New Student Traditions Night hosted at President Hoover's house

DEVON HAMMES

The energy and excitement demonstrated by the University of Idaho marching band and cheer squad Sunday evening was in contrast to the normal attitudes taken by most students the night before classes start.

Band members danced and shouted as they played the fight song and encouraged onlookers to join in. The cheerleaders rallied the students who hopped in behind, and many students cheered from their fraternity or sorority windows as the procession passed by.

"An aerobic band" was shouted by one of the band members as they danced and cheered their way through campus. Various chants and cheers echoed through campus, and trombone players chased one another around trees and in and out of the parade.

The band wore their way through the campus, leading many new and returning UI students to President Hoover's house to participate in New Student Traditions night.

New Student Traditions Night was started at the University of Idaho to welcome students to school and give them a glimpse of the lighter side of college life.

"We wanted to have some fun and create a new way to welcome students," Bruce Pitman, dean of students, said.

Traditionally celebrated in the Arborstem, the free food, welcome speeches, cheering and dancing took place on Hoover's lawn. Hoover said he chose to move the celebration to his house to give the students the opportunity to participate in campus activities and formally welcome students to UI.

"That's what this house is all about," President Hoover explained. Hoover and his wife invited the staff to an orientation at his home Monday night and the community was the Hoover's guests Wednesday night.

Free food, music and Friskies served as a good way to welcome students to the first week of school.

"This orientation is a good way to not only help build school spirit but take our minds off the fact that we have to get up early tomorrow for class," Ty Fonknight, freshman, said.

In between the melodic outbursts from the band and an occasional cheer from the crowd, Hoover welcomed students to the University, ensuring a fun and successful year.

A disc jockey for Z-Fun 106 explained some of the traditions at UI. He reminded students that every time they found change lying on the ground to put it into the collection started by the money-found tradition in 1981. Fifty thousand dollars has been collected by students and faculty since the tradition began 16 years ago.

The Green Beanie Tradition in 1911 forced all freshmen men to wear green beanies at all times and was enforced by paddles. Under the same tradition, no freshmen men were allowed to escort girls to football games.

Cheerleaders performed for the freshman on Hoover's lawn.

Minimum wage to increase Monday

LISA LANIGAN

As of next Monday, the minimum wage in Idaho will increase to $5.15 per hour.

This is a 40-cent increase from the minimum wage of $4.75 set last April. The state increase coincides with a national increase to $5.15.

For students working on the University of Idaho campus for an hourly wage, this new pay rate applies to them as well.

"More people (working on campus) are paid that they would not be anyway," April Preston from Student and Temporary Employment Services said.

The increase shouldn't hurt students with work study money, either. "Every one starting now will at least be at the new minimum wage," Dan Davenport, director of Student Financial Aid Services, said.

Work study money is awarded to a student in a certain set amount, Davenport said. As the student works, the money is taken out of that amount and put into a paycheck. He said students won't lose any money under the new minimum wage requirements.

"They would work fewer hours," Davenport said.

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Regional airline to halt service to Boise

MOSCOW— Horizon Airlines will cease scheduled flights between the Palouse and Boise in October, following its decision last year to halt service to Portland and Spokane.

"The routes are unprofitable," said Dan Russo, marketing director for the Seattle-based airline.

The Boise flights will stop, effective Oct. 12. The latest cancellation leaves Seattle as the only destination from the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport via five daily Horizon flights.

"We're obviously disturbed by the reduction of flights and cancellations of the Boise connections, especially for the University of Idaho and the impact this will have for them," airport manager Dave Crowner said.

Russo was unsure if the Horizon employees at the airport, about a dozen people, would be affected.

Burger Kings start cooking burgers again

Flame broilers started cooking Whoppers at Burger Kings across southern Idaho again Saturday after 25 million pounds of hamburger from a Nebraska meat production plant were recalled.

The potentially tainted parties were pulled Thursday night and Friday in a scramble from Idaho to Alabama. Only the East and West Coasts, Alaska and Hawaii were unaffected.

Burger King came up beef short after it cleared its stores of patties supplied by Hudson Foods Inc., the source of burgers blamed in an E. coli outbreak that sickened fewer than two dozen people in Colorado and Idaho.

Nine southern Idaho Burger King restaurants voluntarily pulled frozen beef patties.

The nine from Driggs to Twin Falls were the only Idaho restaurants or grocery stores known to have received shipments of frozen patties distributed by Hudson Foods, state officials said Friday.

"To our knowledge — and we will keep checking — the frozen patties discovered by these Burger King establishments are the only frozen patties identified in the recall that made it into Idaho," said Dan Brothers, Food Protection Program supervisor with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Spokane, Wash., Burger Kings, like others in Washington state and northern Idaho, receive their hamburger from a different manufacturer and supplier, said Ed Hatter, owner of restaurants in Coeur d'Alene and Spokane.

A new shipment of beef from a Weiser distributor arrived around 2:30 p.m. Friday, said Debbi Olpin, manager of the restaurants in Burley, Twin Falls and Wells, Nev.

For passengers flying between the Palouse and Boise, the Lewiston-Nez Percé County Regional Airport will offer two flights daily, reduced from four. Ground transportation from Moscow to Lewiston stands to benefit as a passenger carrier.

"We're low in the cancellations would the University of Idaho, or any Washington State alumni in southwestern Idaho. Alumni routinely fly to Moscow from Boise for Vandal football games. Homecoming is Oct. 11, one day before the scheduled cancellations.

"It doesn't make sense for an area with two universities not to be serviced by an airline as we move forward," Idaho Alumni Director Wayne Rush said. (The community) will have to work closer with Horizon or any other airline willing to provide service to Moscow-Pullman.

Crowner said the airport has the facilities to accommodate another regional airline.

Local News

State News
History of statue all heart, not stone

ERIN SCHULTZ

Some stories are just meant to be told.
At least that's the case with the statue on the Administration lawn which most of us are used to seeing by on Hello Walk. Whichever angle you look at it, from its past history or present chain of events, the story which "The Sentinel" tells is all about heart and heroism.

As the oldest monument on campus, the statue which sits on our Admin lawn is often overlooked. Vandals seem to plague the stone soldier, and at one time it sat for 17 years broken and without repair.

That's when Bud Washburn, an 81-year-old Lewiston artist, was called in. In 1984, Washburn restored the statue, saving it from threats of bulldozing.

Then just last school year the statue was again vandalized, leaving the soldier with no hands or rifle. Washburn was called in for the second time to repair damages, which he just finished up last week.

The narrative sounds fairly dull at first. But as Jeff Cloutin, associate dean of UL Communications said, "Knowledge of the statue has been overlooked." The two men who "The Sentinel" commemorates were themselves UI students who died while fighting in the Spanish-American War, and Bud Washburn, the now-retired artist who saved the statue, has fought his own kind of war.

Ole G. Hagberg, the first international student to come to our campus, died of typhoid fever while fighting in the Philippines. Paul Draper, another UI student, died while attempting to rescue his comrades from drowning during the same war.

In 1899, UI President Joseph Blanton decided to lend a drive to construct a statue commemorating the students. The idea was accepted by May 1900 and construction began. The initial project totaled $250 and there are currently no records of who actually made the statue. By 1903, UI archives tell us the statue was a campus landmark.

But as time passed and Hagberg and Draper, were forgotten, so was the statue. Post marks and cracks started showing up, and vandals broke off the hands and rifle in the 90s. The statue sat for 17 years, with no one able or willing to repair it.

