't often held responsible for their actions. Maybe we should tell Asarco they can operate only if major stock holders and executives use the mine waste as drinking water. Similarly, we could get production of nuclear waste stopped promptly if we mandated that the waste be poured into aluminum cans, sealed in duct tape, and stored on Capitol Hill and at the Pentagon.

Mail order catalog company Coldwater Creek is one of northern Idaho's largest employers, and it recently came out of the closet to oppose the Rock Creek mine. More closeted environmentalists and lovers of clean water should do the same. Coldwater Creek's announcement helps to illustrate that the local economy is better off without the Rock Creek mine. The expected 300 jobs to be taken by mostly transient miners will not be of much benefit to Sandpoint. Neither will a polluted lake and a degraded wilderness area. Companies like Coldwater will be less likely to move to or invest in a community with a polluted lake on the edge of downtown.

The City of Sandpoint officially opposes the mine, but not aggressively. The Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce has no official position, but the Coeur d'Alene Chamber sent a representative to a public meeting in Sandpoint to support the mine. The shameful representative, Lori Barnes, is also a paid employee of Asarco. I don't understand why anyone in northern Idaho would support more mining considering the results of past mining. The Silver Valley is a Superfund site, and Lake Coeur d'Alene is polluted as a result. What sense does it make to do an encore performance on Pend O'reille? A recent report in the Spokesman-Review told of "Republican Women" opposed to having the Environmental Protection Agency study the extent of pollution in Lake Coeur d'Alene. Are these the same people that support the Rock Creek mine? Perhaps these misguided individuals could focus their efforts on preventing a Superfund site in Sandpoint, rather than complaining about how such a designation will hurt tourism in Coeur d'Alene? The lack of depth in the reasoning of some people is perplexing.

The time is now for all who love Idaho to join together with the Rock Creek Alliance to actively resist this proposed assault upon the economy and quality of life in northern Idaho. Tell Asarco to go mine in hell!

Letter to the Editor

Sound advice to avoid date rape drugs

There are some dangerous and powerful drugs finding their way onto our campus, causing concern among local authorities, faculty, and students. They are Rohypnol and GHB, also known as "date rape drugs."

Rohypnol has many street names, such as Roofies, Ruffies, Roche, and Mind-

Erasers. This drug is 10 times more potent than valium. The drug a is colorless, odorless, and tasteless pill that can be slipped into a drink without the person knowing. When the drug is taken alone, it creates a drunk-like state. When mixed with alcohol, it can be fatal. The effects of Rohypnol includes dizziness, confusion, stomach upset, temporary paralysis, and a complete or partial amnesia. This is extremely disturbing because the victim may not remember what they did or what was done to them for a significant amount of time. These effects begin within a few minutes and can last up to 12 hours, depending on the amount ingested. Rohypnol has never been approved for medical use in the United States. It is illegal to manufacture, distribute, or possess Rohypnol in this country. In 1996, Congress passed the Drug-Induced Rape Prevention Act, which states that giving Rohypnol to another person without their knowledge is punishable by up to 20 years in prison, on top of the rape charge given by the state.

GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyrate) is a drug that acts as a depressant on the central nervous system. The effects of the drug can be felt within 15 minutes of ingestion. GHB can cause dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, seizures, intense drowsiness, unconsciousness, and can also cause amnesia. When ingested with alcohol, the consequences can be fatal. GHB is commonly made in a clear liquid form that is colorless and odorless. However, it may be recognized by its salty taste. Therefore, it is often mixed into sweet drinks to mask the taste. It has been tested for potential medical uses in the US, but has never been approved. GHB has recently been changed to a Schedule I drug, which means it carries the same penalties as heroin. Rohypnol is already a Schedule I drug. GHB is especially dangerous because non-professionals are mixing their own varieties using various chemical ingredients. Because of this, there are significant differences in purity, concentration, and potency. There is also a narrow margin between the dose that will produce intoxication and the amount that will cause very harmful effects.

Taking care of yourself and being aware of your surrounds are good ways to avoid these drugs. Do not leave your drink unattended. If it has been, discard it, Do not accept a drink from someone you don't know and trust. If you do, follow the person to the bar, watch the drink being poured, and carry the drink yourself. Don't share or exchange drinks with anyone. Use the "buddy system." Keep an eye on your friends, and never leave without accounting for those you came with. If you think they might have been drugged, it is important to seek medical attention as soon as possible. These drugs stay in your system for up to 72 hours.

For more information you can contact Valerie Russo at the Women's Center, 885-6616, or Annie Dakin at Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse at 882-2490 or the 24 hour hotline at 883-4357.

> -Jamee Ashburn –Jason Koester

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Letters to the Editor

Use alcohol and die

Alcohol is an undeniable fact of life. From the Egyptian's first beer, to the Greek's first wine, alcohol has taken a foothold in our culture as well as our lives. In fact, one need not look further than our very own college campus. Alcohol has rooted itself in our college culture. It has become a symbol of freedom, celebration, and rebellion among students of almost every age and living group — on campus and off. In one way or another — through firsthand experience or indirectly — alcohol can impact you throughout your college career.

Without putting a value statement upon the use of alcohol, there are some facts that one should know. No matter how much attention is given to alcohol, no matter how many times students hear about the horrors of alcohol, or how many times alcohol is involved in accidents, some students will drink. This is why the correct approach to this problem does not involve a value statement. Life is about making your own choices. If you do make the choice to use alcohol there is something I think people should know. Alcohol can kill.

-Steve Murchie

Alcohol can kill you, but prevention is possible

Of all the things that can cut a young life short, deaths caused by binge drinking are among the most senseless. Although the majority of college students may not yet have felt the impact of such a death, this is a real problem. Evidence of the reality lies in the recent alcohol related deaths of a Louisiana State University freshman and a MIT freshman. These stories are made even more tragic by the fact that they could easily have been prevented.

