



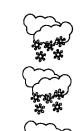
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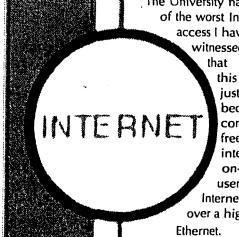
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witnessed. I guess this could be justified because the connection is free, but it is interesting that on-campus users get their Internet for free over a high-speed

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Students' Voice

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Check out the recent merger forming AOL Time Warner, a company worth more than



\$350 billion in stock. This merger will continue to decrease the boundaries between the Internet, network television, cable, magazines and newspapers.

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Senators listen as ASUI Brandon Betty, Holly Davidson, Lisa Bell, Aaron Fontaine, and Brad Schaff listen as President Bart Cochran speaks.

Senator says: ASUI not likely to address any major issues in 2000

By Wyatt Buchanan

University of Idaho Argonaut

The Associated Students of the University of Idaho (ASUI) Senate held its first meeting Wednesday night, passing four bills that divided student representation and committee assignments among the senators.

The senate also sent two bills dealing with expenditures to the finance committee. The first bill sought the allocation of \$5000 for new computers in the ASUI Senate office. The money would come from a \$10,000 reserve for equipment replacement in the ASUI Budget.

The senate will likely consider the bill, which did not pass in last semester's session, at the next meeting, according to Senate Pro Temp Christiane Waters.

The second finance bill would provide the ASUI Lobbyist with a \$1000 budget for operational expenses. According to the bill, the lobbyist does not have a budget for these expenses and the bill calls the

amount a "conservative figure."

ASUI President Bart Cochran addressed the senate about the two open seats on the senate. Cochran, who will appoint students to the open positions, said there would be a two-week period where interested students can contact him. After the two weeks, the senators will be appointed.

The meeting was the first for five new senators elected last fall. Lisa Bell, Holly Davidson, Brandon Betty, Solmaz Rafiee-Tari and Bob Uebelher, all freshmen and sophomores, received their initial taste of the meetings.

Pro Temp Waters said the neophytes were a great group with much leadership experience.

Waters said the senate is dealing with some adjustment issues in moving to the Commons, but she said the session should go well.

Waters said the senate would not likely address any major issues this session.



Vatican may name MLK Catholic martyr

BOSTON — American Catholic bishops have asked the Vatican to designate the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. a martyr for the Christian

The Boston Globe reported Thursday that King — a Baptist minster assassinated in 1968 — and four church women murdered in El Salvador in 1980 are among U.S. nominees for a group that will be honored by Pope John Paul II.

The pope is to name a group of 20th century martyrs in a cere-mony May 7 in Rome as part of the Jubilee 2000 celebration marking the 2000th anniversary of Christianity. A special Vatican commission is selecting honorees from 10,000 names submitted by church leaders worldwide.

The group is distinct from martyrs officially recognized as saints of the Roman Catholic Church through a lengthy process.

Christine King Farris, King's sister, said she was surprised because the civil rights leader was a Baptist. To think that his life of service and giving has been recognized, it's very humbling to me,"

bollsm as the Catholic Church reaches out to other Christian bod-ies, King's very name — Martin Luther — is that of the German. whose criticism of the 16th century papacy led to the Protestant

Community events for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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One on One with Bob Hoover

UI President embraces a changing university

By Ruth Snow

University of Idaho Argonaut

Tradition. Change. Excellence. Three central ideas the University of Idaho is embracing to take it into the new millennium.

Leading UI into the future as "one of America's 100 best universities" is President Robert Hoover.

The education process has intrigued Hoover since graduating with a baccalaureate degree in history/education from Arizona State University in 1966. After completing his Ph.D. dissertation at UC Santa Barbara in 1973, Hoover obtained his goal of becoming a college professor at Utah State University. Hoover spent 20 years at USU where he was an Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Head of the Political Science Department for five years, and Dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences for seven years.

Hoover moved from USU to the University of Nevada, Reno in 1991,

where he was a Political Science Professor and President Vice Academic Affairs for five

Hoover came to UI in 1996 facing the challenge of finding a new direction for the university's future. "The university seemed to be adrift. Trying to bring focus to where we wanted to go as a university was a big challenge. I wanted the residents of Idaho to

realize what a treasure the University of Idaho was," said Hoover.

In order to bring focus to the University of Idaho, Hoover created a strategic plan using inside and outside resources to improve UI.

As UI faces the new century, Hoover expressed hope that UI will still provide a unique residential experience where students can learn about life and technology.

Two ways Hoover plans to help make UI the residential campus of



Robert Hoover

lenge UI faces in the next 20 years is dealing with changes in higher education. We need to be aware of the technological revolution, and learn how to work with the technology as a residential campus," Hoover said.

ticipation.

UI started working toward technological advancement this summer by upgrading the UI core network from 100Mbits to 4 Gigabit. Hoover said the upgrade allows researchers to use the true speed of a UI Internet2 connection, have MPEG 1 streaming video to computer labs and departments for instructional use and have a more robust and redundant network for higher percentage of "uptime."

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The UI network infrastructure is now in a class with a select few universities in America. "UI is staying ahead by planning for a 10 Gigabit system upgrade," said Hoover.

Hoover does not want to see UI become just another commuter school. "We need to use technology to enhance the faculty and student experience. We want students to receive a quality experience while preparing Idaho students to live in a global environment," said Hoover.

As for the next few years, Hoover will oversee the construction of the Commons, the Recreation Center, the Agricultural Bio Tech Building and the J. A. Albertson Business and Economics Building. These, along with the expanding and remodeling of the ASUI Kibbie Dome's East-End, the resident halls, and the redevelopment of the Sweet Avenue District will keep Hoover busy.