Then UI staff got wind of Washburn, who had just finished restoring his "Indian Student" statue which presently sits on top of the Lewiston Courthouse. Washburn did all the work on the Lewiston statute free as a thank you to his county for covering some of the costs of his wid's career treatment. Not only was Washburn making the headlines for his work of good citizenship, but people were also intrigued by the fact that everything he did was without hands.

Arthur "Bud" Washburn is now well-known throughout his present home of Lewiston, as well as much of the country. While most people need their driver's license as proof of identification, Washburn says all he needs to show people is his two books, which are attached to both arms in place of hands.

"I didn't want to let that (my hands) destroy me," Washburn says. "It used to be where I walked down the street people would run and look, and I would turn and look back at them. But I knew that would destroy me.

Washburn lost his first hand when he was 16 years old in a duck hunting accident. His father kicked him out of the 11-child family, saying he couldn't afford to raise a cripple. With a bandaged arm from the recent accident, Washburn hit the streets and taught himself to be left-handed.

Washburn has been a farmer, carriage painter and car restorer. He has been restoring statues and other monuments for about 30 years. His work is famous across the country and scrapbooks of his life show letters from Ronald Reagan, awards and admiring notes from elementary school kids. Expertise in his present field comes from "watching, looking and asking questions," Washburn says.

"I work with hands too, I'm using tools just like anyone else — they just happen to be hooks. Washburn says when asked how he does his work. "I rely on the Bible and angels who are ministering spirits...If the Lord says I can do all things through him, then he's responsible. It's that simple," Washburn adds.

So now the man without hands has found himself, for the second time, repairing the broken hands of our monumental statue. The retired Washburn sees this as the last restoration project which he plans to do. He currently is working on a book of his life called "For No Reason to Complain," which will come out in December.

So that's how Washburn, Hagberg, Draper, and history all seem to come together and explode into a story that goes much deeper than just the weathered statue of "The Sentinel." Especially after a personal conversation with Washburn, one can't help walking away wondering if the man himself is one of the ministering angels which he talks about.

Washburn’s wife displays some of the many awards and pictures he has collected over the years.
USA Today students...
What does ASUI Senate face this year?

stories by Jennifer Karinen

There are countless issues that will be battled on the ASUI Senate floor this year. ASUI President Jim Dalton listed and explained several that will be principal. Some are old timers that never get put to rest. A few of these have developed new twists. Others are fairly new. Every student will be affected by their outcomes.

Teacher Evaluations

Last year a court order forced the university to release teacher evaluations for publication. They are now printed in newspaper form and distributed across campus. The matter is far from being over and done with.

Now that the evaluations are under more public scrutiny, questions are being asked about what the questions on the evaluation really mean.

The question, "Did the course material seem relevant and meaningful," is open for multiple interpretations. The tallied scores are not statistically sound. Even the purpose the evaluations serve is in question.

Students want the evaluations to make the best class selection. Instructors want to know what they can improve on.

Dalton says the Faculty Council is looking at a proposal for a research project that would work on finding a statistically valuable way of evaluating instructors.

Mandatory Student Health Insurance

Two years ago at the state Legislature there was a tiny clause in a bill that would have a painful effect on students. It said something to the effect that all students attending a public institution would be required to purchase health insurance. The clause was thrown out but Dalton has been told the issue will be up again this spring.

This may also be too much of University of Idaho students. Last year a pitiful 10 to 15 percent of the student body showed up for student elections. "There's a lot of apathy," admits Dalton, his constant smile fading. "I want to extend a challenge to students to give just one-twentieth of their time to university activities. We and the university would be better off. You won't just receive a diploma but the full college experience."

Dalton got involved in the ASUI Senate when he was a freshman. A civil engineering major, he ran for president with the slogan, "Politicians cause problems, Legislators solve them."

His election campaign cost him $600, which he charged to a credit card. "I'm still paying it off," he says.

This December will be the end of his term as president. He says he probably won't run again. Why not? "I'd like to graduate."

UI's position has so far been against the policy. Citing Campus Election Changes. There are 13 seats in the ASUI Senate. Greek students occupy 50 to 80 percent of these seats. Greek students made up 25 percent of the student body. This imbalance concerns Dalton.

Some people say that there are more Greeks because the Greeks are just more involved with things that are going on, but that's not necessarily true. Dalton explains that the Greek System is a very organized subgroup. The structure allows them to easily pass information about candidates. Off-campus students by comparison have no contact as a group;

Last year Dalton and some senators attempted to pass legislation that would allow for the creation of Senate districts. They failed to get a two-thirds majority vote. "There was a misconception and a few people thought we wanted to limit the number of Greeks, what we want is a diverse Senate that represents all students," Dalton said. Dalton is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

This year will see another debate on if and how student voters should be divided in order to achieve equal representation.

Student Recreation Center

Dalton is pushing a proposal for a Student Recreation Center in addition to the new commons. The center would have a volleyball court, a climbing wall and many other features. True, we already have these facilities, but Dalton argues they are too small for the existing number of students and strung all over campus.

He says a recreation center located in the middle of campus would be a lot more useful. "This is a residential campus, the center would help to foster a sense of community."

Dalton also stresses that the center would be large enough to attract students. One of these ways is President Hoover's 'Best and Brightest' scholarship program designed to attract Idaho's top students. Another idea is to reduce tuition for students within a 100-mile radius of Idaho. Utah has a similar program and has drawn many south-eastern Idaho students to their schools.
New semester, old chair

Students spend the week getting settled into their Moscow homes.

Palousafest is an annual event that takes place the Saturday before classes start to offer students a sneak peek into the many campus organizations and exciting times to be had at UI.

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The only noticeable effect on campus may be from those departments which hire students on work study. "They'll have fewer hours for students to actually work," Davenport said. "Instead of six people, they may now need seven."

President Clinton set the increase to take effect in two steps, Monday's increase to be the second. The first step in Idaho was a move from $4.25 to $4.75 last April. The state Department of Labor is responsible for enforcing the increase.

Overtime will remain at time and a half for more than 40 hours per week. Student and Temporary Employment Services says Banner will calculate this automatically.

The amount which employers may claim for "tipped" employees also increases on Monday, from 33 percent to 35 percent. Employers must pay a cash wage of $3.35 per hour, up from the $3.18 per hour paid to tipped employees.

Student and Temporary Employment Services said it is recommended that full-time students not exceed 20 hours per week during the semester.
Idaho myths revealed

STEVE CRUMP

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Idaho is land of mythical qualities. Just ask the Shoshonis.

Aboriginal Idahoans told the story of how Coyote dummied up the Snake River at Idaho Falls, American Falls and Shoshone Falls to capture salmon to feed the state's original residents.

It's a fitting enough metaphor for what came later. As the last part of the lower 48 states to be explored by Americans of European descent, Idaho retains some mystery. One national marketing survey 20 years ago showed that Americans said they knew less about Idaho than any other state. Idaho is still the only lower 48 state without a redundant highway link between its major population centers.

Oddly enough, Idaho's mystery persists even among Idahoans, one-fifth of whom weren't listing a generation ago.

Here are some of Idaho's myths:

1. In Idaho, the potato is king. No, but crown prince maybe. Potatoes and potato-processing account for about one-third of Idaho's agriculture economy, Jim Nelson, of the University of Idaho's College of Agriculture, said.

2. Most Idahoans are Mormons. Most aren't, although estimates of what percentage of Idahoans describe themselves as Mormon vary between 25 and 40 percent, depending on who's doing the estimating. There's a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints minority in only 16 of Idaho's 44 counties. Mormons are by far the state's largest single denomination, however, by about a 1 1/2-to-1 ratio over Catholics, the state's second-largest religion.