Prevention of these deaths and injuries on college campuses does not lie in attempting to stop alcohol use. In reality, this will not happen at the UI, or at other area college campuses. Binge drinking is defined as five or more drinks for a male and four or more drinks for a female in one sitting. Fifty percent of males and 28 percent of females at the UI binge drink. Therefore, a more practical and simple solution is education.

First of all, students need to realize that not everyone is binge drinking. The perception is that most students binge drink — this is simply not true. This perception can be dangerous, particularly for younger students, and may lead to increased drinking. If students realize that the majority of UI students do not binge drink, they may feel less

Most importantly, students need to know what to do when faced with someone who has been binge drinking to a dangerous level. This knowledge will save lives. Not only do students who binge drink need this information, but also every student who may encounter such a student in a residence hall, fraternity, sorority, or anywhere else.

-Jennifer Dryden

Business shouldn't have to cater to last minute customers

This letter is in response to the article printed in the Argonaut on Tuesday, April 7. Wes Rimel was writing about his opinion on the stores of the Palouse Empire Mall seeming to not want business because they close early on the weekends. As an employee at the mall, I can say that this isn't the case.

I am a student here at the university and work in the floral shop on the weekends. I have a family that I see little of because of working when I'm not in school. If the hours were extended on the weekends, I would see even less of my husband. I'm sure that many other workers at the mall are in the same boat. It seems to me that eight hours on Saturday, and five hours on Sunday is more than enough for students as well as the rest of Moscow's

community to come in and do their shopping.

Wes points out that on holidays such as Valentine's Day when there are last minute shoppers, we should cater to these people. In all honesty, these last minute people in a floral shop on February 14 are a real pain. Last year, I worked for 72 hours straight along with my co-workers to cater to such idiots who wait to order their flowers until 10 minutes before we close. These same people are the ones who come in and are shocked and angry that we have sold out of red roses. Do these people ever think about planning ahead? This year, when Valentine's Day was on a Saturday, we were all more than happy to close up and go home after an extremely long and tiresome week.

People that think that the mall should cater to students who have nothing better to do than to hang out and meander around on the weekends need to think twice. I have to work to support myself and my husband. Since I work in a small, privately owned shop, we can't afford to hire more people as well as train them. Being a florist is not something that anyone can just pick up and therefore is a difficult position to fill. Wes and the people that share his opinion need to consider that workers in the mall need time off too. We not only want to spend time relaxing after a long week, but need the time to study as well. Remember this the next time you come to the mall and see us closing up after a long day: It's not that we don't want your business, it's that we have families to come home to and lives to live just like you.

-Brandy Faylor

Effort is starting to educate students about alcohol

An effort to inform students about the risks and hazards associated with binge drinking has been started on the UI campus. The students of the Health and Wellness 436/536 classes taught by Dr. Lisa Gilbert have embarked on this project to educate their fellow classmates. In collaboration with Student Advisory Services and Student Health Services, the class has received funds from the school for their project and will implement it during April. The class plans on distributing printed materials to the majority of the students on the local campus as well as putting up table tents and posters. They will also run public

service announcements on local radio stations and be conducting contests. Through this intervention, targeted students will be able to identify the aspects and facts of binge drinking as well as some prevention and safety techniques. Some of these safety techniques, as identified by Dr. McKinnon of Student Health Services, include a few major steps to prevent dying of an alcohol related incident [see editor's note].

Some other preventive measures include having a sober designated driver and trying to drink in some moderation. Students will also be aware of any resources they have access to in the event of an emergency. With the help of many trained professionals, the students hope their intervention program will have a major impact on the population of the UI

> -Carissa Primmer -Jayme Strong -William Alderson

UI is middle of the pack in terms of binge drinking

Binge drinking is the primary health hazard for college students in the United States. It is defined as having five or more alcoholic drinks in one sitting in an average week. As students at the UI, we are concerned with how we compare with the national averages for binge drinking. Given UI's past reputation as a "party" school, the public's perception of drinking at UI may be higher compared to the rest of the nation.

According to a survey conducted by Dr. Randy Page, Ul's prevalence is actually comparable or lower. It was reported that 50 percent of males and 72 percent of females do not binge drink at the UI. The national averages are 50 percent for males and 61 percent for females. The survey also showed that the students tend to overestimate the prevalence of binge drinking on campus. Those who estimated a higher value tended to be binge drinkers themselves. Duryea and Martin (1981) refer to this to be the "Distortion Effect." Although the prevalence of binge drinking could be lowered, we don't think it is a major problem here. An increased awareness and alcohol education programs may be responsible for the lower prevalence of binge drinking at the UI.

How do we lower the prevalence of binge drinking even further? Peer education programs on campus should be initiated. Students who learn about binge drinking are great resources for information on alcohol abuse. Peer educators are generally more easily accessible, believable, and viewed as less threatening than administrators. They are also more likely to witness binge drinking firsthand and share a common language and culture with students. Another resource, available to students is individual counseling. Most students may not know about Mary Beth Lagenauer, who provides substance abuse counseling for UI students. Another important factor in lowering the prevalence of binge drinking is the trend in fraternities to go "dry." In many instances, it is becoming a national rule for many fraternities to be "dry."

The UI is neither high nor low compared to the rest of the nation when it comes to binge drinking, but there are many things that can be done to lower the prevalence. There are many programs available, and they should be taken advantage of to the full extent. Students have the responsibility to inform themselves and stay focused as to why they are in school. Remember that college is about thinking, not drinking.

> –Dieu Dinh -Jared Ham -Mustafa Hassan -Josh Smith -Ron Sandow

Scott's argument is nothing more than propaganda

This letter is in response to Scott J. Mahurin's column entitled, "The Clinton Scandal: Is it really none of our business?" While I agree with him that the moral character of our elected leader is indeed our business, I strongly disagree with everything else he had to

His comment, "the unbeliever's moral sense is deadened," seems absolutely ludicrous. However, since Scott has failed to define morality, I will simply say that caring, compassion, and a concern for the safety of ourselves and other humans has existed in us long before the Christian myths and can exist today regardless of one's belief in the Christian god.