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UI team to help NASA detect life on other planets

A team of University of Idaho scientists will develop a device to help search for life beyond Earth. The key to the detection system will be measuring the processes that organisms use to obtain energy.

The team is one of eight winners nationally picked to refine their ideas for finding extraterrestrial life through a "Grand Challenge." NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory sponsored the competition.

The UI team received \$250,000 and has 18 months to prove that its concept is worth further work. If it leaps that hurdle, the team could receive a much larger award to pursue its ideas.

Ron Crawford, a microbiologist and UI Environmental Biotechnology Institute director, and Touraj Assefi, an electrical engineer and UI Microelectronics Research and Communications Institute director, will lead the project as a partnership. Before joining UI, Assefi had worked for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for eight years as a division representative on the Galileo Mission to Jupiter.

The UI team also includes Chemistry Department Chairman Chien Wai, chemist Frank Cheng, mechanical engineer Tony Anderson and electrical engineer Rick Wells.

The prototype device the team plans to design will test for life by trying to detect heat and energy-harvesting molecules produced by life processes.

Supreme Court considering grandparents' rights

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court wrestled Wednesday with a dispute over grandparents' right to see their grandchildren even when the parents object, an emotional issue that could touch many American families.

Questions and comments from the bench made clear a majority of the justices hold grave doubts about a broadlyworded Washington state law that allowed visitation rights whenever doing so was found to be in a child's best interest.

The court is being asked to decide whether parents' constitutional right to raise children without government interference trumps the Washington law that allows "any person," relative or nonrelative, to petition a court at any time for visita-

The state's highest court struck down the law in late 1998, saying it violated fit parents' "fundamental right" to rear children as they choose. A decision by the nation's highest court is expected by late June.

Government lawyers said to favor breakup of Microsoft

WASHINGTON — Government lawyers in the Microsoft antitrust case want to break the software giant into three parts, arguing that lesser sanctions would be inadequate, people close to the discussions confirmed Wednesday.

If U.S. District Thomas Penfield Jackson were to agree to such a dramatic solution, a mandated breakup of Bill Gates' Seattle-based empire would carry enormous implications for the way consumers buy and use software for their computers.

Justice Department lawyers laid out their proposal favoring

to break Microsoft into three parts during a secret meeting last week in Washington with representatives of 19 states, people close to the case said. The states are also suing the company over alleged antitrust violations.

The government's endorsement of a breakup _ considered the "death penalty" among possible remedies _ could encourage Microsoft to seek a lesser sanction during settlement talks. But it could also stymie negotiations and encourage Microsoft to battle the case through America's courts for

Federal court likely to get Cuban boy custody case

WASHINGTON - Attorney General Janet Reno implored those battling for custody of Elian Gonzalez to return the 6-year-old boy to his Cuban father, but the protracted dispute appeared headed for federal court first.

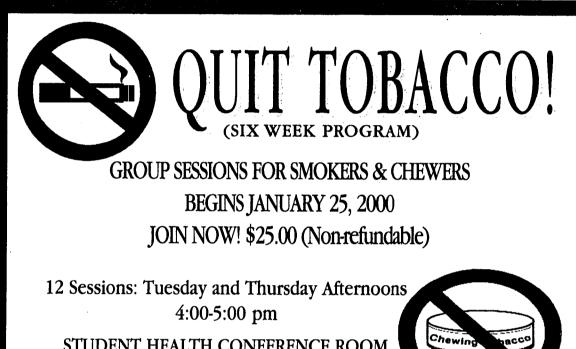
"The issue is a father who wants his son home and grandparents who want their grandson home and these are bonds that should be honored," Reno told her weekly news conference Thursday.

An attorney for Elian's Florida relatives, who are caring for him now, said they would go to federal court next week to challenge the Immigration and Naturalization Service's ruling that he must be returned to his father in Cuba, who wants him back.

Elian was found clinging to an inner tube in the Atlantic off Florida on Thanksgiving. His mother and others fleeing Cuba with him had drowned.

Reno voiced concern about the boy.

"My hope is that people will look at this little boy and get him into a situation where he can live a normal life without television cameras and the world in his face," she said.



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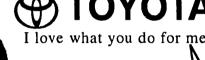
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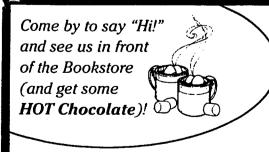
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The battle of Seattle comes to UI

Seattle's Best replaces Starbucks on campus

By Aaron Clark

University of Idaho Argonaut

As the University of Idaho changes the face of its campus, a number of not-so-apparent changes are going on underneath its face. One of these changes is the switchover from Starbucks™ coffee to Seattle's Best Coffee™.

LeAnne Rywick, National Account Representative for Seattle's Best CoffeeTM is already being served in other western universities such as the University of Oregon, the University of Washington and UCLA.

"We're very pleased to be here. This is a real opportunity for our company to work in this area." Rywick says.

Seattle's Best CoffeeTM took the place of StarbucksTM coffee over the winter break. Seattle's Best Coffee™ has been selling at the Java Nook in the Administration Building for about a year. "Students really like it. A lot of them tell me this coffee is better. We never slow down," says Java Nook employee Jody Birk. The Java Nook makes approximately \$600 a day in sales.

Seattle's Best Coffee™, a coffee "well known for it's smooth coffee and smooth taste" according to Rywick, offers a variety of drinks, from regular coffee to lattes to mochas to iced drinks. Seattle's Best also has a number of specialty drinks. Before Christmas they sold a special blend called Santa's Best, and will

have other specials in different seasons.

Seattle's Best also sells coffee paraphernalia such as coffee tumblers, mugs, chocolate covered espresso beans, and little packets of coffee to brew at home.