3. Idaho is being overwhelmed by expatriate Californians. Not exactly. The only official means of tracking the influx of out-of-staters from any source is the number of driver's licenses issued in Idaho licenses, and even at the bottom of the last California recession, 1993, only 1,073 ex-Golden States became Idahoans.

4. Idahoans wouldn't eat a Donuer on a bet. Actually, two of the three longest-serving governors in the state's history, Cecil Andrus and John Evans, were Democrats, as was Idaho's second longest-serving U.S. senator, Frank Church.

5. Idahoans hate government. Not too much. Twenty percent of the state's gross domestic product (and 32 percent of its jobs) comes from government, largely because 63.7 percent of Idaho is owned by the feds. Government is the second-largest sector of the state's gross domestic product, after agriculture and food processing.

6. Idahoans talk funny. Thanks to the homogenizing effects of television on the English language, it's pretty hard to distinguish Idiapen from the dialect spoken by Californians or Montanans. But Idaho doesn't have its distinctive accents. Many southern Idahoans talk like they're from Missouri, and that's where a crucial percentage of the Mormon immigrants came from. The state's most distinctive dialect pattern is the "Mormon R," a tendency for some eastern Idahoans to change "or" to "aer" in "arrange," "fares"

7. The surveyors who demarcated the Idaho-Montana border were drunk and took a wrong turn at Lost Trail Pass in the Bitterroot Mountains. Drunk or sober, the surveyors didn't show up until 1859.

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9. Blaine Congress for Idaho's eastern frontier, which was established 36 years earlier. "This often-repeated myth implies that a survey error was responsible for Idaho's odd-shaped boundary, when in fact it was a product of the earlier manner in which politicians often treated territorial matters," said University of Idaho historian Carlos Schwantes.

10. "Idaho" comes from the Shoshone phrase for "Salmon river running over the mountains." Only in the state Department of Commerce's dreams. "One of the steamboats that transported gold-seekers up the Columbia River was named the Idaho," said Schwantes. "In owner apparently got the name from a Colorado mining man who said that is meant 'gem of the mountain.' Indeed, Colorado was almost named Idaho, and it was a Coloradan who coined the word Idaho, claiming that it was of Indian derivation. Until research in the late 1930s rediscovered the truth that Idaho was an invented word, several generations of Idahoans were taught that it came from the Indian words 'E Duh Plt.' But the legend dies hard. There's even an elementary school in Pocatello named Idaho.
GOP turned ‘Contract with America’ into a newt

Guest Column

Cars require responsibility, attention to cyclists

Pine of all I am writing this letter to express my condolences to the family of Deborah Budwig, who was killed in the Moscow-Pullman highway at the end of last semester. I had hoped to get this letter written then, but it was too late. Budwig was something of a local hero; she was a cyclist, the one who was at the center of the bike advocacy and safety movement in the area. She worked tirelessly to make the area safer for cyclists and was known for being a role model for responsible cycling.

“When we get into the driver’s seat of an automobile we have to realize that the responsibility of life and death is on us, and nobody else.”

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Ghosts of Ruby Ridge continue to haunt

Not only too happy to oblige. Yeah, Weaver may have been a bit on the thoughtful side. It wasn't prone to deal in illegal weapons then he desired to pay for his mistakes. No argument there. But the attitude of the feds turned a nickel-and-dime affair into a full-scale Armageddon. The Ruby Ridge case validated the fears of thousands. One Maryland Congressionalaxon that federal agencies were out of control, even out for blood. One "pamper movement" internet posting last week summed these feelings up perfectly: "When did we get so bad in this country that men with guns can sneak up on your property, shoot your dog, kill your son, shoot at you and your family, and expect you to roll over and submit?"

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Opinion

UI: Athletics: All promises, no punch

Regrettably, students on campus feel like the runaway dog, the mutt left behind because it was whipped by its owner. The owner of course leaves T-bone steaks and yummy dog grub in the front yard, but the dog, the real animal, is left. But Sport knows better, and he knows that the real owner is the Student Body. UI students feel the same way.

The dog of course, is us, the little people, the fans, the players and staff. Idaho's athletic department is the idiotic owner. Enough with the metaphor crap, we get it.

We, the editorial board of the Argonaut, have decided that maybe there was a reason for lack of fans at Idaho football games. Possibly the day, non-football-like atmosphere of the Kibbie Dome is responsible. Or, did the Dome hostages give you gas?

And then there's my favorite excuse, you can't drink beer inside. Well, not a bad excuse.

For the past three years, UI's athletic department has done everything they could to turn on the owners — and at the same time they've done nothing.

When the athletic director Pete Lutek brought us the tailgaters, the tailgates have long since disappeared. Pete Lutek was a mit-up. Lutek believed the parking lot of the Dome wasn't subject to control. Just leave your tailgate alone.

He must have had one of those lightbulbs flash above his head when an idea came up, like the cartoon — and it shimmered. Lutek is now doing backflips in Ohio, while trying to come with his new book, "How To Run An Athletic Department Like the White House — all promises, no punch."

And lately, that's what the athletic department has given us: Promises.

Something happened to selling promotions such as Idaho's tentative status as a Division I-A school, lack of attendance and subsiding fans on the home schedule? (Idaho's answer: California dropped us from the schedule so we couldn't travel to the Pac-10 to play. The PCC saw us as the weakest team in Division I-A, giving us tickets instead of letting students use their Vandal card (student spathy multiplied by a million times with that decision), and UI scheduled Portland State for Fall's Weekend and UC-Davis for Homecoming (double yards given from all over the U.S. are eager to see PSU's power offense)."

Part is, UI support might fall to an overall low after this year's stack of busts. And the fans aren't coming back unless... well, no way that will happen.

Natural grass and an outdoor stadium might be too much to ask for. Although, something must be done in order to bring the fans back.

Quite honestly, it doesn't seem as though we're attending a I-A school.

Maybe because we need to return to the Big Sky Conference, when we compared to other schools and could bring fans in? Who knows?

The Argonaut editorial board recognizes these problems with ways and solutions, and should recommend that UI students write letters to the editor and give their opinion.

—Damon Burkard Sports Editor

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ome nightmares don't go away. They stay. This one destroyed Randy Weaver's family. Weaver, a 31-year-old Idaho native, had surfaced again towards the end of last week as headlines trumpeted the latest legal maneuverings in the case. As soon as the feds revealed that their investigation had turned up what they considered "insufficient evidence to indict any of their agents," local officials announced that they were prepared to take matters into their own hands. Boundary County prosecutors will charge FBI sniper Lon Horwich with manslaughter in the killing of Vicki Weaver. Also, Weaver's family friend Kevin Harris will face one count of first degree murder for the shooting death of Deputy U.S. Marshal William Deget. Harris, who was acquitted of similar charges in an earlier Federal trial, turned himself in on Friday. Horwich's charges were not known at this writing.

The gory events of the Ruby Ridge area are well known, as are the reasons that they occurred at all are rarely discussed. Anyone who has read a newspaper story or two knows Weaver was a "white separatist." Some even believe this was his crime. That is why his wife had to die while standing in her doorway breast feeding her baby; why his young son was shot in the back and killed as he ran from federal agents. And if we look at the whole story of many of us may try to avoid today, if we believe that Weaver had been a little more mainstream his family members would indeed be alive today. If we believe that Weaver was a white extremist with nothing to do with any other unpopular, politically incorrect idea is perfectly legal in theory. But reality, for those who dare to be open and active in voicing such beliefs, is quite a different story. They always pay a price in one way or another. Usually it takes the form of good old fashioned harassment. A little surveillance and infiltration will do wonders in causing these groups to self-destruct — just ask any '60s civil rights or student activist.