I hate to intrude upon Scott's delusions of grandeur, but Christians have anything but a "consistent view." If that was true, I challenge him to relate that statement to the countless wars and violence brought about because of the differences between two very Christian religions: Catholic and Protestant. "Christians" in Northern Ireland are murdering each other every day over this very issue. People are people, good and bad, regardless of their religious beliefs, or lack thereof.

feel that using words such as "unbeliever" reduces Scott's argument to nothing more

than propaganda, and there is already enough of that in the media.

-Jaimy Stokes

Editor's note: The letters related to alcohol education contained the following ways to prevent injury and death when using alcohol:

- 1. DON'T mix alcohol with medication. 2. DON'T drink on an empty stomach.
- 3. DO alternate with non-alcoholic beverages.
- 4. DON'T discourage vomiting.
- 5. DO roll unconscious intoxicated person on side and elevate head.
- 6. DO call 911 if intoxicated person is unconscious.

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Nothing "Phishy" about Calobo's style

A concert review by Amy Sanderson

azz, bluegrass, funk, reggae; it is impossible to put a label on the seven-member band now beginning to enjoy their growing fame since humble beginnings in the Portland area. In a concert at the SUB Ballroom last Thursday, dedicated Calobo fans anxiously greeted the band who has remained so down to earth despite an exploding success.

The group's mellow, improvisational sound and the crowd swaying to their grooves explained why the group has been compared to the phenomenon known as the

"A lot of people say, oh they're like Phish or they're like this but we prefer to be thought as unique...every band does," said Dave Andrews, a vocalist and songwriter and one of the band's several acoustic guitar players.

Calobo's sound was ever-changing in Thursday's concert, from the harder driven sound of "Funkytown" to the classical opening of "January" performed by the group's pianist, Jenny Conlee. On a moment's notice, Conlee blended the sounds of Beethoven to blues.

The evening kicked off in Celtic rock style delivered by the Paperboys out of Vancouver, BC. The group in the past has literally brought the house down and parts of ceilings from over enthusiastic fans performing aggressive Irish jigs. It was only a short while before the crowd danced into a frenzy with tunes like "She Said." The Paperboys recently won a Juno Award, the Canadian equivalent to winning a Grammy, for Best Roots and Traditional Album for their latest album, Molinos.

The Paperboys distinct, high-energy Celtic sound emitted from runs by fiddle player Shannon Saunders and flutist Hanz Araki during Thurday's performance. Saunders, now the only female member of the band, demonstrated her wide array of talents by playing accordion, viola, and bass, an instrument shared by nearly everyone in the band. By the time Calobo hit the stage, the crowd was warmed up and never stopped dancing.

As the story goes, Calobo was born out of the childhood friendship of guitar players Dave Andrews and Caleb Klauder. The group began in the folk scene by playing coffee houses and parties accompanied by just hand drums. Now, the group includes a full set drummer, bass and electric guitar as well as piano and harmony rich

"We used to play really delicate ballads, which were more on the first album; by the third one it was like people wanted to dance and they wanted to hear the fast tunes," said Andrews. The band's latest album, Stomp, shows how much the band's matured and polished style has evolved from the simple, folk roots of their first album, Daisy.

"There was a lot more minor stuff on the new album;

our other ones are almost major keys," laughed Michele Van Kleef, the vocalist who produces those high, vibrato notes in many of the band's love songs. "We are a very happy band overall though, we are, and I think people like that," she said.

Calobo emerged out of the Mecca of grunge in Seattle and Portland with their mellower and brighter sound.

"The majority of the population, especially in the Northwest, were used to going out to

shows and slam dancing, we had to say that's not what we're about," said Andrews, "We kinda became a safehouse for that whole scene.'

The band insists on a friendly and positive atmosphere at their concerts and when a fight broke out during one performance, the band stopped playing.

"We couldn't even deal with it," said Van Kleef. "I mean, it was so funny in a way now, but it was such a horrible energy at the time."

The band's friendly reputation leads them to meet new people and make friends while out on the road and already they've earned a group of loyal fans.

"We meet such funny, crazy, sweet, interesting, nice people all over the place," said Van Kleef. "There's this one girl in Missoula always brings us this huge plate of homemade cookies."

The close-knit band will not only play together for the next two months while on tour, but eat, sleep and share a van touring the Midwest for the first time. Despite a lack of private space, the band has remained a true, democratic ensemble.

"We all get to solo and in rehearsal we all arrange our music together; it's definitely a collaborative effort, " said Conlee. Both Calobo and The Paperboys have their own websites for more perusal. Contact them at <www.rockweb.com/calobo> and





Photos courtesy of Calobo

Talinor extends battle call to residents of Moscow

by Mike Last

t was an all out battle in the Old Arboretum on Saturday. Warriors arrived wearing chain mail and carrying swords. javelins, and hammers. Before the day was through, many suffered loss of limbs, and even death. All of this bloodshed and mayhem was not in defense of a country or to revenge a brother's death, but purely in the name of sport.

The sport is Dagorhir. Begun in 1975, Dagorhir is a sport of medieval combat fought in costume with foam weapons. It serves as an escape from everyday life, a broadening of social circles, exercise, and as Talinor member Laren (Dag said, "It's a great stress reliever."

Explaining the sport is difficult. The weapons are all homemade from PVC pipe, camping foam, and any sort of cloth covering. This construction makes them nearly as harmless as "Nerf" unless there is an accidental hit to the head, which is not allowed. Within Dagorhir there are many different battles that can be acted out.

UI sophomore Jeff Keely (a.k.a. Tasis), who started Talinor, said, "I must know 50 or 60 different battles that we can do." One battle played out on Saturday was called a Line Battle. In this particular event, two teams face each other in a line for a one-on-one competition. The loser goes to the back of the winner's line while the winner stays to fight the next person. The game ends when one side has all of the people, kind of like the playground game Red Rover.

