Health insurance may be required for enrollment

Buss Wright
Staff

The Idaho State Senate is looking into the possibility of requiring college and university students to have private health insurance as a condition for enrollment.

A letter has been sent to the presidents of all colleges and universities in Idaho, said Sen. Grant Ipsen, asking for input concerning the idea. The concern over the state's Medicaid program is the primary reason behind the senate's consideration of the idea, Ipsen said. The health insurance requirement, if it becomes law, is mainly concerned with the amount of money being spent through the Medicaid program assisting married students in maternity situations.

"It's necessary to save money in order to save Medicaid," said Ipsen. We need to do more studying before we make a decision.

Currently, Ricks College, a private school, is the only school in the state to require students to have private health insurance. Ipsen said Gault is the chair of the Senate Health and Welfare committee, and according to the Mar. 20 edition of the Spokesman-Review, he asked Sen. Robert Lee to write the letter to the universities and colleges.

"We want people to take more personal responsibility. Some students are just asking for welfare when they could have private insurance." Ipsen said lawmakers don't have yet the statistics which tell just how many students are using Medicaid or how much money is spent by the state helping these students. A survey is currently being conducted to come up with some statistical data, he said.

"Right now, we're just trying to find out what the laws and policies are," said Ipsen. He stressed that the idea was preliminary and that lawmakers are in a fact-finding stage of investigating possibilities.

Jon Kimberling, an agent for Newsmore and Kimberling Insurance in Moscow, believes a lot of students do end up using Medicaid. Because Kimberling is the local agent for the student health insurance policy, his agency receives a lot of claims from local health care providers. Many times, Kimberling said, the agency is not providing coverage for the student named in the claim.

From there, health care providers probably forward the claims to Medicaid if the students are unable to pay.

Kimberling said anyone walking in off the street could purchase private health insurance through various companies under several plans. Kimberling gave an example of one basic plan which offers coverage up to $1 million and has a $750 deductible. There is $5,000 deductible on childbirth. The most favorable rates are $30 a month for a male and $44.50 for a female.

"Idaho law changed significantly Jan. 1," said Kimberling. The new law requires companies to offer insurance in a tiered rating system based on "underwriting considerations," Kimberling said. As a result of this legislation, insurance cannot be denied to anyone who has lived in Idaho for six months.

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Delta Sigma Phi receives two-year probation

Melica Johnson
Staff

The Delta Sigma Phi International Fraternity approved the probation terms drafted by the Student Advisory Services office, the local Delta Sig chapter and the local Delta Sig alumnae, which puts the fraternity on a two-year alcohol probation.

Brock Fisman, dean of students, is pleased with the degree of cooperation from all of the parties involved.

"The final list of sanctions are a better tool than the first draft, since it gives performance incentives at one year," Fisman said, of how the university can review and re-draft terms of the probation as stated in terms of the second draft. The chapter requested that there be a one-year review of the chapter's activities, at which point they could get off probation or continue on for the full two years. Fisman feels it was a fair request.

The following are the terms of the chapter's probation:

- No alcohol in the chapter house or at any chapter function through May 1997.
- The chapter will hire a live-in advisor as soon as possible and for the foreseeable future.
- The chapter will take disciplinary action against members and pledges who individually violate University of Delta Sigma Phi Risk Management Policies.
- These disciplinary actions will be reported to the Greek Advisor and General Fraternity Staff within ten days of the violation.
- The terms of the probation also include several educational activities. One of the activities the chapter will create and execute is an alcohol education program for students at the University of Idaho.

The chapter is being placed on probation for an incident which occurred in December when a freshman was given alcohol by upperclassmen at a chapter sponsored party. The freshman required medical attention after becoming heavily intoxicated.

The chapter had also been confronted by the Interfraternity Council for violating IFIH alcohol guidelines earlier in the year.

Residence halls kick off spring with 'Fling'

Christine Erney
Staff

The results are in from the 1995 Resident Hall Association Spring Fling weekend held March 3-5. Throughout the weekend, residence halls participated in various activities designed to get the halls to engage in friendly competition.

Halls received points for each competition they competed in and for each event that they placed in. Points were tabulated throughout the weekend to determine the overall winner.