Seattle's Best will be sold in the Law School, the Mud Hut, the Java Nook, and at the Common

Grounds, a café style coffee house that will open in the food court of the University Commons. They will also have a number of carts about the campus.

Seattle's Best has a three year agreement with the Marriott Foodservice here at the

U of I, and hopes to stay for a long time. " We were chosen by the students" Says Rywick, referring to the stu-



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dent committee held last year to choose which

brand of coffee to serve at the University of Idaho.

points to happiness with the Seattle's Best Coffee.

This may be due, thought, to a general depen-

dence on coffee by U of I students. As Freshman

Katie Ridge says "Sleep is optional. Coffee is not."

The overall impression from the students

Announcements

Cooperative Education Orientation, every Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. in the SUB Diversity Education Center (main floor). Start finding intern ships now to help you meet your career goals.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting every Wednesday. 6:30 a.m., St. Augustine's Church, 628 Deakin Street. Any questions call, 882-

All students are invited to attend the meetings of the Queer Student Association (QSA). Monday nights at 6 p.m. in the Women's Center.

Narcotics Anonymous meets Mondays in Moscow at the Presbyterian Church at 405 S. Van Buren; and

Thursday & Saturday at the Church of Christ, NE 1125 Stadium Way, Pullman. The meetings are all at 7 p.m.

The City of Moscow Curbside Recycling Calendar for the year 2000 is now available. For more information, contact Moscow Recycling at 882-0590.

Students for Equal Opportunities in Education group will meet Friday at Noon, January 21, in Idaho Commons, 3rd Floor. For further info contact Student Support Services

sss@uidaho.edu or jenn3344@uidaho.edu

Attention May graduates — cap and gown orders will be taken January 25-27 in the UI Alumni Office Lounge 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions? Call the Alumni Office at 885-6154.

The UI Career Services is offering a series of workshops. On Jan. 19 there will be an Introduction to Career Services workshop at 4:30 p.m., followed by a workshop on Resumes and Cover Letters at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 20. For more information contace the Career Services office at 885-6121.

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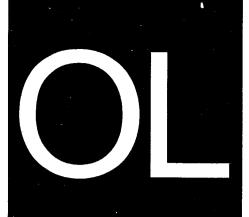
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Should religion & education meet? There is nothing wrong with teaching children ABOUT religion or

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"Dear God, Why didn't you save the school children in Littleton, Colorado? Sincerely, A Concerned Student

> AND THE REPLY... Dear Concerned Student: I am not allowed in schools. Sincerely, God"

> > "All

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Heaven do not pass

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than another is."

This was a forward sent by a friend of mine, devout agnostic. He is very adamant about freedom of religion, or freedom from religion, and he considered this mass-mailed note to

be a slap in the face. He asked me to help compose a letter to accompany this one as it travels around the cyberworld, but I declined. Public school teachers

should not teach their students how to worship God. Mainstream conservatives, such as

my personal Raven, Rev. Jerry Falwell, think that there is absolutely no way to separate God from any aspect of our lives. Atheists, on the other hand, cannot validate any belief in a Supreme

Being, so the line is drawn. I am here to help the majority of you try

There is only choice, and as long as the choice is informed and careand walk the line.

ABOUT God in school. There are a great many different religions worldwide, and learning about the fundamental beliefs, about the differences and similarities between world religions can be an enlightening experience. However, forcing a child to say grace before eating lunch is rude and thoughtless. What if the child doesn't want to say grace? What if the child is Hindu, or Buddhist? All roads to Heaven do not pass through the same door, and there is no proof that one religion is any more correct than another is.

As my friend pointed out, what if religion is taught in a public school, exactly as the conservative parents wish it to be? But instead of Protestantism, let's teach Lutheranism. Or maybe Islamic today. On Fridays, we'll all be Wiccans, just for balance and fairness. What would the parents say then? Easy, they would yell about the corrupting influences that their children are being hammered with in a pub-

My point is that when someone believes in something, that person will incorporate that belief into the daily routine. Moreover, there is no sense in believing in one dogma unless you've seriously questioned

> that belief, and are satisfied with the answers you receive. Maybe not everyone in your immediate family is cut out to be Mormon, the same way I am drifting away from my Catholic roots. This isn't a rejection of the faith in a complete sense, but rather a silent protest against one or more answers to the important questions.

> Religion should be a very personal thing. To say that everyone must follow the same religion is crap, which can even be seen in the Bible, if you care to read the New Testament. Teaching only one side of the story to children is the same as stating that one option is better than the others, but when it comes to a personal choice, there really is no "right" option.

NOTED AND QUOTED

Eighty-nine percent of Americans said they didn't think at all about the 2000 presidential campaign in the past day. Vanishing Voter Project, January.

"I almost peed in my pants," said Amanda, 9, who stood up in a crowd at a meeting at Franklin High School's gymnasium to ask the presidential candidate, "How are you going to make school more fun?" She found it nerve-wracking to address the question to Arizona Sen. John McCain

"In the interest of full disclosure," McCain admitted that he didn't exactly graduate near the top of his class, having made his own fun at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va., and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

"Good teachers," he answered. 'Good teachers make school fun."

*Information courtesy Associated Press

University of Idaho Internet access divides students

ful, then it will be the right decision.

University of Idaho Argonaut

There have been quite a few things in the news lately about the Internet divide. Internet divide is the division between the haves and have-nots of the Internet. These divisions coincide with financial, geographical and ethnic differences in our society. American companies and the government have started working on narrowing this gap in Internet access.