Dagorhir is broken up into different groups called Realms that play in one area. For instance, Talinor is the name of the Realm here in Moscow, and Chaos is the Realm in Pocatello and southern Idaho. Talinor has been here for three years now, and the popularity is steadily growing.

"We usually get about 15 people," said Bailey, "but sometimes as many as 40 or 50."

Talinor was a ASUI recognized school club last year, but

wasn't renewed this year.

"There wasn't a lot of point to it," said Keely, "We had to organize with clubs from other universities...but they were too hard to get ahold of." One thing that Keely stressed when talking about getting more people interested was the lack of female participation. "We're trying to get them to come out, and sometimes they do, but just to watch. They can be archers if they don't want to be right in the middle...but at the Chaos War, it was mostly women."

One thing that Dagorhir is commonly compared to is the Society of Creative Anachronism (SCA). however they are quite a bit different.

"They take the opposite approach," said Bailey. "They wear a lot of armor and use

bamboo swords," which cuts down on speed, mobility, and "reality." In Dagorhir, the pace is quick, energetic, and fun which gives a player a real sense of what medieval combat was like, but without the fear.

"The first time I saw it, I thought it was stupid," Bailey said. "But they kept begging me to try it, and after I finally



If was a duel to the death in the Old Arboretum at the Talinor Medieval Combat activity Saturday.

came out, it was really fun. And now I've been doing it for three years."

Talinor meets in the Old Arboretum at noon every Saturday. No equipment or experience is needed, just a will to try something new and have fun. For more information on Dagorhir there is a webpage dedicated to the sport at <www.dagorhir.com>.

Spring brings yucks for zero bucks

by Heather Frye

It had all the earmarks of a flop absolute. Two clumps of people numbering about four each sat apart among a sea of chairs in the downstairs lounge of the Student Union Building waiting for comedian Patrick Spring to take the stage. Bewildered walkie-talkie toting, gold badge wearing ASUI workers ambled about looking chagrined, hoping, against the odds, that at least a few more people would show. A shaggy-headed, graying, eternal academe-type shuffled in clutching a latte and proceeded to badger the show coordinators with utterly inane questions.

"Are you the comedian? Where is the comedian? Who is the lady in that picture up there? Read what it says on the plaque underneath her picture." Was this guy for real? To our complete anthropological amazement, the walking pocket protector was as real as they come. Other audience members exchanged glances, wondering if this guy was part of the act. Unfortunately, he was not.

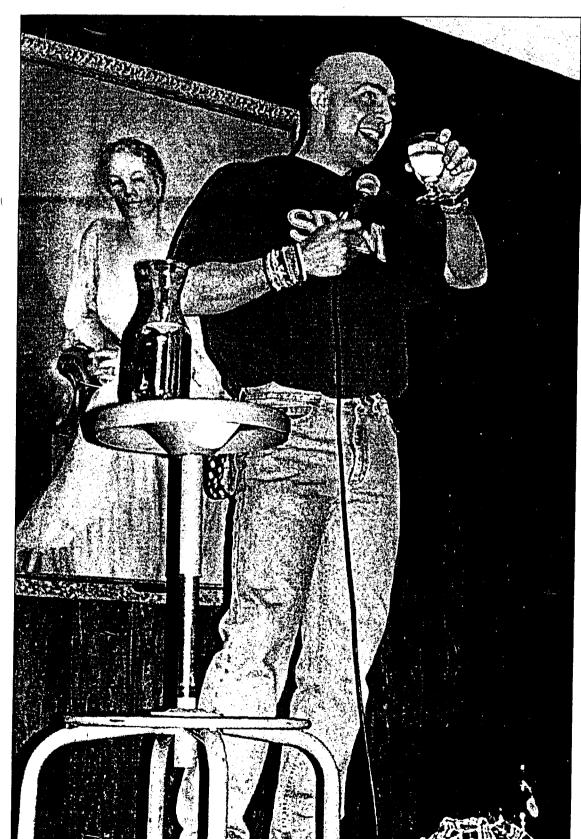
Comedian Patrick Spring took the stage at last and launched immediately into his "Mayberry on acid" routine. Hailing from Omaha, Neb., Spring has wandered the United States since the mid-'80s, working steadily at his craft and opening for such well known performers as Bobcat Goldthwaite and Tommy Chong. His style is fairly unique, combining the cerebral with the visceral and punctuating them with his trademark laugh. His act is a tour of an alternate reality and a rapid fire barrage of biting, witty

"My whole act is a lie," he admitted over a beer and a few bummed Camels after the show. Spring often plays venues in surrounding communities such as Spokane, Idaho Falls, Boise, and Salt Lake City, most of which are considerably larger and actually have people in them. His show is well worth checking out if you have a little time and happen to catch his mug on a flyer.

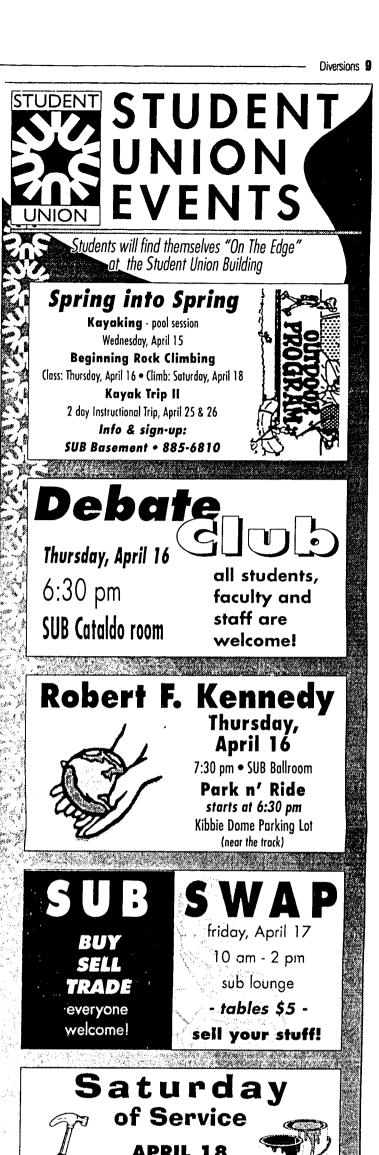
A smattering of others filtered in and sat down, mostly comprised of wanderers through with nothing better to do. The audience (what there was of it) finally began to loosen up and laugh a little. Spring began to work the crowd a little, and fell into rhythm. In the middle of a moderately amusing speech about making cats into slippers the ever so venerable grad student piped up again.

