

UI teams ended their seasons on a sour note, each falling in the first round of the Big West Basketball Tournaments.

Safety Board discusses ideas to improve campus safety

By Tricia Craft
 Argonaut Staff Writer

The ASUI Safety Board has been working to implement new procedures for campus safety, as well as planning upcoming events to promote awareness.

The safety board holds open meetings every other Wednesday to discuss policies and ideas. The board recently brought up the blue light system to campus officials, but they said that most likely the administration would not pass this idea.

"They think that if we have the blue light, the campus will appear unsafe. The University feels the blue light is an alarming light," said ASUI Senator and Safety Board member Lisa Bell. The blue light system is a safety measure that universities around the country use to mark telephones that dial directly to 911.

One thing that ASUI can do is take money set aside in the budget for facilities on campus. Soon, they will be installing some new lights on campus, which is extremely expensive.

The need for a more-well lit campus is of concern to many students.

"We need more lights on campus. It's way too dark in a lot of places," said Sophomore Brianna Asumendi.

Sophomore Buffy McCaughy said, "In the whole middle of campus, there's nothing. We need at least one lit walkway across campus."

Already located throughout campus are

courtesy phones and pay phones to assist in safety. There are thirty box phones on campus.

Another thing students and staff can do to protect themselves is to check out a safety beeper at the Library Circulation/Reserve desk. The beeper makes a shrill noise that alerts others to your situation and, hopefully, discourages attackers.

The safety board has also scheduled many events to promote awareness. On April 8, the Mom's Day Weekend, a Spring Forward Run is being sponsored to address Sexual Assault Awareness. Also scheduled

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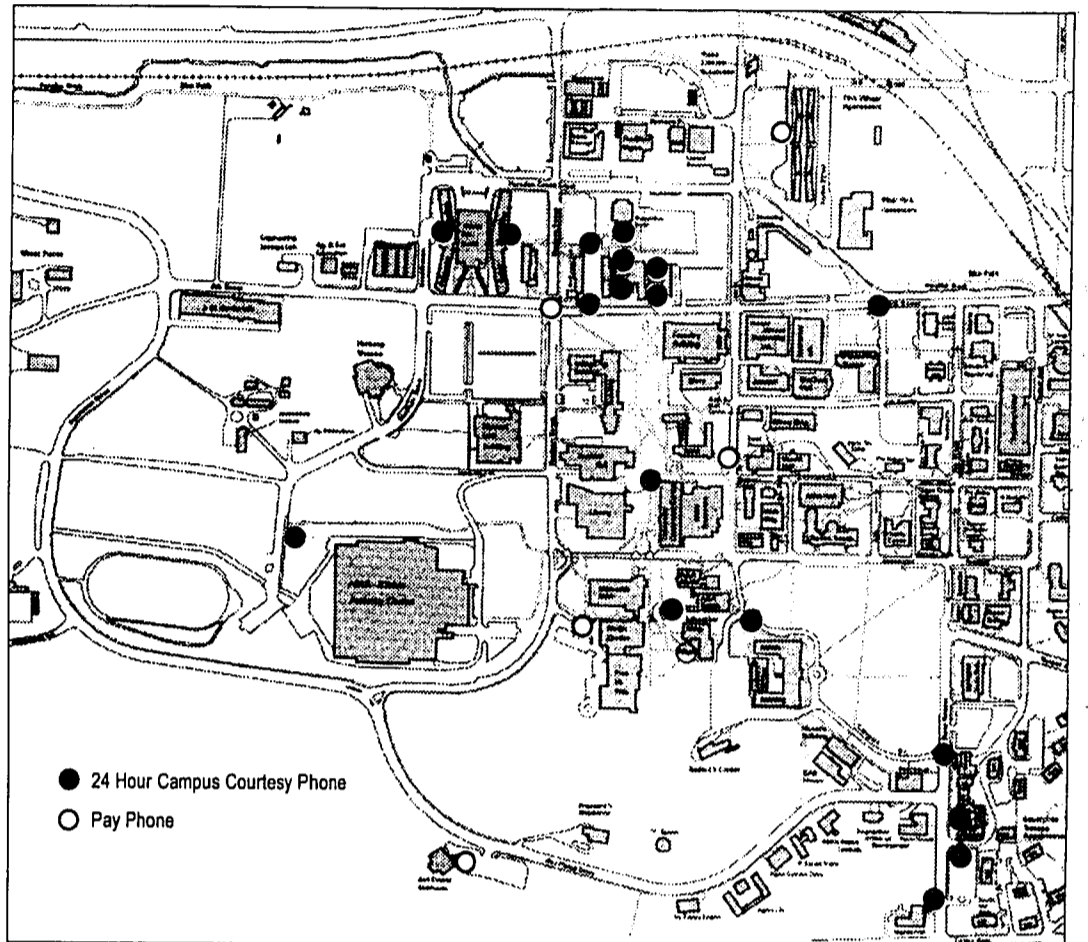
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■ Safety beepers are available to check out for a 72-hour period from the UI Library Circulation desk.

SAFETY TIPS

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2. Don't put valuables where they can be seen from a window.
3. Don't use headphones while walking, driving or jogging.
4. Don't list your first name in the telephone book, use initials.
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6. Make sure your answering machine doesn't indicate you're alone.
7. If someone comes to your door asking to use the telephone, make the call yourself. Don't invite them in.
8. At an ATM look around you, if you feel uncomfortable notify authorities and use a different ATM.
9. Keep your car doors locked and windows shut.
10. Walk with confidence, approach your vehicle with your keys already in your hand.

Campus Phone Locations



Information Courtesy ASUI Safety Board

■ Campus phones have been installed around the University of Idaho Campus in order to keep UI students safe. ASUI Safety Board is sponsoring a Spring Forward Run to address Sexual Assault Awareness Month, on April 8, Mom's Day Weekend.

Hoover undergoes heart procedure

By JP. Diener
 Argonaut Staff Writer

A heart procedure was performed on University of Idaho President Bob Hoover last week.

Hoover went to his doctor last Tuesday for a routine physical examination.

Nothing serious was discovered until he was on the treadmill, doing a stress test. It was then that doctors discovered a blocked artery in Hoover's heart.

Doctors at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane took action immediately and performed an angioplasty to correct the problem.

Angioplasty is a non-surgical way to open clogged arteries. A tube is placed in



Illustration by Aspen Svec UI Argonaut

the arm or leg and maneuvered to the heart. The tube then enters the clogged artery and a small balloon is used to expand and push the fatty deposits to the side of the artery wall. Often, a stent is also used in the procedure. A stent is an expanded wire mesh tube fitted to the size of the artery and can be inserted and left for a better long-term result.

Dr. Hoover issued a prepared statement, saying, "I was feeling quite well and had no indications that this condition existed. This is proof that annual physical examinations are an essential part of preventive medicine."

President Hoover spent a day in the hospital and then followed that up with five days of prescribed rest at home. As a consequence of the ordeal, he missed a two-day meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education.

Diversity Ed Center gets new home

By Wyatt Buchanan
 Argonaut Senior Writer

University of Idaho facilities workers are cleaning up Room 223 in the UCC, giving it a fresh coat of paint, cleaning the carpet and adding furniture to what, in the next few weeks, will become the new Diversity Education Center.

The UI Residence Campus Council met Feb. 21 and approved the room for use as the center, said Hal Godwin, student affairs vice president.

"People recognized the need for an interim spot," he said. "It passed right through."

The Residence Campus Council, a group assembled by UI Provost Brian Pitcher, consists of about 15 members

including Godwin, finance and facilities administrators and the presidents of ASUI and the Graduate Student Association, among others.

The council was set up to address issues dealing with the betterment of the campus, Godwin said.

Along with the council approval, Godwin said he also received approval of the room from student groups who use the center.

Juan De Leon, president of the Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino Americanos (OELA) said he would prefer a larger room, but he is satisfied with the new location for the center.

"It's in a high traffic area and we will use the room for meetings," De Leon said.

The room was used as the home of the center until it

moved to the SUB in 1997. Since then, it has been a storage room for the copy center, which moved to the Commons in January.

The UCC room, on the east side of the building, is 208 square feet, according to Phil Waite, the assistant director of capital planning and capital budget for UI. The old room in the SUB was about 150 square feet.

This room will be temporary until the center's permanent home is built in the UCC as it is renovated into the Teaching and Learning Center in the next few years, Waite said. The permanent home will be on the west side of top floor of the Teaching and Learning Center. It will overlook the food court in the Commons.

Dona Walker, the director of the Office of Multicultural

Affairs, says she is pleased with the room, as long as it is temporary.

"It is up to us to make it good," she said.

Walker said it is nice to have the center closer to the Office of Multicultural Affairs (also in the UCC). She said the room has good storage space, which is something the organizations need.

In earlier meetings, students said they wanted the center to be located in the student services area of the Commons.

Godwin said there was no room in the Commons, as the student services area only has 9,000 square feet for the six programs it houses. When the services each had their own facility, they had a combined total of 15,000 square feet, he said.