Chances are they'll be glad to fill you in about the FBI files they got back after filling that Freedom of Information Act request. It's these same attempts at political repression that are at the root of the Ruby Ridge massacres. So how'd it all really start? Well, Weaver was asked out of a couple of shaggy barrels by, oh, just a couple of guys he met. He did the job precisely to their specs.

Then when these "guys" turned out to be agents, he was on the hook for minor firearms violations. Of course Weaver's involvement with the North Idaho "30-90 crowd" wasn't exactly a great unknown for these fellows. He was offered a way out: "Inforn on your buddies, Randy, and we'll cut you some slack." Weaver wouldn't play. This true believer stuff didn't please the FBI, though. Their attempts at gaining a snitch through entrapment had failed and they were steamed. But we're still just talking about two saves-offAW shutouts at this point. No need for bloodshed here, right? Sure, but this time both Weaver and the feds had lost all perspective. There was "no turning back. This is the stage at which law enforcement professionalism is supposed to kick in. The relative importance of the crime should be taken into consideration and innocent people should be protected. Weaver's wife and son were the innocents here. The professionalism, they, failed them.

Randy Weaver himself was nowhere near a saint. Those who urge otherwise are in denial. He comes across as a small-time hood with a big-time gun fascination. If saying he believed in a backwater "white only" colony in the Pacific Northwest, with aging Aryan Nations chief Richard Butler at its helm, would keep him in good with the right firearms clique, then it was only too happy to oblige. Yeah, Weaver may have been a bit on the thoughtful side. It wasn't prone to deal in illegal weapons then he desired to pay for his mistakes. No argument there. But the attitude of the feds turned a nickel-and-dime affair into a full-scale Armageddon. The Ruby Ridge case validated the fears of thousands. One Maryland Congressionalaxon that federal agencies were out of control, even out for blood. One "pamper movement" internet posting last week summed these feelings up perfectly: "When did we get so bad in this country that men with guns can sneak up on your property, shoot your dog, kill your son, shoot at you and your family, and expect you to roll over and submit?"

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GOP turned ‘Contract with America’ into a new...

WES FINEL

A most of us well know, in 1995, most Republicans in the House of Representatives signed their names to a plan entitled the "Republican Contract with America." At a recent fundraising reception, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich said Republicans kept their "Contract with America." But is the man with perhaps the largest hand in America (both physically and emotionally), actually right? Or is Newt just full of hot air?

Well, the Contract stated that the new Republican majority would immediately pass eight reforms within 100 days aimed at restoring the faith and trust of the American people in their government. First of all, with all the fundraising allegations and investigations from the 1996 campaign, we sure don't have anymore faith or trust in our government.

Anyway, the reforms they were supposed to include requiring all laws that apply to the rest of the country also apply equally to the rest of the country and jobs well done, Newt! Secondly, they were supposed to select a major, independent auditing firm to conduct a comprehensive audit of Congress for waste, fraud, or abuse. Well, I'm not sure if this has been done, but if it has all I have to say is "WHAT A WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY!" I don't think Congress operates anymore efficiently than they ever have since I was born.

The third was to cut the number of House committees and cut committee staff by one-third. Maybe they actually did this one. Fourth was to limit the terms of all committee chairs (few). Fifth on the list was to ban the cutting of proxy votes in committee. A proxy vote only somebody else would vote for. Why did they ever allow that in the first place? Sixth, committee meetings were supposed to be open to the public. I don't know if they are or not. And who is in their right mind that lives outside of Washington D.C. would want to go anyway? Seventh, require a three-fifths majority vote to pass a tax increase. That never happened. Besides, the people should vote on future tax increases. If the country really needs it, the people would raise taxes.

Eighth was to guarantee honest accounting of the federal budget by implementing zero base-line budgeting. I'm not really sure what this means, but because of all the red tape in our tax code, all the budget allocations are different and use systems, who cares how they crunch the numbers?

During the rest of the Congress the Republicans succeeded in passing the line-item veto for the president and by cutting welfare spending and inserting work requirements to encourage people to take advantage of the system to get off their backs and work. They also succeeded in passing a child tax credit and providing the middle class (and the upper class) a tax break. However, they failed in other promises, like passing a Balanced Budget Amendment. In addition, the Republicans really got slammed during the government shutdown, and Newt's opinion polls haven't been the same since. Gingrich himself recently said that he was a "political hostage." Republican's that he helped get elected Of course, he also got docked with a $100,000 fine, which he doesn't plan on paying back anytime soon.

Newt recently said, "I believe we should have a second contract in 2000." He also demonstrated he is the same old political Newt. "We just passed the (tax cut) bill that I campaigned on for three and a half years." Not too long ago, I remember Newt inflating many Republicans by mentioning we had balanced the budget before cutting taxes. He went on to add, "We got huge bipartisan majorities and the president signed it into law, and I'm supposed to be the outsider?"

Yeah Newt, you really are. If I can steal a scene from Monty Python and the Holy Grail it all becomes clear. I'm referring to the scene where the villagers are trying to decide if a lady in a witch or not. As all of us remember, one of the villagers yells out, "She turned me into a Newt?"

The man with the "witch" answers, "A Newt?"

The village responds by saying, "I got better!" This just demonstrates that the only thing worse than being affiliated with Newt is being Newt.

Guest Column

Cars require responsibility, attention to cyclists

First of all I am writing this letter to express my condolences to the family of Deborah Budwig, who was killed on the Moscow/Pullman highway at the end of last semester. I had hoped to get this letter written then, but it was too late. Budwig was riding on the side of the highway and was struck by a car that had wandered off the road.

The other reason I am writing his in is the hopes of raising consciousness among car drivers and bicyclists about the roads we use. I know how hard it is to see someone crash down and I can empathize with the feeling of our that Budwig's family must be experiencing. I hope they can remember the good times and concentrate on those.

I am a bicyclist, so I believe it is vital to talk about the issues here. As first, when I learned about Mrs. Budwig's death, I was angry that I wrote a really small letter to submit to the benzagent. But have since written two letters to try to gain more by trying to reason with people than antagonizing them. I have been a bicyclist meaning I rely primarily on my bike to get around for a good number of years now. First in the San Francisco Bay area, then in the Seattle area, and now I am impressed with the biking level on campus. I am a friendly bike rider even if I have the right of way and I try to respect other people. However, I have heard stories about cars being very rude and dangerous.

"When we get into the driver's seat of an automobile we have to realize that the responsibility of life and death is on us, and nobody else."

Every time we take our cars out and we see someone on a bike we have to consider whether or not our actions could cause harm to them. We must be responsible and caring in our actions.

I also want to say that I hope that the people who let cars have the right of way will be more considerate. It is not fair to expect people to always be aware of their surroundings. Cars can be dangerous and we should all be considerate in our actions.

I hope that we can all work together to make the roads safer for everyone. It is only through cooperation and understanding that we can create a safer environment for all of us.

-Kai Middleton

Got something to say?