Over 60 percent of households with income of over 75,000 dollars per year have the Internet, where less than 10 percent of households with income of under 20,000 dollars per year have it. This

money to pay for a computer, phone lines and Internet subscriber fees. Also, one must consider that many people making less than 20,000 dollars per year are minorities or people living in rural areas (certainly not a racist comment, just pure statistics). This is the reason for the incredible difference between urban whites who have the Internet and everyone else. One company, BellSouth, has decided to pilot a program offering 1.5 megabit/seconds wireless Internet access to rural communities, stating that their current phone lines are not of sufficient quality to handle Internet data.

This may remind one of another Internet divide. That between the on-

University of Idaho. Living off-campus, I feel like I'm living in one of those rural areas that does not have a sufficient phone line to carry data. But then again, Moscow has an excellent phone system, so it is the universities fault that I have some of the worst Internet access I have ever witnessed. I guess that this could be justified because the connection is free, but it is interesting that on-campus users get their Internet for free over a highspeed Ethernet.

There are numerous problems with the University's current system. For instance, there are only 128 modems that can connect all of the university's to this Internet access. Any respectable

division seems obvious, since it costs campus and off-campus students of the Because of this, most of the time I cannot affiliated with such poor Internet serconnect to the Internet, and most often when I do, I can only connect at 14.4 BPS. At this speed it is nearly impossible to do anything productive on the Internet. Recently, the University has placed some icing on this cake. They have limited off-campus access time to only five and a half hours a day, divided up amongst time periods. For instance, between 5 p.m. and 1 a.m., I can only be connected to the Internet for a half-hour, and at terrible speeds. For a half-hour at these speeds, I can visit maybe a dozen pages (if I'm lucky). It's absurd.

> I take it upon myself to say "phooey!" off-campus student to the Internet. computer nerd should be ashamed to be

vice. I am outraged that students on campus can connect at fast speeds, whenever they damn well please, get any volume of data they want, where I am lucky to have time to download a lengthy text document. I chose to live off-campus because on-campus living seemed like hell to me, but I am thinking about living on campus next year just for the Internet access.

The University of Idaho should be absolutely ashamed at the Internet divide they have created, and need to increase the number and speed of off-campus Internet connections. I pay the same tuition as on-campus students and I demand better Internet access!

The future of fantasy role playing

University of Idaho Argonaut

In November of 1999, Hasbro bought Wizards of the Coast (WoTC). About two years before that, Wizards of the Coast bought TSR. At the present time, Hasbro owns TSR.

So what? Who cares how many smaller companies Hasbro takes over while increasing the size of their toy-making empire? Well, I do, and I expect the nation to soon be affected, because TSR is the company that publishes Advanced Dungeons & Dragons.

That's correct, the company which was openly opposed to role playing in the 1970's now owns the premier role playing game (RPG) in the world.

I expect one of three things to happen, following this merger. The most likely scenario is that everything will remain about the same as before, but the cost of TSR's products will rise again. The same soft cover handbook which cost \$15 five years ago will probably go for \$25 in stores in 2000. Otherwise, This increase would only make up for the extortion fees paid to Hasbro in order to keep publishing the sourcebooks, monster supplements, and character generators which already have billions of fans worldwide.

ny founded by Gary Gygax in 1976. But what does it really mean?

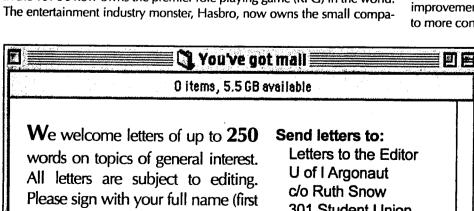
The next option, the optimistic one, says that AD&D will grow from Hasbro's leadership, mostly because Hasbro has a trusted name, great advertising, and better shipping capabilities than TSR ever did. These improvements would make AD&D products available faster, and available to more consumers than in years past. Such a scenario would promote the

sharing of ideas with other gamers, may actually lower costs because shipping is cheaper, and should draw more players into the fantasy RPG realm.

The last of the most possible scenarios is that Hasbro will seal the TSR people off in some warehouse, a massive form of solitary confinement for the introduction of a cheap, boardless, pieceless game which goes on for years without pumping money in to it. AD&D is no board game, which made TSR a serious competitive threat to Hasbro a few decades ago. The only things required were a few dice, paper, pencils, and two hardback books that cost, together, about \$30. Years of fun for \$30, no board to crack, and no pieces to lose. Hasbro may now take its revenge, driving up prices to ridiculous heights and scaring away prospective players.

But I don't think much will change. A friend of mine, Jack Stanton, who is a former WoTC employee, said that the Hasbro takeover wouldn't affect anything that WoTC. At the time, he was speaking mostly of AD&D and the collectible card game Magic: The Gathering. So far, the only change was that Magic card prices have risen about

Well, so far, so good.

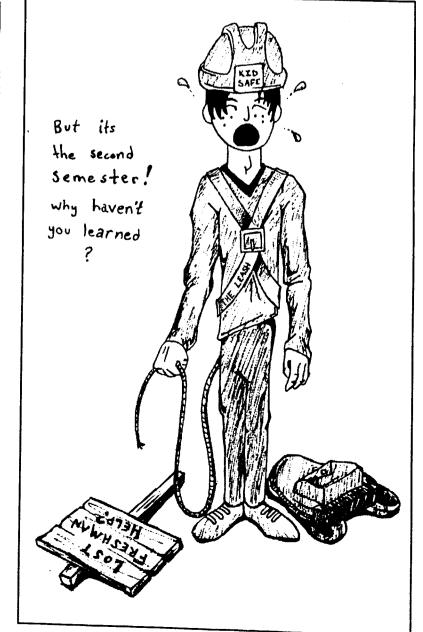


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Vandal Briefs



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KQQQ to cover women's basketball games

University of Idaho women's basketball hits the airwaves this winter with KQQQ (1150-AM) carrying all Big West Conference games for the Vandals. Tom Morris of flagship KHTR/KQQQ will call the

The broadcasts will begin 15 minutes before tipoff and will include a post-game show that features head coach Hilary Recknor and one of the

Meet-the -Team schedules after Saturday game

The University of Idaho invites all Vandal fans to meet the team after Saturday's home game against the University of the Pacific.