Students testify about fee increases

■ Second discussion to be held Wednesday

By Wyatt Buchanan
 Argonaut Senior Writer

Addressing their concerns to a panel of five administrators, University of Idaho students testified March 8 on proposed student fee increases.

About 40 students attended the early afternoon meeting that took place on the fourth floor of the Commons.

Some students who testified complained about the scheduled time for the hearing.

"It is at the worst time during the second worst week of the whole semester after finals," ASUI President Bart Cochran said.

Other students said there was not enough publicity about the hearing.

"We know more about what is going on in the bars than we do about this hearing," said Samantha Spleiss, a junior in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Later that day, Cochran said there would be a second, more publicized discussion after spring break. The second discussion will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Horizon/Aurora room of the Commons.

Students also testified supporting a fee increase to subsidize the study abroad program. The increase, which would be about \$3, was not included in the original proposal. Administrators may add the increase to the final request.

Mike Walsh, a senior majoring in Resource, Recreation and Tourism, said he supports the increase for the study abroad program. Walsh said he went to Costa Rica

for six months and that students need to learn about the world.

"To be competitive, you need to know another culture and another language," Walsh said.

The night of the hearing, the ASUI Senate passed a resolution saying students supported the study abroad increase. The senate has been discussing the increase during meetings and with students during living group visitations over the past month.

Students also testified against the continual rise in fees.

Kirk Hingsberger, a senior in Art Education, came to the hearing after donating blood to the Red Cross.

"I came from one semi-annual blood letting to another," Hingsberger said.

He said the fee hearings reminded him of the scenes in the "Shawshank Redemption" where Morgan Freeman testified in front of his parole board.

"At first he said 'Yes, sir' and trusted in the process. Then he realized no one was listening and it was just B.S.," Hingsberger said.

"You (administrators) don't realize how poor we students are," he said. "Maybe someday, you will."

SECOND DISCUSSION SCHEDULED

WHEN
 Wednesday at 5 p.m.

WHERE
 Horizon/Aurora room in Commons

WHY
 Students are invited to testify about UI fee increases. The discussion will be more highly publicized and held at a more convenient time.

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Briefs

Women's Center to host fun run

The University of Idaho Women's Center is sponsoring its third annual Spring Forward fun run April 8, as part of UI's Mom's Weekend celebration. The race begins at 8 a.m. on the Administration Lawn. Registration forms for the five-kilometer run, walk and stroll are available at the Women's Center. They also can be printed from the Women's Center web site at www.uidaho.edu/~wcenter/funrun.html and mailed to the Women's Center at P.O. Box 1064, Moscow, Idaho, 83844-1064. Entries must be received by March 24. Registration is \$15 with a T-shirt or \$8 without a T-shirt. Late registration is \$17, which also includes a shirt. Proceeds from the registration fees will benefit Women's Center programs and activities.

UI Professor Robert Wrigley wins prestigious Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award

UI English Professor Robert Wrigley has won the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award for his latest collection of poems, "Reign of Snakes." The \$50,000 award is one of the most generous literary prizes given out in the United States. "I was stunned," he said after learning of his recent accomplishment. The award is given to poets who have yet to reach a pinnacle, but are benefiting from a successful midpoint in their writing career. When it comes to crafting more poems, Wrigley said, "I still have more to do." "Reign of Snakes" is his fifth poetry collection and the second published by Penguin, the international publishing house. Wrigley's most recent poems focus on his family and Idaho, a place he has lived for nearly two decades. Wrigley said it's his most ambitious collection because of the complexity of ideas and situations presented, such as the existence of the soul and his own religious faith. Wrigley is the eighth recipient of the award. Other winners have included Yusuf Komunyakaa, B.H. Fairchild, John Koethe, Campbell McGrath and Deborah Digges.

Sanchez scheduled for writing workshop and reading

Sonia Sanchez, a poet who has been called "a lion in a literature's forest," will be coming to the University of Idaho as a visiting writer. During her visit Sanchez will teach a writing workshop beginning April 10 and give a reading of her own poetry in the law building April 12 at 7:30 p.m. Students wanting to participate in the workshop must have completed an intermediate level poetry course and submit up to 10 pages of completed pieces of their own poetry. Submissions are due Friday, March 24 and are to be turned in to room 200 in Brink Hall. For more information, contact Ron McFarland at 885-6937 or ronmcf@uidaho.edu.

Service learning, changing communities one student at a time

Service Learning, or learning through community involvement, will be the topic of an upcoming forum that will include faculty, students, adminis-

trators and community members. The forum will be held at the University Inn-Best Western on March 30 through April 1. Those involved in the forum will discuss service learning and community service projects, along with the possibility of a statewide coalition for service learning. Ken Reardon, director of the East St. Louis Action Research Project and associate professor, will speak on March 30 at 7 p.m. and again on March 31 at 12:45 p.m. Reardon's ongoing project is famous for using integrated research, teaching and service skills to revitalize an extremely poor community. Students and staff who have already used service learning will also make presentations. The agencies that these groups have helped will present as well. Panel discussions and workshops will take place during the summit as well.

UI theatre students sweep theatre competition

UI theater students dominated the awards at the Region VII American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) last month. Four students who won first place at the festival will travel to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in late April to compete nationally. Graduate student Katie Carey won the regional Irene Ryan Acting Competition, and fellow MFA candidate Stan Brown received second runner-up. Amanda Dura was awarded first place for costume design in Learned Ladies, Allison Koster won for scenic design in last fall's The Mineola Twins, and Karena Mae Nielson for lighting design in Rocket to the Moon. UI students also did well in the Northwest Drama Conference last month, where Heather Jean Wright won first place in scenic design, as did Esther Emery in the Undergraduate Scholarly Paper Competition. Dura was also a runner-up for costume design. ACTF was held Feb. 14-20 in Boise, and consisted of students from throughout the Northwest.

Helicopter to cause morning disruption at UI

It's going to be a noisy early morning on March 22 for people living near the University of Idaho Student Union Building. A helicopter will be used to airlift materials needed in the SUB renovation project to the roof of the building. The airlift will begin at 6 a.m. and while crews hope to get the job done in little as 20 minutes, it may take as long as an hour and a half. "The airlift should be of a short duration," said Butch Fullerton, UI Facilities construction manager. "But it will be loud and disruptive." The helicopter will transport seven sections of an air handler furnace unit to be installed in the building. Fullerton said the helicopter airlift is quicker and significantly less expensive than using a crane to lift the equipment onto the roof. Residents of Greek Row and nearby apartment buildings have been notified of the early morning airlift. The contractor for the project has received an exemption from Moscow's noise ordinance and Moscow police officers will block Deakin Street in front of the SUB. The helicopter will fly between the staging area in the parking lot behind the Human Resources and Procurement Building on Sixth Street and the SUB. The University Bookstore and Post Office are in the flight path and will be cleared of employees. The airlift will be completed in time to allow children walking to West Park Elementary School to use Deakin Street.

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Gene therapy side effects to be revealed

By Jodie Salz
Argonaut Staff Writer

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will soon order every scientist who has conducted gene-therapy research to open their files and report all instances of side effects. This new federal action comes after recent revelations that some researchers have been violating NIH reporting rules.

The history of gene-therapy research has come under increasing national scrutiny in recent months. The first death of a gene therapy research volunteer occurred in 1996, and some of the same scientists were involved in the controversial death of an Arizona teen who participated in a gene therapy trial last fall.

During a gene-therapy experiment in Houston 38 of 48 terminally ill cancer patients died without apparent intervention from the NIH, and there was also a case last

December in which an NIH pharmacy shipped the wrong gene-based experimental medicine to Georgetown University researchers, who injected the drug into six patients.

Under the agency's new policy, researchers engaged in trials past and present, along with the institutions and local review panels involved, will receive telephone calls and letters alerting them to the stricter enforcement policies to be implemented in the future. "We want to make sure our message clear — that the past degree of noncompliance was unacceptable and we won't tolerate it," said Lana Skirboll, director of the NIH's Office of Science Policy.

Gene therapy is based on the principle that a disease is caused by a faulty gene (a linear sequence in DNA), or combination of genes. Gene therapy is the practice of repairing or replacing defective genes in patients by transferring normal genes into the body, with the

hopes that the disease might be controlled, prevented or cured.

Gene therapy is currently being experimentally applied to many different genetic diseases, both congenital (since birth) and acquired, this includes such well-known illnesses as cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, and sickle cell anemia. Current gene therapy is primarily experiment based, with a few early human clinical trials under way.

Many UI students who have taken genetics classes, and are familiar with the way genes function, are skeptical of this new practice. "I can see where people are coming from, but there needs to be a way to monitor or control this process," UI forestry student Dave Laughman said.

Stacey Gregory, a zoology student, agrees. "There should be more research completed before these practices are implemented and there should be tighter control of who is experimented on."