'What do you know about rabbits?" he cried out in some bizarre attempt at a heckle. What the @*&#! Let me just take this opportunity to say that some people really should be forced to graduate. He continued to harass Spring throughout the show, muttering intermittently and diving in to the occasional fit, slapping his knees and rocking on his chair like an epileptic baboon. However, despite poor quality heckling, Spring held his own and managed to extract a few snickers from the smattering of souls that caught his act.

The reasons behind the slight turnout are open to speculation. The event was as well advertised as the Calobo concert the night before and it was really a pretty good show especially considering the fact that it was free. The ASUI plans to bring more comedy acts to the University of Idaho in the future and hopes that the shows will eventually draw larger crowds. The ASUI has scheduled another comedy show for Mom's Weekend. Ron Pearson will appear in the SUB Ballroom on April 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3.



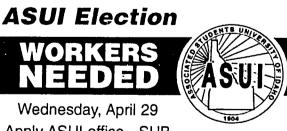
Comedian Patrick Spring takes a drink of lilegiving H₂0 between jokes and insults toward a certain audience member.





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Laura's Tea and Treasure to host musical gems

by Mark Deming

Laura's Tea and Treasure in downtown Moscow is the spot for great music this week when it hosts musical talents Sidhe and Kimberli Ransom for a Saturday night show.

Renowned ensemble Sidhe (pronounced "shee") is fronted by Michael Millham who trained in music at UI, and wife Kelly, formerly of the group Lotus. Their mix of guitar, vocals, and percussion that has been described as "neoclassical world folk" ascends to a level of pensive repose with a unique set comprised mainly of their own original material. The group draws its influences from a diverse range of international folk genres.

Sidhe is an exciting sound of acoustic eclectic guitar of classical and world sources and [Kelly Millham's] wonderful distinctive vocals," says show promoter Peter Basoa.

Sidhe members will also be in the Palouse Empire Mall in the daytime hours preceding the concert to share their expertise in a day long guitar summit/clinic.

Joining Sidhe for the evening show will be



singer/songwriter Kimberli Ransom of Portland, Ore. Ransom released her first major label CD, Living With Her Hair on Fire, last year. She has toured Europe as a solo act and has opened for such names as folk legend Dan Fogelburg. Her musical influences range from Joni Mitchel to Ella Fitzgerald and her tunes span the genres of folk, jazz, and blues. Ransom is a woman deeply connected to her music. She reportedly composed her first original song at age five and, despite a 10 year battle with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, has written continually ever since.

"I have to write; there's really no choice," said Ransom in a prepared statement. Ransom enjoys a reputation for being a refreshing break from the current musical trend that favors the "female vocalist gone postal" prototype. Her lucid and lyrical

alto vocal style is an oasis in the midst of the "teenage girl with a mustard stain on her prom dress" screams of many of her contemporaries. In addition to recording and performing her music for general audiences, Ransom uses her talent to exert her influence on the world through a

number of benevolent contributions. She has organized concerts to benefit the causes of the homeless and the sufferers of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

"I believe people really want to make a difference, many people just don't know how. I'm fortunate that I can try to help people through my music, doing something I love," she commented in a prepared statement.

The April 18, 7:30 p.m. show at Laura's Tea and Treasure will require a \$4 cover charge.

Work it, girl!



Drag-queen extroadinaire Maxine performs for the masses at the drag show last Saturday night at the Moscow Social Club.