Tell it to the Argonaut.
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Ghosts of Ruby Ridge continue to haunt

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STAFF

Some nightmares don't go away. The most recent - or destroyed Randy Weaver's family home in Naples, Idaho (just a three hour drive north of Moscow) is certainly one. Most victims of Ruby Ridge surfaced again towards the end of last week as headlines trumpeted the latest legal maneuverings in the case. As soon as the feds revealed that their investigation had turned up what they considered "incredible evidence to indict any of their agents," local officials announced that they were prepared to take matters into their own hands. Boundary County prosecutor will charge FBI sniper Louis Fortini with manslaughter in the killing of Vicki Weaver. Also, Weaver family friend Kevin Harris will face one count of first degree murder for the shooting death of Deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan. Harris, who was acquitted of murder in an earlier Federal trial, turned himself in on Friday. However, no new developments were not known at this writing. The gray events of the Ruby Ridge saga are well known, but the reasons that they occurred are still unraveled. Any one who has read a newspaper story or two knows Weaver was a "white separatist." Some even believe this was his crime. That is why his wife had to die while standing in her doorway breastfeeding her baby, why his young son was shot in the back and killed as he ran from federal agents. And if we look at the whole story much of us may tend to agree. If Weaver had just been a little more naive, or his family members would indeed have be alive today. To use the term a separatist, a black separatist, a radical environmentalist or standing for anything unpopular, politically incorrect is perfectly legal in theory. But reality, for those who dare to be open and active in existing world beliefs, is quite a different story. They always pay a price in one way or another. Usually it takes the form of good old fashioned harassment. Little surveillance and infiltration will do wonders in closing these groups to self-destruct - just ask any '60s civil rights or student activist. Chances are they'll be glad to fill you in about the FBI. If they got back after filing that Freedom of Information Act request. It's these same attempts at political manipulation that are at the root of the Ruby Ridge problems.

So how'd it all really start? Well, Weaver was asked to sell off a couple of shotgun barrels, by just a couple of guys he met. Did the job promptly to their satisfaction. Then when these "guys" turned out to be agents, he was on the hook for minor firearms violations. Of course Weaver's involvement with the North Idaho Uly-white crowd wasn't exactly a great unknown for these fellows. He was offered a way out: "Inform on your buddies, Randy, and we'll cut you some slack." Weaver wouldn't play. This little believer stuff didn't please the FBI, though. Their attempt at gaining a snitch through entrapment had failed and they were stymied. But we're still just talking about two save-offed charges. This need for bloodshed here, right? Sure, but by this time both Weaver and the feds had lost all perspective. There was no turning back. This is the stage at which law-enforcement professionalism is supposed to kick in. In the relative importance of the crime should be taken into consideration and innocent people should be protected. Weaver's life and son were the innocents here. The professionals, our agents, failed them. Randy Weaver himself was nowhere near a saint. Those who urge otherwise are in denial. He comes across as a small-time hood with a big-time gun fascination. If saying he believed in a breakaway "whites only" republic in the Pacific Northwest, with aging Aryan Nations ritual leader Richard Butler at its helm, would keep him in good with the right firearms clique, then he was only too happy to oblige. Yeah, Weaver may have been a bit on the trigger happy side. He was too急于 to deal in illegal weapons then he desired to pay for his mistakes. No argument there. But the attitude of the feds turned a nickel-and-dime case into a multi-million dollar Armageddon. The Ruby Ridge case validated the fears of thousands around the country that federal agencies were out of control, even for blood. One "patriotic movement" internet posting last week summed these feelings up perfectly: "We just can't get out of this country that men with guns can speak up on your property, shoot your dog, fill your son, shoot at you and your family, and expect you to roll over and comply." Millions of Americans of all political persuasions would like the answer to that true.

Maybe these coming trials in the tiny mountain town of Bonner's Ferry will give some answers.

UI Athletics: All promises, no punch

Istly, students on campus feel like the runaway dog, the mutt who left the yard because it got whipped by its owner. The owner of course leaves T-bone steaks and yummy dog grub in the front yard, hoping for a return of the animal back. But Spot knows better, and knows that come back means eventually UI students feel the same way.
The dog of course, is us, the little people. The Idahawk staff. Idaho's athletic department is the idiotic owner. Enough with the metaphor crap, get to the pictures.

We, the editorial board of the Argonaut, have decided that maybe they have a reason for lack of fans at Idaho football games. Possibly the dog, no football like atmosphere in the Kibbie Dome is responsible. Or, did the Dome hotdogs give you gas?

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And lastly, that's what the athletic department has given us: Promises.

What happened to aiding problems such as Idaho's tentative status as a Division I-A school, lack of attendance and sub-par opponents on the home schedule?

Idaho's answer: California dropped us from their schedule so we could travel to the Pocatello to play maybe the worst team in Division I-A, giving tickets instead of letting students use their Vandal card (student apathy multiplied by a million times that decision). And I heard submissions dented Portland State for Dad's Weekend and UC-Davis for Homecoming holidays — dada from all over the U.S. are eager to see FSU's power offense.

Fact is, UI support might fall to an overall low after this year's stack of blunders. And we the fans are back much, much, much...
Lentil mania takes over Pullman

AMY SANDERSON

The 1997 Lentil Festival in Pullman entertained and fed herds of hungry families and Palouse locals Saturday. Lentils were featured attraction of the festival that was created to celebrate the summer lentil harvest. There was much ado just on the topic of these curious little legumes, and festival goers could also browse the art and craft booths, listen to live music and have microbrew at a beer garden tasting tent.

Artists and crafters came from all over the country and even the world, as one booth featured textiles, beads and wood carvings from Kenya and Ghana. Live music was provided by local bands, The Equation, and an a cappella quartet, Kirkew, as well as a Seattle-based blues and classic rock group, the Roger Rogers.

The festival provided several events and performances for children. A mascot, Lee T. Lentil, who resembled an M&M in overalls, strolled the play area devoted to the kids. On the kid's stage, a magician performed his tricks on excited volunteers.

There was even a coronation of the new Little Lentil King and Queen. One of the most exciting, or at least wet and slimy events of the day was a fishing derby held in a large, inflatable plastic pool. Lucky kids could snag a live one to bring it home in an ice bag. Poles and bait were provided and the kids could catch up to two of the fish brought in from a fish farm in central Washington.

The cause of the celebration is the fact that, according to festival director Amber Allen, the Palouse produces 98 percent of all lentils produced in the United States. The Lentil Festival is put on for the community event and is a community event, Allen said.

The main draw of the festival was the abundance of yummy lentil dishes offered by the many food booths. "All of the food booth attendees must have at least one dish made from lentils," Allen said. The lentil dishes that visitors gobbled up included lentil hamburgers, lentil chocolate cake and an exotic lentil burrito concoction.

A Lentil Festival tradition, the lentil cook-off, attracted entrants from all over the nation. A mean lentil hummus from Portland won the cold-dish category and a lentil casserole recipe from Lewiston took home the hot dish prize. Peter Mundt, from the Pea and Lentil Council, was one of the official judges of the lentil cook-off. "We received over 100 applicants from all over the nation, as far as the eastern states," said Mundt. The first 100 people entering the festival tasted and voted for the best of the six final lentil categories. First place winners received $250 for their culinary achievements. Some of the more "unique" dishes entered in the cook off, Mundt said, included a lentil cheesecake and the "obscene lentil brownie" — so called because of all the caramel the recipe used. Someone even made lentil cold corn by processing lentils through a press, Mundt added.