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY March 22

11:45-12:30 p.m. Students for Equal Opportunities in Education meeting
Redfish Lake Room, 3rd Floor Commons

12:00-12:50 Preparation and Test Taking Workshop by Student Support Services
Quaking Aspen Room, 3rd floor UI Commons

5-7 p.m. Academic Success Strategies, a workshop by Student Support Services
Quaking Aspen Room, 3rd floor UI Commons

THURSDAY March 23

7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
Church of Christ, NE 1125 Stadium Way, Pullman

FRIDAY March 24

6 p.m. Queer Student Association (QSA) meeting
UI Women's Center

4:30 p.m. Resumes and Cover Letters, a Career Services workshop
Brink Hall G-11

7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
Presbyterian Church at 405 S. Van Buren

SATURDAY March 25

6:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
St. Augustine's Church, 628 Deakin Street, 882-1597

3:30-4:30 p.m. Faculty Council Meeting
Brink Faculty Lounge

4:30 p.m. The Off-Campus Job Search, a Career Services workshop
Brink Hall G-11

SUNDAY March 26

12:00-12:50 p.m. Memory and Learning Styles Workshop by Student Support Services
Commons Quaking Aspen Room

7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
Church of Christ, NE 1125 Stadium Way, Pullman

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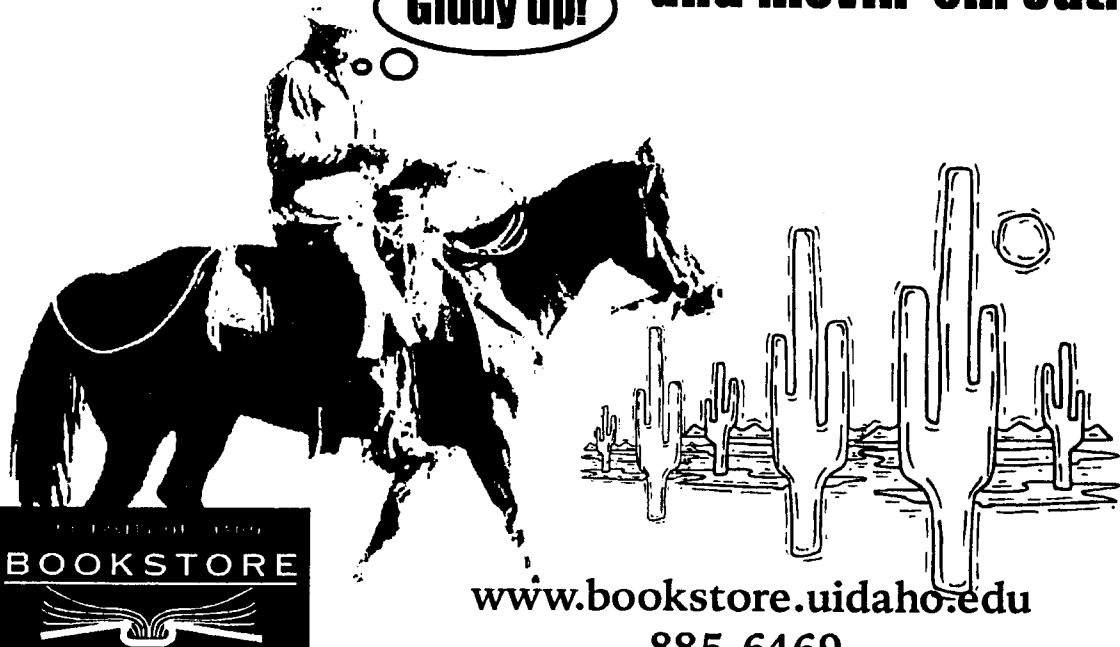
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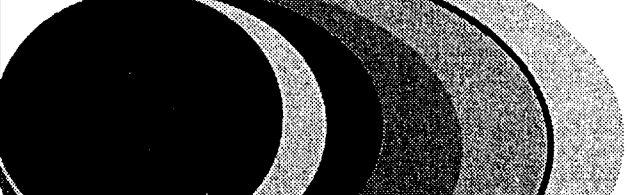
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Law School receives \$1.3 million

By JP Diener
Argonaut Staff Writer

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school. Schimke, who passed away in September, said the money was "to assure that the

Idaho law faculty will continue to be staffed by the best people that can be found". The gift is part of The Campaign for Idaho, a multi-year fundraising campaign gaining support for scholarships, professorships, curriculum, technology and facilities.

Weldon Schimke graduated from the University of Idaho with a law degree in 1931.

He stayed in Moscow and set up his own private practice. He also taught occasionally at the law school throughout his career. Schimke was active as the

Moscow city attorney, and as an attorney for the U of I. He also participated in the community, acting as clerk and treasurer for the Moscow School District.

His wife, Margaret Schimke, taught at Moscow High School for many years and was highly respected.

Campus safety

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on April 10, "Why Not? I Bought You Dinner" will be running as a play dealing with date rape.

Audience participation decides how the play will end, as actors act out whatever the audience feels is the best ending.

And on April 22, the Women's Center will sponsor 12 spots for women to learn to defend themselves at a model-mugging workshop.

There are a number of other events being planned.

"I think in general, the feeling is that the U of I is a really safe campus, especially compared to other campuses. But, I don't think we should take that for granted," Bell said.

The feeling is mutual, but there is still concern among some students. "The campus appears to be safe, but in all reality, if there was an attack, our campus doesn't have the facilities to accommodate the emergency," Asumendi said.

Anybody with questions can pick up a campus safety pamphlet, and is welcome and encouraged to stop by or call ASUI on the third floor of the commons.

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Tuesday Edition

March 21, 2000

ASK SCOTT PERRINE



Dear Scott,

A guy I spend time with casually likes me more than I like him. He had a very painful relationship two years ago and hasn't been interested in starting another one 'till he met me. How can I tell him I value him as a friend without discouraging him from looking for other people?

JUST A FRIEND

Dear Friend,

If I had a nickel for every time this situation came up, I'd buy myself a presidential election. Your friend has probably only recently come to terms with his attraction to other people and he probably met you right around this time. Of course, coming to terms with desire after being in a painful relationship should be a slow process and a time for renewal. Optimally, your friend would notice there are, in fact, tons of attractive ladies out there. However, he is used to having one girl and this is what he is trying for again. That is unhealthy because if he were to get into another serious relationship without having fun dating and shopping around then he's going to miss the opportunity to learn from past mistakes, as well as jeopardizing a great friendship with you.

Your friend needs to know that he's not going to get what he wants from you and he needs to be encouraged. What you should do is take him out to a party or club with as many of your lady-friends as possible and get them all talking with him. Then conveniently keep wandering off so he can deal with those ladies on his own. Unless he's dense or stubborn, he'll get the idea.

If he's dense or stubborn, you should probably just tell him nothing is going to happen and that you'd still like to be his friend, if that won't be weird for him.

Dear Scott,

There are not a lot of entertaining date options in Moscow. Typically we end up going to movies or having coffee discussing the world's problems. Can you suggest any activities two people wanting to get to know each other could do that would help local people?

JITTERY FROM THE COFFEE

Dear Jittery,

I've got a couple of suggestions for you. The first I must credit to one of my ex-girlfriends. She took me to a couple of spots outside of Moscow that were great.

Get yourself a map of the area and check out some roads around Moscow Mountain. There are a few places out there where you can take a romantic trolly around in the woods. You might end up discussing the world's problems again, but at least you'll be doing it in the arms of Mother Nature. Just drive up there, you'll find a good spot to stop, I guarantee.

Beyond that, I suggest just walking around Moscow at night. There are lots of cool places around here to walk. Walk where there are trees — particularly the new Arboretum. It's a great place to spend some time getting to know a prospective lover. Also, there's a bench up by the golf-course clubhouse that is ideal for catching a good sunset.

If you want to go out and have a great dinner, my favorite spot in the setting category is The Red Door on Main Street. However, in the best meal category, I'm going to endorse The Broiler Pit down on Main Street in Lewiston. It's a half-hour drive and it's a little spendy, but the steak and prawns are so worth it.

If anyone else has any suggestions for romantic or fun stuff to do around Moscow, please send them to me at askscottperrine@hotmail.com and I'll print them.

If you have a question, problem, or have stumbled upon something terribly interesting and are looking to tell people, e-mail askscottperrine@hotmail.com. This column is not a substitute for professional, legal, medical, or psychological counseling.

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First grade: Crayons, construction paper, guns?

By Leah Costello
Argonaut Staff Writer

Remember 1st grade — learning your ABC's and 123's, cutting and pasting construction paper into art — and who could forget the kid next to you who always ate the glue? Those were the days of innocent childhood.

Apparently today's children aren't so innocent. Instead of glue eaters we've got snipers and gun-slingers. Never mind an apple in the old backpack for teacher, instead try something more like a Glock 9mm; that's sure to get some attention. And while you're at it, why not take out a few of those classmates that have been pestering you; they'll never make fun of you again.

School shootings grab a lot of headlines, and they continue to do so with increasing frequency. In just the past four years there have been 17, and that's only incidents, not deaths. One shooting is bad enough. It's a horrible thing to hear about children killing each other and a horrible reflection of society as well. Is this what they're learning in school? It's nice to see that they have life summed up to all of that at such an early age — it sucks.

Looking at the reasoning behind it involves many factors. Recently a six-year old shot another six-year old, evidently over a playground spat they had had the day before. When I was six, I don't think I even knew how to work the trigger. But take a look at this kid's home life and the answer is plain as day. His mother had dumped

him and his eight-year old brother off at their uncle's crack house where they didn't even have beds to sleep in. How could he tell right from wrong growing up in an environment like that? That's all he'd been shown and when he found the gun hiding under a blanket, it was like a new toy.