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A Look Ahead

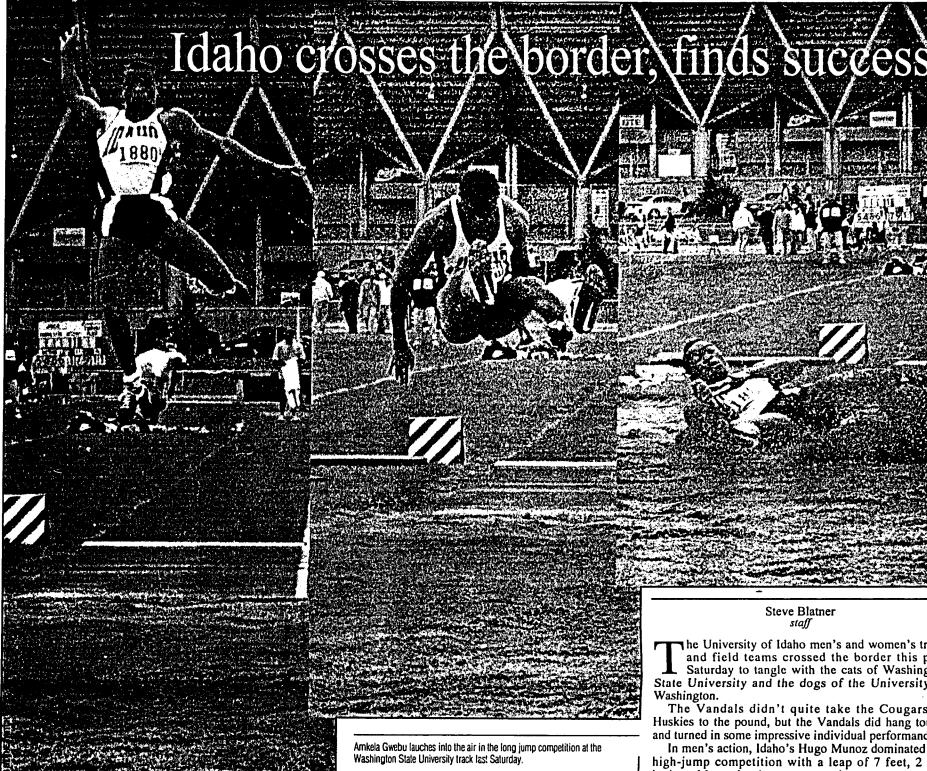
- The MFA Thesis Exhibition will take place at the Prichard Art Gallery starting April 17 and continuing on through May 6. The featured artisits include Frank Hatlieb, Brian Ledwell, Chris Nelson and David Spruill.
 - The SUB Swap is on April 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the SUB lounge. Tables are \$5.
- Master Share K. Lew will teach the Shen on April 18 and 19 on 525 S. Main, Moscow. The Shen are twelve Nui Kung exercises whose primary purpose is self-healing. Each class will last from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a lunch break. The fee is \$175.00 and pre-registration is recommended due to the size limitation of the class and the number of college students who just happen to have a couple hundred dollars burning a hole in their pocket. For more information and reservations, contact Karen Young at 883-8894.
- The national tour of Bye Bye Birdie will hit the Beasley Coliseum in Pullman on April 19 at 7:30 p.m. This Tony award-winning musical will feature film and television icon, Troy Donahue. Donahue is best known for his role in life as one of those guys whose name sounds familiar although you don't know who the heck he is. Tickets are priced at \$20 and \$16 for adults; \$16 and \$10 for students; and \$12 and \$8 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the Bossley. The Donat in Pullman, III Ticket Office, and the SUB Info Dock in Massay. Beasley, The Depot in Pullman, UI Ticket Office, and the SUB Info Desk in Moscow.
- CJ's will present the "Battle of the Bands" and "Micro-Brew Festival" on May 2, starting at 1 p.m. To receive an application for band participation please call: 883-3147. Prizes will come in the form of cash.



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Recknor selected for head basketball coach



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The search for Julie Holt's replacement came to a close Friday as the University of Idaho announced the hiring of Hilary Recknor to coach the women's basketball team.

Recknor, 32, served as Idaho's top assistant last year to Holt, who is leaving the school to be with her family in Louisville, Ky.

"Hillary brings every element we believe is important to the continued growth and prominence of the University of Idaho women's basketbali program," Director of Athletics Mike Bohn said. "Her familiarity and insight to the program, the region and the institution, coupled with her vision for the future allow us the luxury of maintaining and continuity and stability of a great foundation."

Before coming to UI last year, Recknor was the head coach at Bellevue Community College in Bellevue, Wash., from 1991-1997. She also served as the head coach of the AAU Emerald Hoops and AAU

"I'm very excited to take on this position and take over where Julie Holt left off," Recknor said. "The program has a lot of promise. We have our sights set on the NCAA Tournament. I look forward to the challenge of continuing the success of this program."

Recknor played college basketball at the University of Washington from 1983-1987 and helped the Huskies to three NCAA Tournament appearances. She earned her bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism in 1988. Recknor, a 1983 graduate of Palos Verdes High School in Palos Verdes, Calif., also played professionally in Europe.

The Vandals went 15-15 overall and 9-5 in the Big West Conference last season, losing in the semifinals of the conference tournament.

Steve Blatner

he University of Idaho men's and women's track and field teams crossed the border this past Saturday to tangle with the cats of Washington State University and the dogs of the University of

The Vandals didn't quite take the Cougars or Huskies to the pound, but the Vandals did hang tough and turned in some impressive individual performances.

In men's action, Idaho's Hugo Munoz dominated the high-jump competition with a leap of 7 feet, 2 1/2 inches. Munoz's closest competitor was teammate Geoff Judd who finished in the second spot with a jump of 6-8 3/4.

Oscar Duncan, who was coming off a strong showing at the Texas Relays, overcame the windy conditions at Washington State's Mooberry Track, to

capture first place in the javelin with a throw of 219-1.

Hammer thrower Jeff High, who also had an impressive showing at the Texas Relays, where he set a personal best in the event, finished in third place on Saturday with a heave of 179-5.

In the long jump competition Idaho's Ilija Gnjec was able to place in the top three with a jump of 22-7 1/4.

On the track Felix Kamangirira and Jason St. Hill led the way for the Vandals.

Kamangirira was first across the finish line in the 400-meters with a time of 46.81 seconds. Fellow Vandal Adekunle Adejuyigbe also turned in a strong performance by finishing second in the event.

In the 100-meter dash St. Hill, who finished in eighth place in the 100 at the Texas Relays, found himself in second place crossing the line with a time of 10.69.

In the 200-meter dash both St. Hill and Kamangirira had strong outings. St. Hill finished in second place with a time of 21.22 and Kamangirira was third across the line at 21.54.

Derek Klinge finished third for the Vandals in the 800, behind Washington State's distance superstar Bernard Lagat.

Lagat, who also won the 1500 for the Cougs, finished second in the 3000 at the NCAA Indoor Championships, which were held in early March in Indianapolis.

On the women's side Katharine Hough, Jeannine Korus, and Jackie Blackett were the top finishers for the Vandals. Hough blazed her way to a second place finish in the 200 coming in at 24.17.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Blackett crossed the wire a hair behind Washington's Keisha Griffis, to finish in

Moscow's own Korus battled her way into the third spot in the 800 finishing with a time of 2:12.09.

Both the men and women will look to improve next weekend. The women's team travels to Eugene, Ore. for the Pepsi Invitational and the men head to California for the Mt. Sac Relays.

Mariners' pen needs costly new i



Barry Graham

Let's look at the facts in the Major Leagues. Offense in the Big Leagues is exciting for the fans, it creates revenue for owners and often rewrites the record books.

Take for instance the Seattle Mariners lineup that smacks baseballs out of the stadium left and right just about every game. The Mariners often score more runs

in their baseball games than do the Seahawks during the NFL season.