As for what lentils taste like, food booth owners and lentil eaters who were working on the lentil chocolate cake "Lentils don't have a strong taste of their own and sometimes they are on the chewy side. If you want to try a little lentil cooking of your own, here is a recipe from the Pea and Lentil Council:

[Recipe for Lentil Chili]

Cory Brinkley of radio station KRAQ (above) gets some laughs at the Lentil Festival while Alison Greenberg and Tyler Mares (right) show their royal form as Lentil King and Queen.

Photos by Cori Keller

Lentil Chili

2 1/2 cups lentils, washed
5 cups water
1 packet dry onion soup mix
1 can of 16 oz tomatoes or tomato sauce
1 1/2 tsp. chili powder
1/2 tsp. cumin

Bring lentils and water to boil in a large saucepan. Add dry onion soup mix and simmer for 30 minutes. Add rest of the ingredients and simmer 30 minutes longer. Serve over spaghetti, rice or corn chips. Garnish with cheese.
Cadillac Jack's re-born

T. SCOTT CARPENTER

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Those of you who are familiar with ex-CAAC Cadillac Jack's, may have noticed some changes lately. Owner Bernard Roderick has completely razed the night club and given it a fresh new look.

"People who have been here would notice that there is lighting change throughout," Roderick said. "We have a black light room which never existed before anywhere in the area. We have a new smoking billiard room which doesn't exist anywhere else, sir." "Other changes include a jukbox, a highly improved stage area, and a back bar which is meant to service the waitresses, ensuring everyone faster and more reliable service. The women's bathroom has also been increased in size by a whopping 250 percent. The changes are not merely an upgrade of the night club's original look and feel. "CJ's has been reborn," Roderick said.

Upon first entering CJ's, you are greeted by a rather large painting at the top of the staircase. The painting was created by University of Idaho graduate James Hacking. Hacking is an artist who Roderick believes will be quite successful in the future. The painting depicts a night club with rabbit playing pool and having a good time. Roderick has scraped the car front as CJ's emblem and replaced it with a rabbit which spins upon the fireplace.

Cadillac Jack's originally opened as a cowboy bar. It was later bought by Tony Ragupe who turned it into a rock and roll bar called Cadillac Jack's. It was at this time that the band Stubblehead began playing there.

The members of Stubblehead are all originally from Idaho. The band consists of bassist Daryl Mead, singer Aaron Miller, guitarist Zak Boyle, and drummer Bill Wilson. Wilson lives in Lewiston and has played at CJ's on and off for eight years. He is presently going to college at Lewis and Clark State College.

"This is the simplest and cleanest this club has ever been," Wilson said.

Stubblehead has been playing at CJ's for two years now, and are very pleased with the new look. "It's not quite the pit that it was last year," Mead said.

Stubblehead covers a collage of music from classic rock to pop, but is leaning towards a more modern sound these days.

"Whatever we can get people to dance to is what we keep, and we will just keep cycling through different music until we find a style that people will like," Mead said.

Stubblehead plays at CJ's Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. They have doubled their repertoire of songs, so if you think you've heard all they have to offer, think again.

As for their new material, Mead said, "All the good stuff will be the same, we'll try to get rid of the strummers." Roderick does not think of the Caporics, a night club across the street, as competition.

"We complement each other, there is enough business for both of us," he said.

Zak Boyle, Aaron Miller and Daryl Mead (above l-r) of Stubblehead play at CJ's.
Zak Boyle (below left) cracks it out.

Photos by Cori Keller

The Caffeinated Rants of T. Scott Carpenter
Bursting the Bulwark Bubble

When a person is put into a situation where they place themselves inside of a giant bubble. This bubble keeps them safe from the dangers of having to converse with odd, and possibly homicidal strangers.

This bubble can be popped, however, by: Being a logical person and thinking about the situation. Being a drunkard and picking a fight with random strangers. Being a psychopath and trying to kill someone.

Not that I am insulting them, because I was out there looking for people with "It of them.

It all started on the Administration Building Lawn when they told us to get into our groups and tie ourselves into one large complex knot. We then tried to untie ourselves, which is no easy feat without a lot of sweat and water. They all have the ability to look like morons.

Not that I am insulting them, because I was out there looking for people with "It of them.

The second event consisted of us obscenely chalking a roll of paper towels between our knees and running back and forth like a clown with his throng on fire. My fall won this event because that is the way we usually walk around the dorm.

Then it was time to decide which five of us would get bound together in Saran Wrap before, you guessed it, running back and forth like five guys who by some chance of fate had ended up bound together in microwavable sheets of plastic.

The final event of the day was the much awaited scavenger hunt, which pitted hall against hall in a fight for the title of "That Hall That Won The Scavenger Hunt."

So, you may say, "What does this have to do with the Bubble?" Well, the Bubble is just a way of going about things in this world. The Bubble has been envisioned as a way of escaping the harsh realities of life.

Alone and confused, I wandered back to my dorm. It was then that something truly miraculous happened. A squirrel, either out of curiosity or clumsiness, tried to open its acorn and then knocked me upside the head. I was startled, to say the least, and my first thought was that I had wandered into a game of squirred golf, a sport that is quite popular on campus as I understand.

I then realized how lucky I was. Out of all the disease infested rodents in the world, I could have been hit with a lot worse. A large, rabid, dog, for example.

The squirrel was fine. He gave me the finger, put a curse on my first born, and scammed into the cafeteria from whence he came. The blow to the head really put things into perspective for me, however.

Up in my home of Alaska, getting bit by the head by a fur bearing mammal is considered a good omen, unless of course it is dead. So I was naturally relieved that after all the absurdities I had previously experienced in first day of college life, I had some definite assurance that the year would not be a cakewalk.

Yes, I was reborn the moment that squirrel collided with my crania and I can only hope that he took something special from the experience as well.
"I’ll take the dirt road"

MARIS CUNNITH STAFF

Sawyer Brown, unlike their hit song, didn’t take the dirt road to the top of Silver Mountain. They took the gondola instead. Sawyer Brown, 1996 Academy of Country Music vocal group of the year, performed Friday night at Silver Mountain in Kellogg, Idaho.

Under a steady drizzle with trees softly silhouetted in the background, Sawyer Brown boogied to a sell-out crowd. Lead vocalist Mark Miller, from Ketchum, Idaho, entertained the crowd with high energy and fast dancing.

Most songs had the audience of 2200 singing along and making fast moves of their own. Crowd favorites included "The Boys & Me," "The Walk" and "Thank God For You." "Dirt Road" around the crowd’s wanna-be singers to explode with song. Miller dedicated the popular song "Call on the Corners" to Idaho’s farmers, and it received an enthusiastic response. "Six Days on the Road," from their new album of the same name, was a definite crowd pleaser.

Sawyer Brown put on a stellar performance. Frontman Miller was really enjoying himself, encouraging the audience to cut loose. One die-hard has run forward with a camera, Miller took it, and stopped a picture of himself, and handed the camera back to her. With 13 years of touring experience behind them, the band knows how to have fun. Miller joked with the crowd, saying at his feet was a mark that reminded the bands where they were playing. The marker read "Silver Mountain, Kellogg, Idaho." Idaho was spelled Idaho.

Sawyer Brown’s music attracted an interesting variety of people. Families with small kids and teenagers as well as senior citizens enjoyed the music under the stars and cool mountain air.

Special guest band, Backroads, got the crowd going before and after Sawyer Brown’s performance. Walking lines for the gondola heading down the mountain were long and windy, yet Backroads made the waiting worth it. Playing for at least two hours after Sawyer Brown finished, the easy-to-dance-to band kept concert goers happy, as they did the bar in the Lodge, which was still in full swing after the show.