I think it's safe to place most of the blame on this kid's parents. They aren't shown love and so they learn to hate. Perhaps they hear about the shootings and see the fame the killers gain, and that they get noticed.

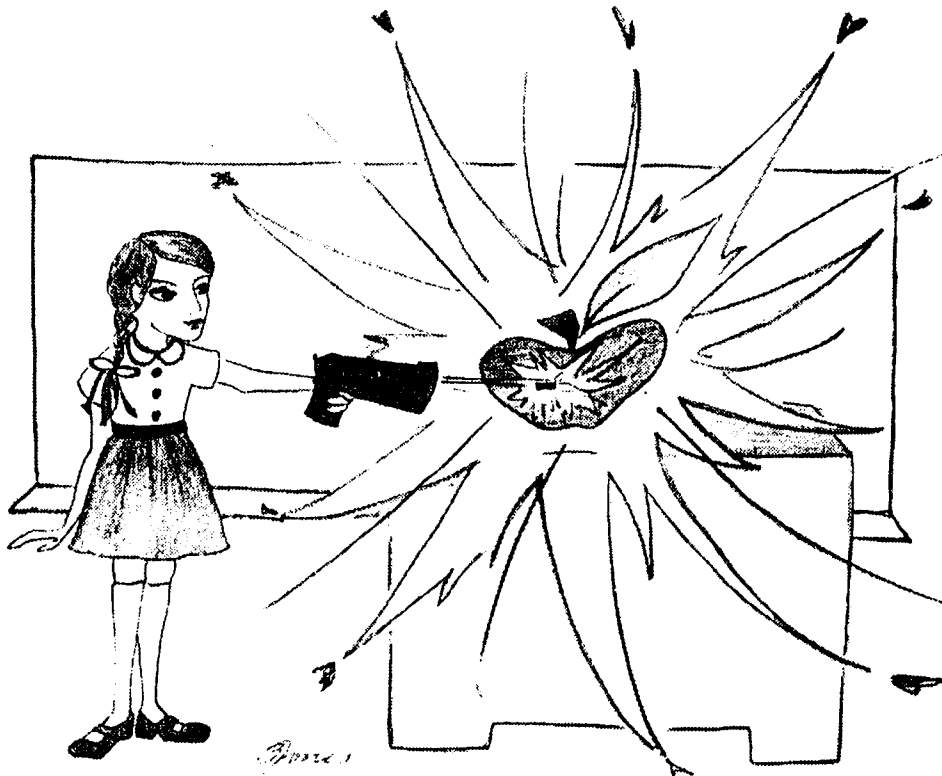
Whether it's good or bad doesn't matter; it's purely the attention they're after. They go crazy because people have a need to be loved. Sociological studies have even proved that most babies deprived of physical contact grow up with mental disabilities. The media needs to quit making such a big deal of it. It is a big deal, but they talk about how sad and terrible it is instead of actually addressing the real issue at hand.

It's unfortunate for children who have bad home lives. They need help and their parents need help. The thing is that schools could do something

about this. Metal detectors would be smart because that shows how much they don't approve of violence. It's impossible to go there and do that sort of thing. Congress is looking to tighten laws on gun control, but the problem is not the guns, it's the individuals that carry them. Would it be so hard to hire more counselors to care for these kids that desperately need it? Problems do have solutions. Why not add a class that works with kids and their personal lives? Open communication is the key to understanding how someone is doing. Teachers are very important also. If kids have a teacher that doesn't

care, they don't do a good job and they really give the kids no reason to care. Maybe if they were paid better they would feel more worthy. I don't understand why they aren't, they really hold the future in their hands, and still don't get enough credit for it.

How many more is it going to take? It's the same thing as Highway 95 — how many people have to die before they can decide to fix the road? It's ridiculous. The time is now, what other time is there? We need to start caring for the seeds we plant; otherwise our gardens will be sparse.



Despite the joys of Seattle, it's good to be home

By Bob Phillips, Jr.
Argonaut Staff Writer

I got to Redmond, Washington on Friday night. Spring Break had just begun, and I was staring a week of relaxation and blissful lethargy in the face. Sure, I would probably forget what sunshine looked like, but that was a chance I was more than willing to take.

From Redmond, where I hooked up with UI alum David Korus, we shipped off to Seattle for the first of the week's many Magic tournaments on University Way. It was at this point that the unfortunate circumstances started.

The Wizards of the Coast (WotC) homepage lists no start times for minor

tournaments, so I checked on when the big ones started. 8 a.m. was the typical onset. So we woke up at 6:30 and left David's apartment by 7 in the morning, and found the store, tried the door locked. I checked the hours: 10am-11pm, Mon-Sat. Great.

We ignored the two girls (approximately age 10) who tried to leech cigarettes from us, and David suggested that one of the two children was drunk. As twitchy as the girl acted, he may have been correct.

Across the street, we had breakfast at McDonald's, and discussed our options. Drive back to Redmond or just wait. The idea of calling David's wife, Erin, became a quest, and we stumbled upon a pay phone near McDonald's. It was coated in something vile, probably lasagna, if not worse, and the odor suggested that

the phone-coating film had been released directly from someone's stomach. This was not turning out to be a great trip.

Over the course of the week, I was asked for change more times than I care to think about, and that fact alone depressed me. I was walking the streets of Seattle with enough money in my checking account to get through this semester without much room to spare, so there was realistically not much I could do to help. I also know about sociological cycles and enabling behaviors, but still, something should have been done to help these homeless inhabitants.

By the time the week was over, I'd seen things that I hoped to avoid throughout my lifetime. There was evidence of social disintegration to a degree that simply depresses me. Those two girls were only the beginning. While the possibility

that they were drunk by 8 a.m. was sickening, but that two girls who are still in grade school had taken up smoking was just sad. With so much press time being devoted to the impending collapse of the Tobacco Empire, a reasonable person would expect that these girls would have heard something about the dangers of smoking.

I saw mental disease in the homeless and whitewashed apathy in the eyes of the passers-by. I didn't see any evidence of crime committed by one person against another, but rather the injustice of society against the individual.

The poor and neglected faces on the Seattle streets were the products of an inadequate political system in charge of too many people.

Seattle wasn't all bad, but I'm glad to be back in Moscow.

Greenspan: the revenge of Rand and the 'collective'

By Justin Throne
Argonaut Staff Writer

For a glimpse into the wildly diverse American psyche of the last half of this century, one need look no further than the bumper stickers that adorn our equally wild and diverse automobiles which zoom across endless roadways. Our ideas, reactions, humor, novelities, habits, fetishes and absurdities are, until the sun fades them (to the gratitude of some second-hand owners), in the driver's plain view — whether on the backs of those cars that impatiently pass us, or on those that sit ahead of us while we wait, impatiently, at a stoplight. For a time, one such traveling message — presented on a 3" X 12" piece of adhesive vinyl — posed a question: "Who is John Galt?"

To some, the message remained an enigma. To those who did know the answer, the message was a friendly gesture. Born at the turn of this century in Russia, having emigrated to the U.S. as a teen and doggedly determined to translate her philosophy into popular fiction, Ayn Rand came into prominence in the 1940s when she published "The Fountainhead," her best-selling work up to that point.

"Atlas Shrugged," her magnum opus, hit the shelves in 1957 where, more than 40 years later, reprinted copies of it still sit for yet another sale to another generation. The latent popularity of Rand's work represented the avant-garde component of her mes-

sage. When asked to describe her philosophy, Rand, an avowed atheist, responded: "Metaphysics — objective reality; Epistemology — reason; Ethics — self-interest; Politics — capitalism." Her works portray the flux of the forces.

Though Rand's attraction was — and continues to be — widespread, she enjoyed more of a guru-status among a small, intimate following of young people. This inner circle referred to itself as the "collective," or the "class of '43" (the year "The Fountainhead" was published).

A philosophical and political manifesto disguised as a novel, "Atlas Shrugged" was — and to many, still is — the clarion call of the day against big government. The hero's arrival on the scene is foreshadowed by the line from that enigmatic bumper sticker. John Galt, leader of the producers, creators, and risk-takers of society (one of Rand's critics called them a "technocratic elite" — perhaps today's term would be "Big Business Roundtable"), has tired of all the lesser men, who are lumped into one big burgeoning category of "looters." A "strike of the mind" has been declared, and the technocratic elite has safely taken refuge somewhere in the Rockies.

Absent the talent, ambition, motivation and skill of this elite, the world goes to shambles. Unscathed, the elite emerge from their hideaway only to find what they had always suspected to result in their absence — utter desolation. To

poison; to the Right, she was part medicine, part poison (anything more than a tiny dose is lethal); to all, she was controversial. Despite criticism from both sides, Rand remained convinced of the immortality of her ideas: "I will have an influence — 'Atlas' will have an influence — but it will be a very slow process. We won't begin to see its concrete results in action for many years. I may not fully see them at all."