But time and time again, the Mariners jump out to big leads against just about everyone and then the seventh, eighth and ninth innings approach. Fans in Seattle ninth innings approach. Fans in Seattle bow their collective heads and cannot watch out of fear that the Mariners don't squander another lead and lose one more heartbreaker.

Maybe I am taking this to an extreme,

but Seattle, as of Monday, was one of a handful of teams that has yet to record a save in the 1998 baseball season. Seattle has sent out the likes of Tony Fossas, Mike Timlin, Paul Spoljaric, Boby Ayala and finally the "closer" Heathcliff Slocumb to hold onto a seemingly insurmountable lead. The results have been horrific.

The "World Series contending"

Fans in Seattle bow their collective heads and cannot watch out of fear that the Mariners don't squander another lead and lose one more heartbreaker.

Mariners have jumped out to a 3-8 record with losses that can only be described as creative and quite dramatic. Against the Boston Red Sox over the previous weekend, Seattle was swept. The Mariners had no chance against Pedro Martinez in the opener as they were blanked 5-0. However, in games two and three, the Mariners led late in both contests.

bottom of the ninth. No team should be able to score five runs in that situation. Boston scored seven to win 9-7. The aforementioned bullpen did not record an out and they allowed seven consecutive hitters to reach base safely.

The big blow came on one pitch, Spoljaric's second, to be exact, to big Mo Vaughn. The Boston first-baseman launched it out of Fenway for a grand slam and the Sox had come away with a win they shouldn't of had.

The next day, the Mariners connected for a couple of homeruns and starter Jeff Fassero was impressive in his return from an injury for the Mariners. Seattle win

right? Of course not!

Enter Slocumb. Heathcliff strikes out Vaughn and then faces Jim Leyritz. Leyritz hits one over the green monster in left and the Sox tie it up at seven. Slocumb then gives up a single, throws a pitch that bounces about two feet in front of catcher Dan Wilson and hits the backstop and then gives up the game-winning single to a former Mariner player. The end result equals Boston 8 and Seattle 7.

It's early and I understand that, but do even the most dedicated Seattle fans think that the Mariners will be able to overcome this overtly apparent weakness? Yes, the Mariners are averaging about six runs a game. Yes, Randy Johnson will get back in the groove and probably win 20 games.

The rest of their staff isn't good enough

to carry them through. Furthermore, Johnson pitches every four days or so and isn't Superman. He along with the rest of the starting staff will tire. When that happens the Mariners will not win a good portion of those contests.

You have to have a solid bullpen to compete for the World Championship. The Mariners don't even have a decent bullpen. Their closer is poor and their relievers, with the exception of Mike Timlin, can't get it done.

Seattle needs to acquire some talent for the pen. It is likely to cost the Mariners in a big way. You are not going to get a quality closer and reliable relief pitchers for free. Likely, teams will focus on Johnson or hitters like an Edgar Martinez or a Russ

Davis. The bottom line is that the Mariners shouldn't have lost all of these games and shouldn't have been put in this position.
There is such a thing as an off-season where teams get to trade, draft and sign free agents that can better a respective team. Obviously, the Mariners did not feel the need to better their bullpen. Oh excuse me, they did trade Norm Charleton, who was a subpar closer. However, what did they get back in return?

I, along with Ken Griffey, Jr., question Seattle management's commitment to winning a championship. With performances like the ones we have seen in the past two weeks, many of you are questioning Seattle management as well!

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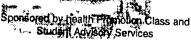
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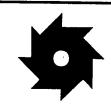
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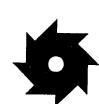


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News and Notes

Women's Golf

Idaho's women's golf compiled their all-time lowest score in school history over the weekend at the Eagle Women's Golf Classic. The team performance of 301 was good enough to capture first place over Eastern Washington (305), Montana (318)

and Portland State (326).

Marci Bernhard tied for first shooting one over par while Elizabeth Carter claimed her third-place spot. Elizabeth Regan and Jaquelin Huff rounded off the Idaho finishers in the top five as they tied for fourth. Six of Idaho's seven golfers finished in the top ten.

Men's Tènnis

The UI men's tennis team beat Montana State 5-2 but lost to 13th-ranked Boise State 5-2 last weekend.

The Vandals are now 9-12 on the season. Against Montana State, Idaho took all three doubles matches. In addition, the No. 1 through No. 4 singles players — Dan Willman, Jorge Aldrete, Darin Currall and

Mark Windes — scored victories.

Idaho hung tough with its in-state rival as Aldrete (No. 2 sinlges) and Currall (No. 3 singles) each won. Aldrete, who has a team-best 20-8 singles record this year, defeated Boise State's Shane Hurst 4-6, 6-4,

6-2. Currall, meanwhile, won in straight sets over the Broncos' Adam Webster 6-3,

Currall has won nine of his last 10 singles matches, including six successive. Aldrete has won six of his last seven singles

The Vandals next play Utah at 1:30 p.m. April 17 in Boise.

Womens' Tennis

The women's tennis team will be in action this Wednesday and Thursday at the outdoor courts starting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, the Lady Vandals take on Washington State with Lewis-Clark State College on Thursday.

Beginning Golf

Moscow Parks and Recreation is taking 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

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, call 883-7085.

Vandal Swordplay

The UI fencing club will be holding a tournament April 18 in Memorial Gym starting at 10 a.m. Spectators will be admitted at no cost. Volunteers are also needed to keep score and keep time at the tournament. Anyone interested in the tournament should contact Persephone

<thomp959@novell.uidaho.edu> or at 882-

Youth Baseball and Softball

Moscow Parks and Recreation is accepting registration for Youth Baseball and Softball, April 6 through April 24, for boys ages 6-13 and girls 6-15. The season will run mild-June through the end of July. Early registration is encouraged. Parks and Rec is also recruiting volunteer coaches and paid officials. For further information call Moscow Parks and Recreation at 883-7085.