The informal social will be at the Kibbie Dome and features free soda and popcorn. Fans can meet the Vandals and coaches. Free posters will be avail-

A second meet the team gathering will be Feb. 19 after the Vandals' home game against the University of North Texas.

Tipoff for the Pacific and UNT games is 2:30 p.m. - a change from the original 7 p.m. start. KIVI-TV (Channel 6, Boise/Nampa) is carrying both games live from the Dome.

Vandals lose Conference Game to Long Beach State

University of Idaho Argonaut

The Big West Conference men's basketball season opened last night for the Vandals in a distressingly similar fashion to the way the season concluded one year ago: with a loss to Long Beach State.

Unlike a year ago, however, when LBSU upended the Vandals in a first-round upset at the conference tournament, Idaho was playing the underdog role, as the 49ers are the consensus pick to win the Eastern Division of the conference. Conversely, the Vandal squad is fraught with serious questions (many of which were painfully evident last evening) that must be answered if Coach Dave Farrar's bunch hopes to compete with the top notch teams in the Big West.

Questions such as: Who would shoulder the scoring load when swingman Gordon Scott eventually suffered from a poor shooting night.

Stuck with the burden of having to carry the 49ers' defensive specialist Antrone Lee up and down the court for almost 40 minutes, Scott shot a dismal 4-15 from the field including 1-6 from behind the threepoint stripe. Furthermore, Scott was unable to get a decent look late in the contest when the Vandals were in desperate need of a momentum turning bucket. Lee's arms extend out so far that if he were to flap his limbs rapidly while running he would likely take off on the most celebrated flight since Kitty Hawk. As far as the Vandals were concerned, he may as well have been on high all evening, for Lee swatted no less than a half dozen Vandal shots and swiped at least as many passes with quick extensions of his lengthy paws.

Perhaps the Vandals have found an emergency scoring option in Matt Gerschefske, the sophomore transfer, who possesses an adept shooting touch and the knowledge and attitude, if perhaps not quite yet the tools, of a pure scorer at the college level. With the 49er defenses packed in against the inside game Kaniel Dickens and Clifford Gray while monitoring the every move of Scott, Gerschefske was able to find open shots and netted a dozen points on 4-8 shooting including a pair from 3-point territory.

Idaho kept the game close for much of a first half that was characterized by stifling defense and consequently poor shooting from both teams. Long Beach was able to pull out to an eight-point halftime edge and quickly doubled that figure to open the second frame with an 8-0 run. But the Vandals battled back, albeit too slowly to gain considerable momentum. A Gerschefske bucket with 6:24 left to play brought them to within five at 56-51, but the inside dominance of the 'Niners' James Williams (20 points) and Mate Milisa (17 points) proved to be too powerful for a Vandal squad playing without starting forward Devon Scott, who seemingly sat out due to nagging

The Vandals will again play host to a conference rival on Saturday at 2:30 as they play against Pacific Tigers.

Women's Basketball Standings

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Big West Conference

New Mexico State

East Division

Nevada

Idaho

North Texas

Boise State



Lance Buoncristioani dribbles past a Long-Beach State defender. The

Men's Basketball	Standing	S
Big West Confere	ence	
East Division	Overall	Conference
New Mexico State	10-3	1-0
Utah State	10-5	1-0
North Texas	3-9	1-0
Nevada	2-9	0 - 0
Boise State	6-6	0-1
Idaho	6-7	0-1

Michigan State beats Indiana in overtime

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, -Morris Peterson forced overtime with a 3-pointer and scored four more points in the extra session as No. 11 Michigan State defeated No. 9 Indiana 77-71 to take over first place in the Big Ten on Tuesday night.

Vandals lost 76-54.

The win left the Spartans (12-4, 3-0 Big Ten) the lone unbeaten team in conference play. Indiana (12-2, 2-1), which never led in the five-minute overtime, was held to just one basket in the extra period, a 3-pointer by Michael Lewis with 4 seconds remaining.

Charlie Bell led the Spartans with 22 points and Peterson finished with 17.

A.J. Guyton scored 28 points for the Hoosiers, who were outre-

Peterson's 3-pointer with 11.3 seconds left in regulation was only the Spartans' fifth basket over the final 10:44 and tied it at 62. Mateen Cleaves heaved up a long shot from just inside midcourt at the buzzer for Michigan State, but the ball spun out of the rim.

A.J. Granger's layup 47 sec-

eclipsing the old mark of 645 by Scott Skiles.

seconds left.

onds into the overtime gave the Spartans a lead they never lost. Two free throws by David

With so much on the line, both teams looked a little nervous at the start. In the first

The rest of the first half settled into a game of runs. Guyton scored nine points in a 9-0 burst that put Indiana ahead 25-20. But Bell scored six as the Spartans answered with an 8-0 run for a 28-25 lead.