She was right on both counts. She has had an influence, but much of it came after she died in 1982. One needs look no further than Reason magazine to find Rand's posthumous voice. David Nolan, founder of the Libertarian Party, said, "Without Ayn Rand, the libertarian movement would not exist."

And of all those who occupy power-seats, there is none who stands out quite like Alan Greenspan. Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and thus arguably the second most-powerful man in the nation, Greenspan was a close associate of Rand, a member of her collective, the class of '43. He contributed to a book by Rand in 1966, a collection of essays entitled "Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal." If there was ever a technocratic elite, comprised of leaders from the financial, industrial and technological sectors of society, it is the movers and shakers of the U.S.-based globalizing economy. If there was ever a head of this technocratic elite, to whom a reverential ear is given for each next blip on our econo-cardiogram, it is Alan Greenspan.

Decades later, the question remains: "Who is John Galt?"



Stop fees the grassroots way

By Wade Gruhl
Argonaut Staff Writer

Having figuratively spanked ASUI President Bart Cochran for apparent lack of leadership in addressing persistent and excessive student fee increases, I owe him some praise for his statement at the hearing on proposed increases before spring break.

Mr. Cochran covered his Presidential butt by acknowledging positive results of increased funding, but summed up his comment by emphasizing that the administration should turn to the state legislature for funding increases. That was the right message to send.

The ASUI President also stated his intention to initiate a campaign of student letters to the legislature telling them to step up and accept their responsibility to adequately fund public education, including higher education. Mr. Cochran even supplied the listeners, including (surprisingly) President Hoover, with a fact that serves as fuel to the fire: funding for higher education has dropped from 20 percent of the state budget to 12 percent since the mid-1970s. He also reminded students that they must vote, and to vote for candidates like Shirley Ringo of Moscow, who support capping or ending student fee increases.

If students sincerely want to stop or significantly slow these excessive yearly increases, then President Cochran's remarks and plan for a letter campaign are an important first step. This is a political battle that is relatively easily won, compared to others I am intimately familiar with, because there is strength in numbers. But that strength means nothing if it is not organized and actively pursuing the stated goal. To some extent it is the responsibility of ASUI leadership to get the students organized. But that should not deter any motivated individual from stepping up and assuming a leadership role.

The ASUI is particularly valuable because of its facilities, infrastructure and budget. But it should not be shy about asking for advice or assistance in areas where it is inexperienced. As I have mentioned before, I know many skilled grassroots organizers in this community who would be glad to take on the role of consultant.

In many ways, grassroots organizing is simple and straightforward. It mainly takes time and energy, and plenty of it. That's why it is important to engage others, and lots of them. This can be done easily since most students oppose excessive yearly student fee (tax) increases. A core group can go and pitch the campaign to every group, living or other, on campus. Some can volunteer an hour or two staffing a table outside high traffic areas on campus, such as in front of the library.

Coalition building is key. A few phone calls, and the student leaders of all higher education institutions in Idaho should be in agreement on a campaign to vigorously oppose these excessive increases. High school seniors would likely be willing allies in our cause, and may be able to vote.

Since the legislature is only in session for the first two to three months of the year, clever student organizers would do well to consider organizing now to wage a serious campaign of fee increase resistance during next year's legislative session. I don't mean to suggest the weakening of opposition to current proposals, just putting the focus where it is most likely to yield results.

Students can make themselves heard in the legislature, and they can do it in numerous ways. Testifying in hearings, visiting legislators, writing letters and making phone calls are traditional tactics that should be employed. More powerful actions, especially in conjunction with above tactics, such as large and persistent demonstrations should not be neglected. Again, ASUI leaders should not be bashful should they desire a consultant.

The big challenge for student leaders is how to get the UI administration to join the team. I suspect that President Hoover and other administrators have much political schmoozing to do with state legislators, and are therefore unlikely to speak the harsh truth to these same legislators.

Mr. Hoover and his peers should tell the legislature that it has been negligent in its responsibility to fund education, and do so without beating around the bush.

INTRAMURALS

Intramural Tournament Results

Basketball Men's Competitive

Semifinals

Mob Squad II 38, White Chocolate 59
Rhym Job 46, Sigma Alpha Epsilon 44

Finals

White Chocolate 42, Rhym Job 40

Women's Competitive Semifinals

Kaika Wahine's 2 17, Stokers 20
Ball Handlers 26, The Has Beens 28

Finals

Stokers 28, The Has Beens 34

Men's Recreation Semifinals

The Luschka 29, Cut Throats 43
Team B.C. 53, Twig and Berries 46
Cut Throats 37, Team B.C. 32

Women's Recreational Semifinals

Steelers 27, Jams 25
The Pine Riders 33, Gladiators 23

Final

Steelers 28, Pine Riders 24

Co-Rec Volleyball

Competitive Semifinals

Schmidt Pack 2, Has Been's 1
Grangeville 2, Team Bonus 0

Finals

Grangeville 2, Schmidt Pack 1

Recreational Semifinals

Who Knows 2, Houston 0
Melrose Place 2, Home Grown 0

Finals

Melrose Place 2, Who Knows 1

CALENDAR

THURSDAY March 23

Men's NCAA Basketball Round of 16 Playoffs

FRIDAY March 24

Intramural Powerlifting entry due, 204 Memorial Gym, 5 p.m.

Outdoor Track at Stanford Relays, Stanford, Cal., TBA

Men's NCAA Basketball Round of 16 Playoffs

SATURDAY March 25

Intramural Powerlifting, TBA, 12:30

Outdoor Track at Stanford Relays, Stanford, Cal., TBA

Men's NCAA Basketball Round of Eight Playoffs

Women's NCAA Basketball Round of 16 Playoffs

SUNDAY March 26

Men's NCAA Basketball Round of Eight Playoffs

MONDAY March 27

Women's NCAA Basketball Round of Eight Playoffs

Vandal women unable to pull off upset

By Doug Coltrin
Argonaut Staff Writer

Back in January, the University of Idaho women's basketball team traveled to Santa Barbara to play the nationally ranked and conference-leading Gauchos. In that game they were devastated by a blistering start by the Gauchos. Before Idaho could blink, they were down 29-2. The game was over before the Vandals could get things going.

With the prospect of playing the Gauchos again, the Vandals set out to make sure the outcome was different this time around. On March 8, UI came into the game shooting to pull off an upset of monstrous proportions. They played the Gauchos tight and almost came up with what would have been one of the biggest upsets in the nation.

Unfortunately for the Lady Vandals their effort came up short. Despite having four players in double figures, the Vandals fell to eighth-ranked UCSB in the first round of the Big West Conference Tournament in Reno by a final score of 82-75.

Senior All-Big West selection Alli Nieman led the Vandals with 24 points and 14 rebounds. The Gauchos had five players in double figures and were led by three time Big West Player of the Year Erin Beuscher's 25 points and 11 rebounds. The loss ended the Vandals season at 13-15 while UCSB won the Big West Tournament and qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

The Vandals had trouble holding onto the ball in the first half. By

halftime, they had committed 21 turnovers. They ended the game with 30 turnovers. The Vandals also got into some early foul trouble sending UCSB to the line 13 times in the first half.

By the end of the first half the Vandals were still hanging around only being down by 9 at 40-31. This set the stage for a vandal rally in the second half where for most of the half the Vandals chipped away at the UCSB lead. They shot 94 percent from the free-throw line in the second half going 17-18. Nieman went 10-10 from the line.

The Vandals were able to stay with the Gauchos for most of the game. UCSB shot the ball poorly during the first half and for much of the game due to the Vandal defense.

Vandal head coach Hillary Recknor said, "We felt matching up with them one on one would not be effective." The Vandals were able to contain UCSB and take the lead in the second half using their zone defense to defend the interior. Recknor said, "I felt we did a good job shifting and covering our zone." The Vandals eventually took the lead 69-67 with five minutes left in the game but the Gauchos pulled away in the waning moments.

Senior Susan Woolf contributed 15 points to the effort. Laura Bloom had 11 points and Kelly Bartelson had 10.

Coach Recknor seemed very pleased with the effort that was shown. "I felt this was our best game this season and this is the team that I expected to show up several games ago," Recknor said.



■ Sophomore Julie Wynstra (50) and the UI women closed their season with a first-round loss to UCSB in the Big West Tournament, 82-75.

Can Gonzaga do it again?

By Jim Bielenberg
Argonaut Sports Editor

As the buzzer sounded in Gonzaga's 82-76 victory over the St. John's Red Storm, the same question arose as did last year. How far can the Zags go?

Last year, the answer was the Elite Eight, where Gonzaga fell to eventual national champion Connecticut by five points.

This season may provide a different answer, as things seem to be falling into place for Gonzaga to make a run at the Final Four. Gonzaga needs two more victories to accomplish that feat, but their task seems less daunting than a year ago. As West bracket powerhouses Arizona and Oklahoma have lost,

and Gonzaga has already defeated second-seeded St. John's, the highest remaining seed is fourth-seed LSU, a much less dominating opponent than top-seed UConn was last year.

Along with their situation being an improvement from last year, their team has improved as well. The Zags relied primarily on Quentin Hall and Matt Santangelo last year, whereas this year has seen the development of Casey Calvary to a dominant interior force, the improved play of post Axel Dench and guard Richie Frahm's rise from a good three-point shooter to an excellent one.