UI Women's Golf League

The spring meeting for the UI women's golf league will be held at the Latah County Grain Growers Auditorium on Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. Interested Golfers are

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The league is scheduled to begin play

Tuesday, May 5 at 8:30 a.m. The league will play each Tuesday through August 25.

Adult Softball League

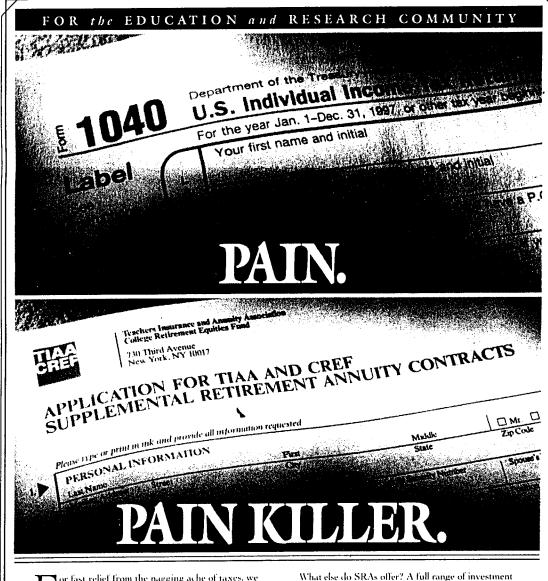
Team registration for the Adult Softball League will be one day only, Monday April 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Eggan Youth Center. A team fee of \$600 is needed at registration. For more information, call 883-

Spring Forward Community Fun Run

The Spring Forward Run/Walk/ Stroll will be held April 25, featuring a 5K, begins and ends on the UI Administration Lawn. Race deadline is April 13 at the Women's Center with late entries accepted until 9 a.m. on race day. Registration is \$15 with a short sleeve shirt, \$8 without. Late registration is \$17 with a shirt, \$10 without. For more information or to register, contact the Idaho Women's Center at 885-6616.

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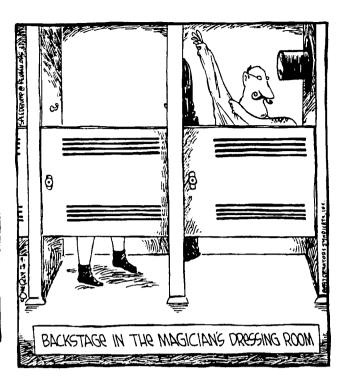
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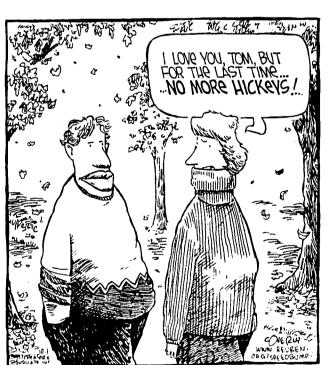
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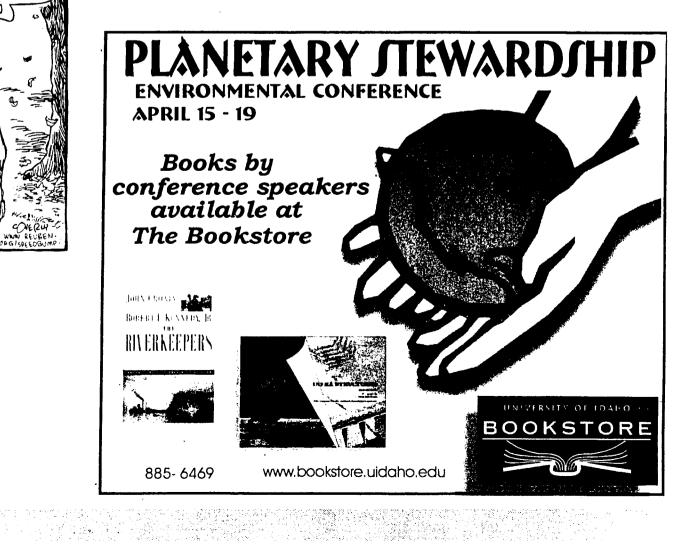


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With the spring semester cruising to an end and the sun shining more and more each day, the Dutch Goose awaits for you and your friends to hang out on the deck. The deck has been open to those Polar Bears willing to brave the weather this year, but mother nature has kept them to a bare · minimum. The Dutch Goose hopes to be able to roll the kegs for 1.00\$ pints as soon as the sun shines upon the Moscow hills a little more.

If the weather outside frightful come down to the Dutch Goose for a classic treat of clam chowder in a sourdough bread bowl. Steamed clams are a favorite with the local community as well as the choices of beer either domestic or micro-brew that are popular with the students.

The menu at the Dutch Goose is made up of burgers and hot sandwiches made to your liking. Buffalo wings and mozzerella sticks are availabe for the light eaters when downing their favorite beer.

A friendly atmosphere and great service is what the employees like to live by at the Dutch Goose. The owner allows you to carve your name in the wood seats so you can leave your mark for others to see. Peanuts are available to be grubbed upon and thrown to the floor. Happy hour is

always a blast with \$3.75 pitchers on domestic beers. Thursday is the happening day at the Dutch Goose with \$1.00 pints from 8-10 pm. Friday treats the Guinness drinker proper with \$3.00 pints of the dark stuff. Tuesday is the day for you and your friend to enjoy 2 for 1 domestics. Whatever the day and whenever the urge, the Dutch Goose will treat you right.

You know it will be a good time when there is live music on the deck and \$1.00 pints flowing. Pray to the beer fairies for good weather and hope to see you all at the Dutch





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Thursday

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Friday Saturday

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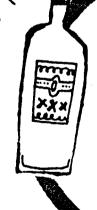


Tuesday 2 for 1 **Domestics**

Thursday \$1.00 **Pints** \$5.00 Micro 8-10 Pitchers 9-11

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\$3.00 Pints Happy Hour 3-7







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