A three-point play by Guyton tied it at 28, but Bell's 3-pointer from the right corner just before the buzzer send Michigan State off with a 31-28 halftime lead. Cleaves, making his first start since returning last week from a foot injury that kept him

Vandal Calendar

Friday, Jan.14

6:00 pm Football Awards Banquet, Best Western 7:00 pm Women's Basketball at Cal-Poly

Saturday, Jan. 15

2:30pm Men's Basketball vs Pacific, Kibbie Dome

Sunday, Jan. 16 2:00pm Women's Basketball at UC-Santa Barbara

Tuesday, Jan. 18 5:00pm Intramural Basketball entry due, 204 Memorial

Wednesday, Jan. 19 4:30 pm Intramural Basketball Officials' Clinic, TBA 5:00 pm Intramural Co-Rec Vollleyball entry due, 204 Memorial Gym

Campus Recreation's Women's Weight Training Clinic,

Thursday, Jan. 20

4:00 pm Intramural Basketball Captains' Meeting, TBA 4:30 pm Intramural Co-Rec Volleyball Captains' Meeting,

5:00 pm Intramural Mangers' Meeting #3, TBA 5:00 pm Intramural Singles Racquetball entry due, 204

Memorial Gym Men's Basketball at UC-Irvine, TBA

Friday, Jan. 21

7:00 pm Women's Basketball vs Uc-Irvine, Memorial Gym

University of Idaho Ski Team Finishes Pre-Season

By Jim Brelenberg

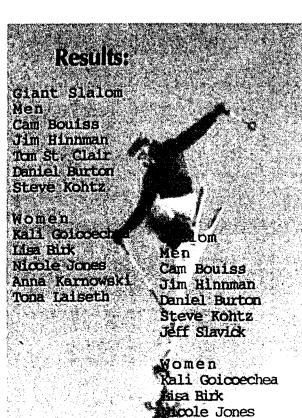
University of Idaho Argonaut

The University of Idaho Ski Team completed their 6-day training camp in McCall on January 8th. The camp included developing slalom and giant slalom skills, as well as completing time trials.

Each member of the team completed a time trial on slalom and giant slalom courses to determine who will compete for Idaho in the Northwest Collegiate Ski conference. The top five finishers in each race for the men's and women's divisions will score points for UI in the conference season. The sixth and seventh place finishers will be allowed to race in the conference competitions, but will not

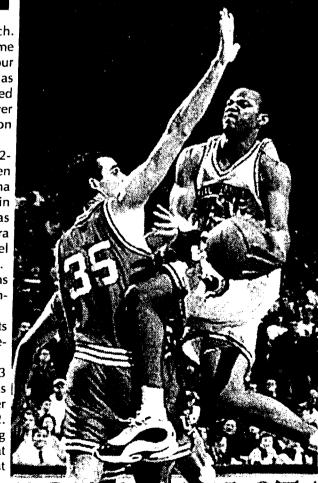
Jerry McMurtry, the team's coach and advisor, was very impressed with the improved skiing of many members of last year's team, especially Steve Kohtz and Daniel Burton. "We also have some really fast new freshmen, especially on the women's side," McMurtry said. The coach was referring to Kali Goicoechea and Lisa Birk, who finished first and second, respectively, in both events.

The Ski Team hopes to qualify for the regional championships in Winter Park Colorado in late February. "We've qualified for regionals either individually or as a team for the last four years." McMurtry said. McMurtry predicted that the women's team has an opportunity to qualify for the national championships as well.



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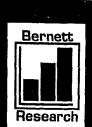
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Thomas gave Michigan State a 75-68 lead with 8.9 seconds remaining. Lewis' 3-pointer cut it four points, then Granger sealed it with two free throws with 2.8

eight minutes, Indiana—leading 11-9—had hit just 4 of 13 shots while the Spartans were shooting 3 of 14, and each team had turned the ball over four times.

sidelined for 10 weeks, had eight assists to claim the Michigan State record with 653,



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Phills Dies in Car Accident, Two Injured

CHARLOTTE, N.C-Charlotte Hornets guard Bobby Phills was speeding in his Porsche after practice Wednesday when he lost control, crashed into a car and died instantly.

Stunned and tearful teammates and Hornets officials gathered at the accident scene less than a mile from the Charlotte Coliseum, where minutes earlier Phills and the other players had been practicing for Wednesday night's game with the Chicago Bulls. The game was postponed.

Phills, 30, was traveling at a "very high rate of speed" when he collided with a car headed toward the coliseum, police spokesman Keith Bridges said. A minivan rearended the other car. Two people

Witnesses said teammate David Wesley, the Hornets' starting point guard, also may have been driving too fast in his

own Porsche, according to police. Wesley's car wasn't involved in the accident, and he was questioned at the scene.

Phills lost control on a hilly curve where the posted speed was 45 mph, said Capt. L.E. Blydenburgh, the crash investigator. "The skid marks indicate he was not going in a straight line," he said.

Phills' car, with the vaniseveral hundred feet long and came to rest in one of the opposite lanes, Bridges said. Firefighters had to cut his body from the wreckage.

Presbyterian Hospital were Robert that everyone respected and

in those vehicles were hospital- Woolard Jr., 31, of Cornelius, the admired." driver of the other car; and Yao Agbegbon, 33, of Charlotte, who was driving a minivan taxi, Bridges said.



"This is the ultimate tragedy, ty plate "SLAMN," left skid marks and our immediate thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Kendall, children and family," Hornets owner George Shinn said in a statement. "Not only was Bobby a tremendous person, but a great Listed in stable condition at husband, father and role model

Phills, a 6-foot-5 defensive stopper and a team leader, started often at shooting guard or small forward for the Hornets, and sometimes played reserve.

He joined the Hornets in 1997 after six years with Cleveland and was in the third year of a sevenyear, \$33 million contract. Phills averaged a career 10.9 points, 3.2 rebounds and 2.7 assists a game at the end of last season.

Phills earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from Southern University. Ben Jobe, Phills' former coach at Southern, said Wednesday he tried to steer Phills away from the NBA.

"He could have been one of the foremost black leaders in the country," Jobe said. "He had the brain power, he had the great family background. He had everything. For years, I tried to get him to go on to med school like he talked about when he was a kid."