The most important aspect of this team, and the one that will determine their longevity in the grueling tournament, is confidence. The

Zags came into the St. John's game expecting to win against a Red Storm team that many picked as this year's NCAA champion. After beating the Red Storm, the Bulldogs did not rush the floor as many of the lower seeds had after pulling off an upset. They simply shook the hands of their opponent and left to the locker room because they are not satisfied yet. After the game, Frahm said, "We don't plan on going home anytime soon."

"I think they've got a really good chance of going (to the Final Four)," St. John's coach Mike Jarvis told ESPN.com. "There is a time and place for everything and maybe this is theirs. It wasn't meant for us. Maybe it's meant for Gonzaga."

UI men bounced in first round

By Cody M. Cahill
Senior Staff Writer

The Vandal men's basketball team's share in the college basketball frenzy known affectionately as March Madness was an abbreviated one this season. The abrupt but not at all surprising end to a troublesome Vandal season came in the opening round of the Big West Tournament to Long Beach State 97-86.

But in the season where basketball miracles are aplenty, Idaho appeared poised to pull off the proverbial upset versus the West Division Champion 49ers, at least for a half. Behind 22 first half points by Gordon Scott, the bottom seeded Vandals jumped 54-48 advantage, but Long Beach State allowed Scott only two shots in the second half and then relied on Senior Mate Milisa to provide the offensive punch and cruised to the

victory.

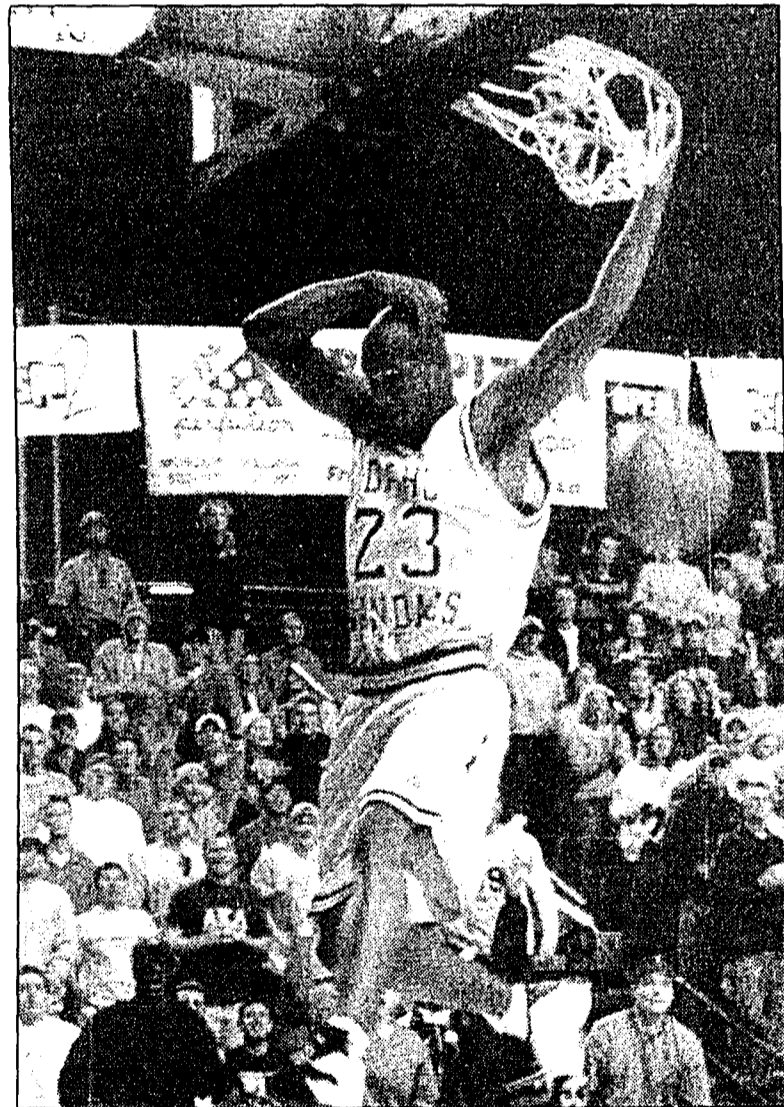
And all in all, it wasn't a good postseason for the rest of Big West Conference, either. After beating Idaho, Long Beach State's hopes of an NCAA Tournament bid were ended by defending champion New Mexico State who, in turn, was defeated by the then hottest team in the nation, Utah State whose reward for rolling through the Big West Conference with a perfect 19-0 record was a paltry 12 seed and a match-up with defending national champion Connecticut.

The relative weakness of the Big West was evident as the Aggie offensive attack, which had been so dominant over the likes of Idaho, Boise State, and Nevada appeared almost nonexistent versus the Huskies of UConn in their 75-67 first round loss. New Mexico State and Long Beach State, on the other hand, were invited to the National Invitational Tournament, only to suffer first round defeats as well.

Two squads on the 1999-2000

Vandal schedule are having a great deal of success this March, however. Gonzaga and Oklahoma State, both of whom earned early season double-digit wins over Idaho, are members of one of the most bizarre, upset-ridden Sweet Sixteens in recent memory.

Looking towards next year, though, the Vandals will bring back flashy post Kaniel Dickens along with youthful guards Lance Buoncristiani and Justin Logan, who will hope to mature both physically and intellectually in their sophomore seasons. But Coach Dave Farrar and staff will have a difficult time finding replacements for the three departing seniors: Scott, Devon Ford and Clifford Gray. Farrar and company may be forced to look to the junior college ranks (a tactic used to perfection by Utah State this season) to fill the holes in a team currently resembling Swiss cheese in hopes that the Vandals might dance a little deeper into March next season.



■ Gordon Scott (23) scored 22 points in the first half of the UI season-ending loss to LBSU. The 49ers defeated the Vandals 97-86.

NCAA Basketball

Men's Tournament Matchups

Thursday, March 23

West Region
(8) Wisconsin
(4) LSU

(6) Purdue
(10) Gonzaga

Midwest Region
Michigan State
(4) Syracuse

(6) UCLA
(2) Iowa State

Friday, March 24

East Region
Duke
(5) Florida

(3) Oklahoma State
(10) Seton Hall

South Region
(8) North Carolina
(4) Tennessee

(6) Miami (Fla.)
(7) Tulsa

Women's Tournament Matchups

Saturday, March 25

East Region
UCONN
(5) Oklahoma

LSU
(2) Duke

Midwest Region
Louisiana Tech
(4) Old Dominion

Penn State
Iowa State

Midwest Region
Tennessee
Virginia

(3) Texas Tech
Notre Dame

West Region
Georgia
North Carolina or (13) Rice

(11) UAB
(2) Rutgers

Briefs

Nieman, Scott earn first-team all-Big West

University of Idaho seniors Gordon Scott and Alli Nieman earned first-team all-Big West Conference recognition in voting by the league's basketball coaches.

Both have teammates receiving honorable mention recognition — senior Devon Ford on the men's side and senior Susan Woolf on the women's side.

Nieman became only the second player in Big West Conference history to earn first-team all-conference honors four times.

Nieman, Idaho's all-time leading scorer and rebounder, finished her career with 2,140 points and 1,005 rebounds — the first Vandal to surpass those milestone numbers and only the fourth player in Big West history to do so.

Scott will go down as one of the most prolific 3-point shooters in Vandal history. He has the single-season record with 92 and still one game to play — the Vandals Thursday game in the first round of the Big West Conference tournament at Reno.

Cable golf tourney set

The first Tom Cable Vandal Open Golf Tournament is April 29 at the University of Idaho Golf Course.

The entry fee is \$75 in advance or \$85 at the door. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and an awards dinner at the Moscow Elks Club. The tournament is a scramble (five-person teams). You can choose your own team or tournament organizers can place you. Golf carts can be reserved through the UI golf course. All proceeds from the tournament go to the UI scholarship fund. For more information on the golf tournament, contact Todd Hoiness at 885-0228.

Olsen finishes second in the shot put at NCAA Indoor Championships

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — University of Idaho sophomore Joachim Olsen finished second in the shot put at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships to garner All-America honors in the event.

Olsen entered the competition with the second-best qualifying mark and matched that ranking with a toss of 64-8 3/4 (19.73 meters). His effort was bettered by only one thrower, Janus Roberts of SMU who won the event with a distance of 65-1 1/4 (19.84 meters). That result placed Idaho 13th in team scoring after the first day of competition.

Olsen improved his position with each throw after his third attempt,

saving his best result for his final toss. He moved into seventh place on his fourth throw, fourth place on his fifth throw and then set the school record with his runner-up distance on his final effort.

Vandals fifth at Pilot Invitational

Ryan Benzel's second-place tie paced the University of Idaho men's golf team to a fifth-place finish at the Pilot Spring Invitational.

Benzel fired a 176 in the abbreviated tournament to finish tied for second with Portland's Brian Hughes. Oregon State's Kyle Hudson earned medalist honors with his 173, which includes a final round 66.