Glass bottles, cans, and liquor are prohibited as well as coolers above 16 inches. Chairs are available for rent at $2 per chair, however, most people relaxed on the grass with blankets. You’re out of luck if you missed a concert on the mountain this summer. Sawyer Brown wrapped up the Summer Concert Series which started with Diamond Rio on July 11. Besides the summer concert series, Silver Mountain offers mountain biking, a tour of a reconstructed Forest Service fire lookout on Kellogg Peak, and opportunities to ride the world’s longest gondola. Silver Mountain is open seven days a week through Labor Day weekend, moving to weekends only through Oct. 2, then on to the snow skiing and snowboarding season.

Local excursions provide quick escapes

MARIS CUNNETH STAFF

The Moscow community is like no other. Give or take five minutes to beat the traffic, and you can be heading out of town on an adventure. Easy to explore, the Palouse offers a variety of quick trips suited to fit your busy schedule. Lying behind all those rolling hills of golden wheat, a wonderland of beauty awaits you. First, take advantage of escapees on campus. Check out the University of Idaho Arboretum. Both are located off Nea Pever Drive. The Charles Houston Shattuck Arboretum is on the north side of Nea Pever Drive. The fourteen acres filled with a variety of trees allow for a peaceful, tranquil walk. South of Nea Pever Drive is the U of I Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Beautifully landscaped with collections of international trees and plants, the Arboretum offers 63 acres of trails in which to escape.

If you’re in the mood to view huge trees, then head north to three of these next places. White Pine Scenic Drive, east of Post Falls on Highway 6, boasts a giant white pine tree four hundred years old. Located within the Blackfoot Indian Forest, National Recreation Trails are accessible from the parking lot of the giant white pine. Sheedy and cool, this is a great spot to view scenic, old growth timber. Driving on Highway 6, head north toward Highway 3 towards Clarkia, and head over to Highway 8 in Bovill and head to Elk River. This stretch of road offers mind-numbing scenic tranquillity and takes you to the giant western red cedar tree. Its trunk is 18 feet in diameter and believed to be around 3,000 years old. A National Recreation Trail, an easy to moderate hike, leading to the tree can be accessed about 10 miles north of Elk River. Stop and get directions to the trail at Elk River.

Located about two miles outside of Elk River, at the head of Mosquito Creek, is Elk Creek Falls Recreation Area. To view all three falls, hike to the Lower Falls first and follow the trail up to the Middle and Upper Falls. The Middle Falls have the longest waterfall, around 90 feet, and are spectacular. You might find yourself heading out to this area again and again.

Another neat spot full of beautiful trees is the Hobo Cedar Grove. If you’re looking for a quick trip on the Palouse and surrounding areas offers and enjoy the paradise of many wonders.
PCEI strengthens community ties

MARS GUNDITH
Staff

The Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI) is a local, non-profit organization. Originally called Hanford Watch, the organization evolved from citizen concerns about toxic chemicals released from Hanford Nuclear Plant, and evolved to grassroots environmental issues. Currently, PCEI focuses on programs including sustainable agriculture, environmental education, transportation and water quality.

Citizen involvement in decisions surrounding local and regional environmental problems is PCEI's main goal. Opportunities for involvement in issues include attending membership meetings, farm tours, or volunteering time and skills. Volunteer opportunities abound at PCEI, and internships and directed studies are encouraged and welcomed.

Jen Elliott Bell, Landscape Architecon, interned last year in the Learn and Serve program coordinator. She joined the PCEI team this year accepting the position of Environmental Education Coordinator. Bell's background is in early childhood development and she loves working with kids. In sharing her vision for the new programs she is currently working on, Bell realizes "projects make students more aware of what their actions do to help their community." If your interests include environmental education and working with elementary kids, give PCEI a call.

Colleen Diggins, Community Food Systems Program Coordinator, is interested in "Linking farmers and consumers together and providing opportunities for citizens to be involved in local agricultural systems." To focus on the importance of citizen awareness and involvement in the production of sustainable and organic production systems, PCEI is offering farm and market garden tours.

Extended this year to allow university students to participate, these nine issues are scheduled for the fall, to provide a chance to learn more about local food systems. An all-day tour of the Palouse is scheduled for Sept. 29. Cost is $20 with a reduced lunch featuring locally grown produce.

Two other tours cover Coeur d'Alene and Spokane, and the Clearwater Valley. For more information on the tours contact PCEI at 882-1444.

If you have any time to spare, Adam Thornbrough, Watersheds Project Coordinator, could use some help planting some 20,000 plants. Located west of campus by the sewage treatment plant, the project is designed to develop a wetlands treatment system to enhance water quality. The project entails building rectangular cells in which to contain treated water from the sewage plant. Wetlands work to further restore water quality before the water is released into Paradise Creek. The wetlands will also provide wildlife habitat.

Thornbrough praised UI volunteer efforts last year involving the project saying, "Enthusiasts put in over 1000 hours. If interested in volunteering or learning more about the organization, please give them a call or drop by the office, located behind Moscow Hotel.

PCEI's newsletter, Environmental News, is published quarterly and can be found at the Student Union Building, Moscow Food Coop, or at their headquarters downtown.

A look ahead

* Portland funk outfit Rubenrock will be spreading it on thick tonight and tomorrow night at John's Alley in Moscow. The group plays a hearty blend of funk, soul, and rock that gets your booty shakin'. Come check them out, or be forever square.

* The Prichard Gallery on Main Street in Moscow has a new exhibit. Drop by and indulge your senses in the cool, and calm environment of the Prichard. It is free, after all.

* The Yeti has just released music scheduled three nights this week. Playing tonight is Turbo AC. The Palouse Jazz Conspiracy is slated for tomorrow night, and Derek will play in Thursday.

* Thursday is Ladies Night at the Capricorn Ballroom. There are specials for the ladies and Stranger Network will be providing the jams. Check it out.

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Silver and gold scrimmage sparks, fades

Vandal offense off to good start

Friday's fall scrimmage shows effective offensive line

BY BARRY GRAHAM

If the University of Idaho football team had any concerns about how potent its offense was in 1997, the Vandals need not worry after Friday's fall scrimmage. Idaho exploded for 550 yards, 456 coming through the air, this year. Idaho had 23 first downs in all, 16 coming via the pass. Quarterbacks Brian Brennan and Ed Dean combined to complete 22-of-43 passes for 382 yards and two touchdowns, although Vandals coach Ken Tormey felt that the team may have been laboring. "We were a little sluggish offensively," Tormey said. "The guys were tired. It was our 23rd practice in 12 days."

The ground game manufactured 94 yards as Joel Thomas rushed for 51 yards on six carries with two touchdowns. His longest run came on an 18-yard scamper. Anthony Tenser had a long run of 23 yards as he rushed for 42 total yards on five carries.

The Vandal quarterbacks found plenty of targets including Matt McElravy who caught six passes for 83 yards including a 68-yard reception. Ryan Plesitano commented on being 6-0. "I think our defense was pretty well," Tormey said. "We have a lot more speed on that side of the ball."

Freshman linebacker Chris Niemias recorded two sacks and three tackles. Also as impressive was the Vandal defense, which Tormey said played an effective scrimmage. "The defense played pretty well," Tormey said. "We did not miss any speed on that side of the ball."