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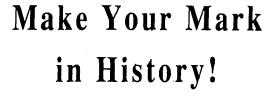
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Some nuts and bolts for the ear

By Ben Morrow

University of Idaho Argonaut

Imagine an army of robots marching in perfect precision on earth. Hideous inventions of steel that emit only perfection, calculating every move with brains faster than the most mercurial super-computer. Wires sticking out from all ends and, although they would obviously be machines incapable of emotion, they appear almost human. How could a pitiful human, with harmless guns and bombs (simple robots in their own right) ever hope to stop this piston-like army? There could only be one solution: to "soothe the savage beast" ("bot, in this case) with music. And that music would be Octant.

Octant is definitely a unique band, whose latest album, "Shock No Par," seems to be an attempt to bridge a gap between man and machine. Released on Up Records, "Shock No Par" is a short yet entertaining album, filled with a pleasing amount of percussive noise and more traditional indie rock.

Band members Tasssany Zimmerman and Matthew Steinke (no, not "stinky") achieve their sound by using very non-traditional instruments. In fact, all the instruments listed on the album are Octant's inventions, with the exception of a bass clarinet on selected tracks.

Some of Octant's inventions include the ad3 robotic percussion unit, the electrified string board, and the random tone generator.

Q: Are these guys joking? A: Who knows? "Shock No Par" leaves a distant and, in a frighteningly realistic way, a robotic image in the listener's mind. Few vocals appear on this twenty-five minute CD; those that do appear on the album are back in the mix, treated as equally as the rest of the instruments.

"Shock No Par" features a lot of crazy sounding electronic bleeps and blips, much in the style of Beck, but lacking the poppy lyrics and danceable sound characteristic of Beck, The album also sounds like Sonic Youth and/or Nine Inch Nails, but with a more technological, machine-like feel.

Could Octant be the new wave of music, slowly graduating to completely electronic sounds and effects, or just a sometimes euphoric, sometimes chilling quirky band that has put together a pretty cool package of music? How about both? Octant is definitely different from the average band, yet is still entertaining, presenting a new face to the sound of music.

GuEsT ReViEw *GuEsT ReViEw* *GuEsT ReViEw*

In the spirit of Octant's assembly line type music, and starting a new feature in the changing face of the Argonaut, University of Idaho sophomore Jeremy Bowker agreed to be the first to voice his opinion (the students' voice) in the guest review section.

Bowker described Octant in one word as "Beckish," enjoying the computer noises and dedicating the color of their music as "...army green, then with a disco ball." Bowker admitted, however, that he would not buy the album. The dance that he would do to this

strange, robotic music? "Some kind of funky chicken."

Overall Octant is a good time, but it doesn't leave the same warm fuzzy feeling in the listener's heart that Britney Spears does. With their crazy circuitry-circus music, Octant is a good bet for a listener who is looking for something different, but good. Too cheap to take the risk? Then check out Octant at their website, www.upre-cords.com/up/artists/octant/rom/, which ironically was not working at the time of this review.



Split personality: a review of The Green Mile

By Matt White

University of Idaho Argonaut

Graceful Green Mile

With sweeping shots and a cute little mouse named Mr. Jingles, "The Green Mile" proved not only to be one of the most beautifully shot films of the year, but with some of the most impact as well.

Set during the 1920s, Tom Hanks plays Paul Edgecomb, a security guard on death row appropriately called the green mile because the floor is painted green. For this role Hanks gained a lot of weight (you can really see it in his cheeks). But that does not keep one of the best actors of our time from delivering a great performance.

Most of the film takes place on the green mile where people are executed regularly. A new inmate, John Coffey, (the initials J.C. are no accident) changes the lives of everyone on the mile when he demonstrates pure miracles. The jailers are faced with a tough decision when they are confronted with the execution of Coffey.

Michael Duncan plays the role of the giant Coffey and does an extraordinary job. At every corner of the film he draws tears and heart-felt emotions with his larger than life sensitivity. The only really disturbing part of the film is a rather long electric chair execution scene. Other than that the film mainly wallows in the personal relationships of people on the mile. Frank Darabont, the writer/director of "The Green Mile" (and "The Shawshank Redemption") makes another exceptional film about miracles and hope.

Waste of Green time

"The Green Mile" was a long waste of time. A few parts of the film were interesting, most notably the raving lunatic and electric chair scenes, but overall this Hollywood product is best left alone.

Director Frank Darabont may have slipped something half interesting past audiences with "The Shawshank Redemption" but a little mouse and a big guy that performs miracles is not what makes movie magic.

Two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks returns as the goody-goody prison guard everyone likes and respects. He always seems to make the right decision, even when it comes to death. But the fact that he has a urinary problem does not mean he has a major character flaw. Hanks regurgitates his Southern accent from "Forrest Gump" and adds his "Philadelphia" lawyer wit to the character, but these goldenboy combinations don't equal success when it comes to "The Green Mile."

Michael Duncan who plays the monster miracle-maker Coffey does little more with his talents than cry and say, "Like the drink, 'cept not spelled the same." The camera slowly makes its way predictably from one scene to the next. The good guys are good and the bad guys are bad.

For a moment this flick seemed like something Hollywood's favorite filmmaker, Steven Spielberg, would dream up with its clearly defined morals and conflicts. Famous horror-writer Stephen King scribed the original book (published in a series of novellas) by the same name but King's attempt to blend drama and horror leaves the master of macabre one option: don't do drama! Perhaps "The Green Mile" may have been more interesting if it were three hours shorter and did not explain the plot to the audience like they were three-year

Arts Calendar

Baritone, J. Cameron Littlefield, will perform a faculty recital at the Lionel Hampton School of Music's Recital Hall on Tues.

Jan 18 at 8 p.m.