Oregon State won the tournament with a 717, while the Vandals had a 736 for their fifth-place finish.

Other scorers for the Vandals were Taylor Cerjan (tie 15th with 184); Doug McClure (tie 21st with 187); Mychal Gorden (tie 31st, 189) and Josh Nagelmann (tie 47th, 195).

Nieman garners All-District VIII honors for second year

MOSCOW — The 2000 Kodak All-District VIII team has been

announced and Alli Nieman is again a selection on the first team. She will now continue in the balloting process to be considered for All-America honors.

Nieman was a first-team selection in 1999 as well before earning honorable mention All-America status by leading the Big West Conference in scoring and rebounding. A 6-1 forward, Nieman was near the top of those categories this season, finishing second in scoring and third in rebounding. She also was among the league leaders in field goal percentage, steals and blocked shots.

Earlier this year, Nieman became just the second player in Big West Conference history to earn four-time first team all-conference accolades. In her final game as a Vandal against #8 UCSB, she eclipsed the 1,000-career-rebound plateau, making her one of only four players in BWC annals to record 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds.

The District VIII team is composed of the top six players from the Big West, the Pacific 10 and the West Coast conferences. Nieman was joined by UCLA's Maylana Martin, UCSB's Erin Buescher, Tracey Morris of St. Mary's College, Rhonda Smith of Long Beach State and Shaquala Williams of Oregon.

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WEDNESDAY March 22

Deon Price (piano) and Berkeley Price (clarinet), women composers, perform a guest recital at the Music Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY March 23

"A Thing of Beauty" opens at Shoup Hall's Arena Theater, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$3.

FRIDAY March 24

"Dancers, Drummers, Dreamers" will be performed at UI's Hartung Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Hartung box office at 885-7986.

"A Thing of Beauty" will be performed at Shoup Hall's Arena Theater, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

SATURDAY March 25

Joanna McFarland, mezzo-soprano, and Andrea Roberts, soprano, perform at the Music Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

"Dancers, Drummers, Dreamers" will be performed at the Hartung Theatre.

"A Thing of Beauty" will be performed at Shoup Hall's Arena Theater, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

The MadHatters 2000, a charity event for the Sojourners' Alliance will take place at the Latah County Fairgrounds, 7 p.m. The event features live and silent auctions, vintage clothing and children's activities. Tickets are \$10 for adults \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at Wise Buys in Moscow and Troy or by calling Sojourners' Alliance main office 883-3438. Donate 2 non-perishable food items to the Wise Buys Food Bank in Troy and receive 2 free raffle tickets!

The Sweatshop Band performs at the Rathaus, 10 pm. \$3 cover.

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Mission to Mars (PG) 7:10, 9:25

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Eye catching special effects to kill a rainy afternoon

'Mission to Mars'

By Jason M. Tennant
The Daily Athenaeum (WVU)

Do you yearn for those bigger-than-life summer movies like "Independence Day" and "Armageddon?" If so, then head to the theater and check out "Mission to Mars" (from director Brian De Palma). The movie will never get within one light-year of a best picture nomination, but it is a fun way to kill a rainy afternoon.

"Mission to Mars" begins in the year 2020 with a party at Luke Graham's (Don Cheadle) home. He is the commander of the imminent mission to colonize Mars. Also enjoying the festivities are the wife-husband pair Terri Fisher (Connie Nielson) and Woody Blake (Tim Robbins), who will lead the second mission to Mars. Also at the party is Jim McConnell (Gary Sinise), a man who did most of the research for the mission to the red planet but dropped out of the astronaut program to be with his dying (now deceased) wife.

Flash-forward about 1 year. Graham and his team have arrived on Mars and are making progress in growing plants and finding data. However, when investigating an anomaly, disaster occurs and kills everyone but Graham. Back on the Earth's space station, control realizes something is wrong, and sends McConnell, Blake, Fischer and Phil Ohlmyer (Jerry O'Connell) on a mission to rescue any survivors and find out what caused the disaster.

The concept behind "Mission to Mars" is great. The red planet has been a popular topic for science fiction since the genre's beginning. Simulating what an actual NASA mission would be like (almost as realistic as Ron Howard's Apollo 13) makes for a great cinematic experience. This movie has an abundance of memorable scenes,

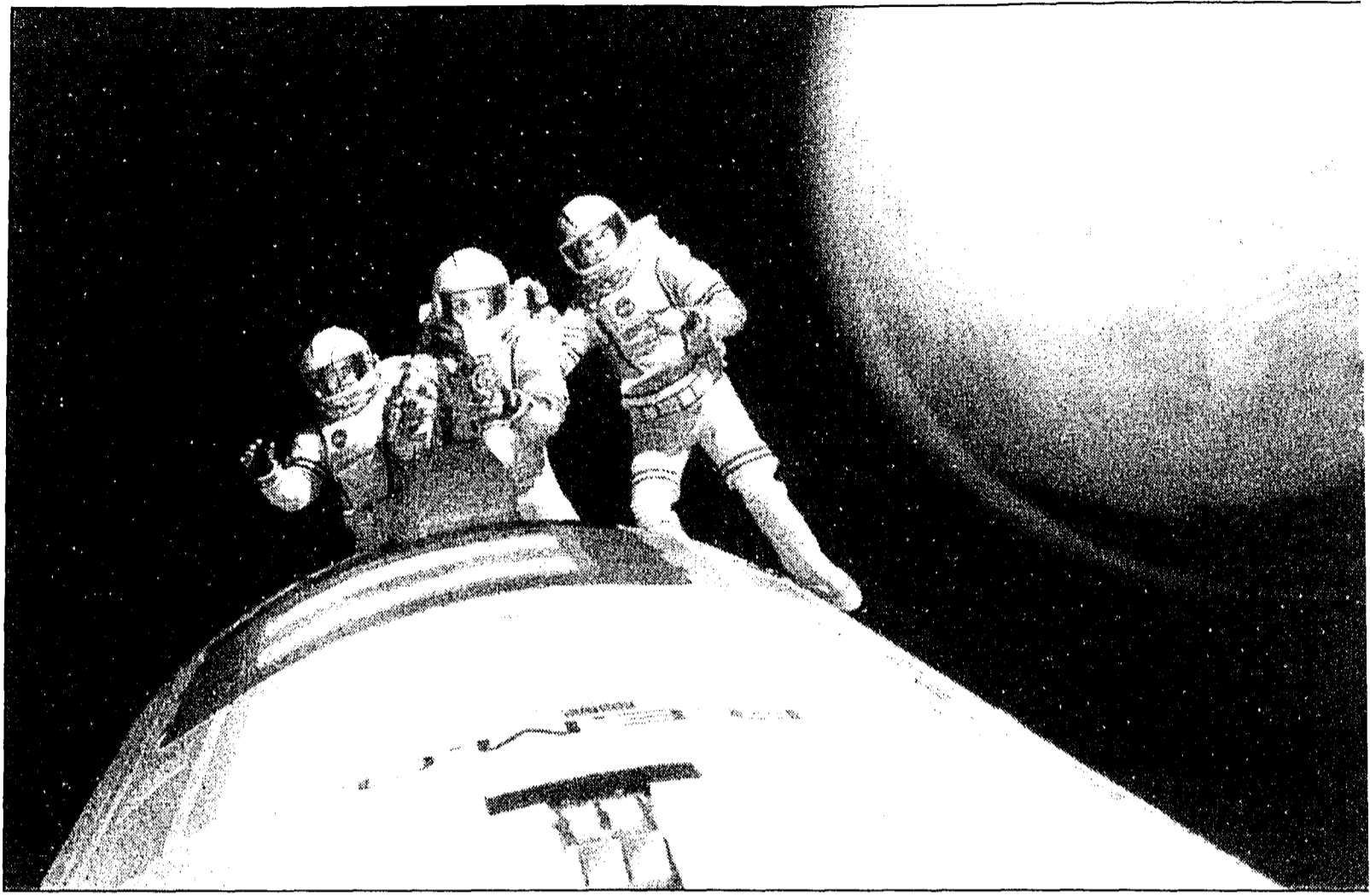


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Dr. Terri Fisher (Connie Nielsen, center) aims to fire a life-line wire for her husband Woody (Tim Robbins), as colleagues Jim McConnell (Gary Sinise, Left) and Phil Ohlmyer (Jerry O'Connell, right) look on beside the Mars R.E.M.O. vehicle.

both because of their special effects and their emotion. Topping the list is the entry into Mars. Its special effects explosions were awe inspiring, breathtaking and suspenseful. Another great effect is the whirlwind-like force that kills Graham's crew.

Along with the impressive long scenes are several shorter scenes that were well done. In one, Ohlmyer takes advantage of zero gravity to construct a model of human DNA in mid-air with M&M's. In another scene on the ship, Fisher and Blake gracefully fly through the air, dancing.

The movie is realistic and, for the most part, scientifically accu-

rate. It takes 1 year to travel from Earth to Mars, which is close to today's estimates. The actors give good performances. Cheadle accurately portrays a confident astronaut at the beginning, and later a desperate man who has been trapped alone on Mars for a year. Tim Robbins does a great job making Woody Blake an outgoing commander that you would like to work under. Sinise and Nielson do fine with the limited roles they are given.