The sideline was filled with fans cheering on the offense. "The energy was great on the sideline," Tormey said. "It was an exciting game."
an interception while John Harper also had a sack. Senior cornerback Ryan McGinnis had a fumble recovery. The Vandal special teams also played a key factor in the scrimmage as Mike O’Neal punted three times for 138 yards, which averaged to 46 yards per kick. The combination of Troy Scott and Jesse Taylor hit all of their extra point attempts and Scott hit 3-of-4 field goals with a long of 38 yards. The Vandals only committed six penalties for 35 yards, which Tormey said was a key element of the scrimmage. “We made a lot less mental mistakes than we did in the earlier scrimmage,” Tormey said. The Vandals open the season with an away game at the Air Force Academy Saturday at 11 a.m.
Hard work and experience makes Wilson one to watch

For those who are amongst the true Vandal football fans, it might be hard to forget Idaho’s two forces, Ryan Phillips and Barry Mitchell, who narrowed in on opposing quarterbacks from their defensive end positions. They combined for 99 grueling tackles and 35 sacks.

The scenery this season will be quite different. Phillips is with the New York Giants, Mitchell gone to the Atlanta Falcons—who is left for the Vandal front?

The answer is senior Tim Wilson (6-foot, 270 pounds). Wilson in his junior season was responsible for 24 tackles, including six tackles for loss and two sacks. His best game last year was a six-tackle effort against Utah State. Wilson admits, though, he was not in good enough shape.

"I ran all summer, I wanted to come into this year’s camp in shape," Wilson said. "Last year I was out of shape totally—a complete last." In his sophomore season he had a career high seven sacks.

With his hard work over the summer and his new role as a leader, his goal of 11 sacks this season may be within reach.

The graduate of Garfield High in Seattle was among the Seattle Times top 50 high school players in the nation and was a second-team all-Metro linbacker and right end as a junior, first-team all-Metro linbacker as a senior.

Wilson is in his fourth season as a starter for the Vandals, so it's no wonder why Wilson believes his strength comes from experience.

"My experience is the strongest single aspect of my game," Wilson said. "I have to use my experience to try and help the young guys pick up their game as well as pick up mine."

Wilson also knows that without standouts Barry Mitchell, Ryan Phillips or Jason Shatt, he is expected to be the leader on the field. Wilson is the four-year starter who has also been under.

The direction of Idaho’s standout defensive ends, ready to accept this role as team leader. "I am going to try and take a leadership role. Being a leader improves my game and makes me more confident," Wilson said.

However, the only bright spot for the Vandals' defense, though. Returning in the Vandals' secondary is all four starters from last season—Arnold Quinn, Ryan McGinnis, Bryson Gardner and Kevin Hill.

Any Vandal fan knows our secondary in the past has been somewhat questionable, but returning all four starters from your secondary is a help.

"They’re (the secondary) only as good as the defensive line and the linebackers," Wilson said. "If we can’t get any pressure on the quarterback that makes their job that much harder.

Expected to help Tim Wilson put pressure on the quarterback are John Harper and Nick Alexalos.

Had Phillips or Mitchell not been around last season, John Harper would have seen a lot more playing time. The 6-foot-2, 234 pound senior from Mountain Home has a mighty skill to fill.

"John Harper is really fast, very smart and always plays hard," Wilson said. "I think they (John Harper and Nick Alexalos) have gotten a lot better from last year. Their pass rush and run block has improved a lot."

Last season the Vandals finished second in the Big West in total defense, allowing 384 yards per game. And with Idaho returning seven of those starters from last year’s team the Vandals defense is looking tough.

The key for the defense will be how John Harper and Nick Alexalos line behind by Mitchell and Phillips.

However, the always consistent Wilson said on a leadership role if the Vandals defensive front is to have a chance against an offense like Nevada’s.
Scrawny football walk-on makes team

Associated Press
TULSA, Okla. — People knew Jerald Golden that he was.
They want to know why the versatile editor of the campus newspaper — a guy who had human dimensions (5-foot-4 2/2 by 142 pounds) and men's football experience — is trying to kick on as a wide receiver at the University of Tulsa.
"I am a little crony," he said. "But I don't think I'm crazy for that I'm doing because I'm so small. I know if I stayed as it is, I would have regretted it. I had to try something else.
Golden is a football nut, but even put on pads until now. The small prep school he attended in Alpharetta, N.M., did not offer the sport. He always wondered what it would be like to play the game that he watched on television every Saturday and Sunday.
So, during spring drills and four days, he cleared a dream and practiced with players who have twice his weight. Golden is very well-build and way understated not blessed with a kind of speed necessary to over a height disadvantage. Even if he makes substantial progress, there is no guarantee he will ever play or stop. But the sophomore lashed it out through spring drills and two-day preseason practices.
Coches are not going to run off this Renegade, he wants to continue to take whatever is dished out.
Said head coach Dave Rader, "I feel like at the University of Tulsa, with the university that we are and what I am asked to do, if a student wants to play football and meets certification, then the game is for the student. He's a good student in good standing and he likes the game to, in his opinion, should be allowed to play"
Initially, however, Rader was wary of the sports editor trying out for the team.
"At first I thought he was a media man," joked the coach. "But he went through everything and he's been a good job. You can do nothing but respect him. He's trying." If a heavy hitter ever unloaded on Golden, it would probably swap him in half.
"I don't think he's crossed his mind. He's got a little scared and a little nervous the face one, but he's really good, has since come to grips with the fact part of the job. Now he concentrates on having fun and getting better.
Golden wants to get bigger and smarter and faster. He followed a summer regimen devised by strength and conditioning coach Jeff Fish. He joined a gym and lifted and ran. A former college player who is a friend of the family threw him over and over again. All that work got him in a better fitness depth chart, albeit at the bottom.
The odds are still very much against him. That raised this question: Could Golden be happy three years from now? Golden knows the road if he finishes his career without ever stepping on the field and we never really thought about that because I've always pictured myself playing one day, even if it's just for one game," he said.
Rader is not in the business of making dreams. He refuses to tell Golden will never play.
"You don't want to ever do that because, I don't think he should ever say never," he said. "He should someday get him out there.
Players have played and encouraged Golden. They sound like a stocking with make-up inside.
"If he said I had the head and that's all you need," said linebacker Rich Young. "He was worried about his size and strength and of course that's a key factor in Division I football. But I think the key real is having a big heart. Like they say, it's not the dog in the fight, but the fight in the dog."
Golden tries to pattern himself after senior receiver Wes Cavell. Despite a 5-8, 183-pound frame, Cavell is among TU's best players.
Golden admits he doesn't have Cavell's skills, but "if I could picture myself as an ideal kind of player, I would want to be him because of his attitude and the way he plays. He's got the guts put on there and he's talented and he knows what is doing."
Said Cavell, "I know he's small, but I'm small, too. If I would have got every time somebody told me I was too small, I wouldn't do anything, I would be a quit football and a long time ago. He's got a big heart and he's getting the better, he should just hang in there."
At practice Wednesday, Golden was introduced to NFL Hall of Famer Lenny Largenti, a former Teenagers of the Year winner told Golden "never let anyone tell you you're too slow."
Largenti was cut by the Houston Oilers as a rookie because he was supposedly too slow.
Golden said he has come too far to quit now."
"I can do this," he said. "I've just got to be patient and keep playing away."
The Quigmans
Buddy Henderson

"Hey, Francis! It's me, Bog! I've evolved into an immense conscious. I need that encompasses the cosmos. Now will you DATE me?"

Billy confronts the Bogie Man.

Speed Bump
Dave Coverly

Oh, not much...just looking through an old scrapbook...

Rubes
Leigh Rubin

Popular prehistoric catch phrases

"You know, these wings would've come in much more handy if I had them at the time my parachute malfunctioned."

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