The Pullman Community Theatre is seeking actors for "Stepping out" by Richard Harris, directed by John Rich. Last, Audition is tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Neill Public Library in Pullman. For more information, contact Caryl at 334-7307.

WSU's Compton Union Gallery features "Scraps," Recent Constructions by Phuong Nguyen until Jan. 28.

Megadeath and the Deadlights will perform at the Spokane County Fair & Expo Center on Wed. Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. For tickets call 1-800-325-7328 or visit www.ticketswest.com.

Local band Liquid Delusion plays at John's Alley tonight.



KUOI DJ of the Moment:

Photo by Ben Kluckhoh
For Ben "Meat Log" Kluckhohn, every day is his
twenty-first birthday.

The bizarre world of Ben Kluckhohn

By The KUOI Promotions Machine

It's the day before Ben Kluckhohn's twenty-first birthday, and he's feeling "svelte." Or so he replies after I ask how he's doing.

We are meeting in a local eatery to discuss this article, which announces to the world that KUOI's new DJ of the Moment is the mastermind behind Happy Mutant Radio, Mr. Kluckhohn himself. Kluckhohn was easy to decide upon, due to his intense deejaying over the holidays. With no real schedule pertaining to the holiday season, KUOI (when on the air) is manned (or womanned) by whatever deejay descript have a life at the moment.

doesn't have a life at the moment.

Kluckhohn, determined not to sign the station off the air and was able to pull off an amazing number of radio marathons. He has two seven-hour marathons, three or four five-hour marathons, and a number of shorter experiences under his belt already. At one point, due to an intensely screwed up schedule, he hadn't seen the sun for an estimated 56 hours.

Over cold coagulated nachos and coffee, we discuss the number of chores Kluckhohn must undertake after the interview: clean the house, get drunk, find a way to make \$100, call Mom - not necessarily in that order.

"You know you can actually sell your lungs?" Kluckhohn inquires. During high school, Kluckhohn actually considered selling his body to science for \$300 in advance. He declined when he discovered that they would tattoo his foot with the words "Property of (the scientific corporation)." He did however sell his plasma on four occasions, raking in a hefty \$120.

"It's real easy to get drunk afterward," Kluckhohn admits. Don't try this

again and intermingle. His show is a work in progress really. Each time he gets behind the mic, he continues his quest to find some sort of bal-

at home kids.

Kluckhohn stole the name of his show from a book entitled "The Happy Mutant Manual," which gives advice on how to be weird. Kluckhohn's goal is to destroy the walls between normality and abnormality, allowing the strange and the not so strange to live side by side

ance between rock, techno and jazz. It's not unusual to hear the occasional chick band on his show either.

In the spirit of avoiding normality, we felt it would be appropriate not

In the spirit of avoiding normality, we felt it would be appropriate not to ask Kluckhohn the standard "Three Stupid Questions," but instead give him three stupid answers, allowing him to formulate the questions

A: Green plastic monkey.

Q: Do you have a bedroom friend?

A: Meat log. O: Do you l

Q: Do you have a nickname? A: Pokemon

(or anything else that isn't rancid).

Q: Who's your next victim?
You can hear Happy Mutant Radio every Friday from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. on KUOI 89.3 FM. If you would like to nominate your favorite deejay for the prestigious title of DJ of the Moment, giving him fame and the privilege of a bathroom break, contact the KUOI Promotions Machine at getyourhotdogs@hotmail.com. Keep listening and drink plenty of water

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Boy with green hair in trouble again

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) A middle school student who was reprimanded last week for dyeing his hair green was in trouble again two days later - this time for the way he wore his hat.

Officials at Horace Mann Middle School first chastised 13-year-old Brandon Sale on Wednesday when he showed up for school after the winter break with his hair dyed teal

Sale said the principal, Ed Paulovich, called his hair a "distraction" and gave him three options: Wear a hat, dye his hair a natural color or stay home.

He chose the hat, which violates Colorado Springs School District 11's policy of no hats inside school buildings. That was apparently OK - as long as he wore it with the brim forward.

On Friday, Sale ruffled feathers at the school again when he wore his plain black baseball cap backward. John Bushey, a district spokesman, said the hat was supposed to be worn to cover the hair.

"The kid was wearing the hat, so the hair was showing," he said.

Sale's parents were called in for the second time in three days, and they agreed their son's hat should be worn with the brim in the front. He turned his hat around, but he is still a little defiant.

According to Sale, more than 100 students signed a petition saying they did not think his hair was a distraction. He said only one student said that it was.

"Dyeing it green is kind of weird, but nobody was running out into the hall saying, 'Oh boy, it's a distraction," said Matt West, an eighth grader at the school.

Joe Aragon, who sent his son to Mann after he got in trouble at a Catholic school last year for dyeing his hair gold, said the school "should let the kids have their individuality."

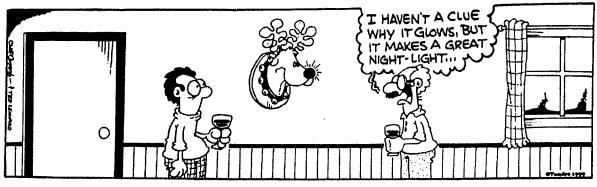
"And they should concentrate on teaching them stuff instead of worrying about their hair," Aragon added. "As long as a kid doesn't have a .45 in school, what's the

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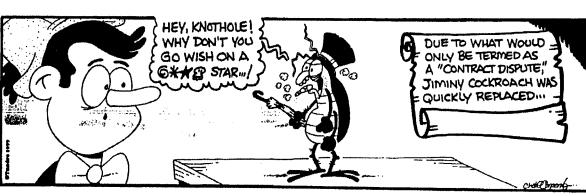
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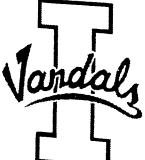
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