Jerry O'Connell steals the show by providing some good comic relief. He describes his M&M DNA model as "his perfect woman." His character is also the one that cracks all of the jokes and makes all the

sarcastic comments.

Easily the worst parts of the film are the countless cliches. You have your typical characters: the bachelor, the happily married couple and the mourning widower. And they do the typical things that these stereotypes do. Blah.

Other things in the film do not make sense. The way in which the astronauts found their way into the Martian structure was a fairly large stretch. How do you translate sound into DNA structure? And if the

Martians seeded earth and created all life, why does the Earth look green with life before the seeding? The Martians themselves look pretty poor. If humans are supposed to evolve to look like those Martians, I say we scrap the theory of evolution. Despite these faults, I feel Mission to Mars has enough redeeming qualities to compensate for some poor cliches. It is a good matinee movie if you don't go in expecting perfection.

The Skate Park and the sombrero

By Ben Morrow
Argonaut Senior Staff Writer

Itching for something to do? Or perhaps it's the kids who are itching for something to do. Well, like the proverbial sombrero in the sand, the Moscow skate park is blowing this way, ready to keep kids out of drugs and into breaking ankles, keepin' it real. As more and more new structures pop up around Moscow, it becomes evident that the people are taking a stand, getting involved and getting Moscow a skate park. One such person is ex-skater Monte McCully.

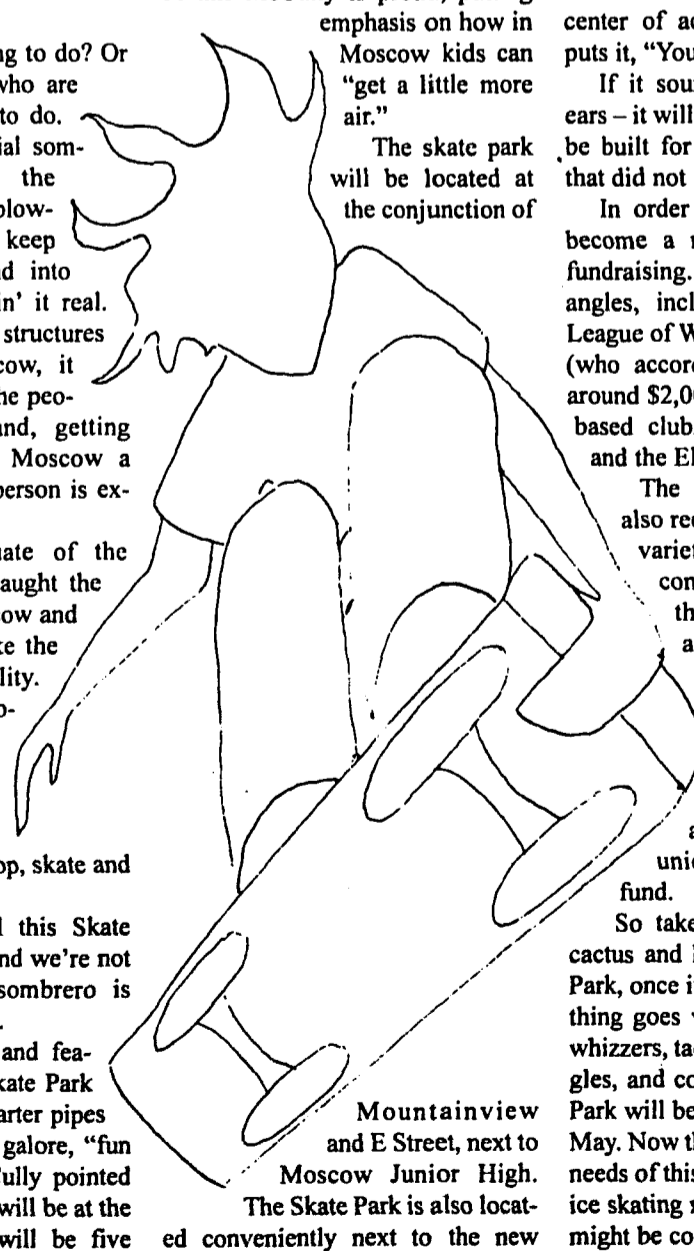
McCully, a graduate of the University of Idaho, caught the eye of the city of Moscow and was hired to help make the Skate Park a reality. McCully was on the project from October 1998 to October 1999, fulfilling an internship for his major and giving kids a place to jump, hop, skate and play.

But just what will this Skate Park have? Keep in mind we're not in California - the sombrero is woven simply in Idaho.

Some of the facts and features of the planned Skate Park include a variety of quarter pipes and half pipes, ramps galore, "fun boxes" and rails. McCully pointed out that the ramps that will be at the Moscow skate-o-rium will be five feet high, which is coincidentally

about two feet taller than the ramps currently at the Pullman skate park. Of this McCully is proud, putting emphasis on how in Moscow kids can "get a little more air."

The skate park will be located at the conjunction of



courts and the baseball fields. The area will be, like that woven golden Mexican hat, a kid haven, a bustling center of activity or, as McCully puts it, "Your recreation area."

If it sounds nice, believe your ears - it will be. The Skate Park will be built for about \$90,000, a sum that did not come easily.

In order for the Skate Park to become a reality, it took mucho fundraising. Help came from all angles, including Gambino's, the League of Women Voters, the ASUI (who according to McCully gave around \$2,000) and various animal-based clubs, including the Lions and the Elks.

The Skate Park foundation also received cash flow from a variety of benefit dinners, concerts and booths at both the Renaissance Faire and Farmer's Market. Proof that people believe in the park? Even Cowgirl Chocolates pitched in for the farm stint, adding the sales of their unique chocolate to the fund.

So take the sombrero off the cactus and head towards the Skate Park, once it gets finished. If everything goes well (i.e., the city likes whizzers, tacos in the brim, newfangles, and colorful bands) the Skate Park will be done sometime around May. Now the only thing left for the needs of this town is a circus and an ice skating rink, and one of the two might be coming soon.

Mountainview and E Street, next to Moscow Junior High. The Skate Park is also located conveniently next to the new swimming complex, the basketball

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Real-life philosopher and saint is topic of one-act play

'A Thing of Beauty,' directed by Pam Palmer

By Hazel Barrowman
Argonaut Arts Editor

"A Thing of Beauty," a short, one-act play directed by UI MFA candidate Pam Palmer, opens this Thursday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Shoup Hall's Arena Theater.

Written by Charles Kray, the play is a fictionalized account of a Nazi colonel who is looking for Edith Stein, a German philosopher, who is in hiding during the Nazi persecution of the Jews before World War I. Historically, Edith Stein was a well-known philosopher raised in a Jewish family and converted to Catholicism as an adult. Stein spent many years living as a cloistered nun in Germany and Holland until she was arrested by the Gestapo in 1942. In August of that year, Stein died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

In October of 1998 Stein reached sainthood in the Catholic Church as Sister Teresa Benedicta a Cruce. Rebecca O'Rourke plays the role of Stein (Sister Benedicta). O'Rourke is known on the Palouse for "Outside the Bell Jar." Reverend Mother is played by Andriette Boersma-Pieron. Long-time Moscow community resident, Alvin W. Berg, plays the role of the Nazi colonel. Palmer said that

because "A Thing of Beauty" is an unsupported production, she was able to look to the community for cast members who are closer the age of the characters.

Palmer is directing "A Thing of Beauty" as part of an MFA directing class. She said she was looking for a smaller project (she directed the "Mineola Twins" last semester) that did not have many scenic or costume requirements.

"A Thing of Beauty" will be performed in Shoup Hall's Arena Theater on Thursday March 23, Friday March 24 and Saturday March 25 at 7:30 p.m. A special presentation takes place on Sunday March 26 at 10 a.m. as part of the Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$3. Seating is limited.

Palmer said "A Thing of Beauty" grabbed her attention as a timely play with elements of mystery.

"Even though the play takes place in the late 1930s, a lot of the issues are still seen in the news today, with the Pope's trip to the Holy Land," said Palmer.

Originally, Palmer said she had no idea who Stein was, so she had to do some historical research.

"My eyes were opened finding out about this amazing philosopher and interesting women that cared for people and cared for life," she said.

"A Thing of Beauty" is coordinated in conjunction with The Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference this weekend, which focuses on the theme, "Truth and Meaning." A special showing of the play will be on Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by a discussion group.

"The smallest words and actions can sometimes have the largest impact. You can touch other people with your soul through conversation," said Palmer.

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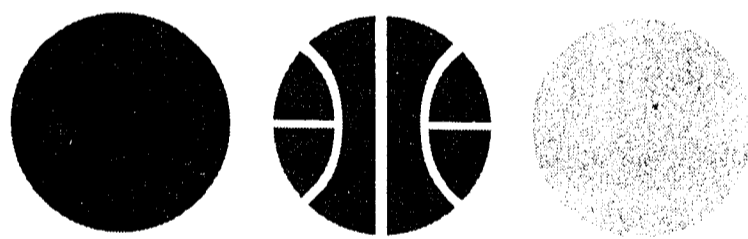
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