Halls receiving first place in a competition won a board game of their choice and overall Spring Fling winners received plaques. "We wanted to give board games as prizes because we wanted to give something that the entire hall could use," said RSA Public Relations Coordinator Cathy Wooten.

Part of the women's competition Carter Hall and Forney Hall tied for first place. Second place went to French Hall and Steel House took third place. Carter Hall placed first in the tug o' war and the pie eating contest while Forney placed first in the leg toss competition. French Hall took first place in the scavenger hunt and Steel House placed first in the obstacle course.

In the men's competition the Scholar's Residence placed first, Gault Hall placed second and Upman hall took third. The Scholar's Residence placed first in the obstacle course. Although Gault and Upman halls did not place in any of the events, they took over second and third places respectively due to participation in the events.

"To celebrate Spring Fling, we had a dance which all the halls attended," said Wooten. "We also had movies and had rent beer floats in the Wallace Center TV lounge. It was a big success.

In other residence hall news, Peer Residence Outreach, a group of residence hall students, interested in encouraging responsible drinking held a retreat at Huckleberry Heaven in Elk.
**Announcements**

4-H searching for volunteers

The Idaho State 4-H office is looking for volunteers to assist in the operation for the Idaho State 4-H Conference, which will take place on the UI campus in June 1987. Applications and job descriptions are available at the State 4-H Office in Room 103 of Morrill Hall or call 885-6321.

**Get your text books**

If students still need to purchase a textbook for this term, now is the time to do it. Books not requested for Summer '85 or Fall '85 will be returned to publishers beginning April 1. April 1 is also the last day to return textbooks. The Spring '85 term. Normal policy applies to returning textbooks. Books for the Spring Term are non-refundable after April 1.

**Attention bike riders**

Those who park their bicycles on stairways, in hallways, in building entrances, and on accessible ramps for persons with disabilities; bicycles parked in a manner in which a bicycle path is interrupted into a slope way, hallway, building entrance, or on accessible ramps; or bicycles which are chained or in some manner connected to a handrail or grabrail, but not otherwise.

**Speech contest**

The Palouse Area Intercollegiate (LA) User Group will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Business Technology (Computer) Lab located at 121 Sweet Avenue. Anyone interested in learning more about the Internet is encouraged to attend. No computer experience is necessary. For more information contact First Step Research at 882-8689 or email info@firststep.

**Gearing for the future**

The UI Career Services Center is offering the following workshops this week: Resumes and Cover Letters today at 3:30 p.m.; The Interview Trip and Evaluating Job Offers tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.; The Job Search by 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.

**Free movie and refreshments**

SIA Meeting will be held Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in Room 100 (Basement) of the College of Forest Resources. Movie and refreshment to follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Get your mid-term grades now!**

Mid-term grades are now available. They are available in the same location as the Administration Annex between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Photo ID is required.

**Teaching Enhancement committee to meet**

There will be a Teaching Enhancement committee meeting Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Rehearsal Room in the Student Union. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Nation World**

**Students in Bangladesh struggle for freedom**

Female students at Dhaka University in Bangladesh boycotted classes last month in protest of a 1992 law that prohibits women from showing their faces in public.

More than 10,000 students stayed away from classes last month to protest what is known as the "sunset law," which requires a woman on campus to return to her dorm room before dusk and not to be outside during the following day.

The law was made by male chauvinists during the British rule in the subcontinent which curtails our freedom and makes us unequal with the boys," said protest leader Shahabullah Ahmed in a released statement.

The boycott culminated a week-long protest, which resulted in many women refusing to sign registers when they went out.

Dhaka University is the only institution in Bangladesh that prohibits women from leaving their rooms after dark.

**Elvis sung in Latin**

A classical studies professor from a Finland university has put together a collection of Elvis songs sung in Latin for King's 60th birthday. The songs are designed to make them memorable, though, since Professor Markus Ammon decided to put a classical spin on the tunes and present them in Latin.

Working with the Finnish National Football Union's choir, Ammon included a number of Elvis standards on his album, including "Can't Help Falling in Love," "Suspicious Minds," "ודה נאמסۆד נופסואום" ("Can't Help Falling in Love," "Suspicious Minds") and "It's Now or Never."
Biology course provides fascinating topics

Dawn Casey

Biology 400 is not your ordinary course—it has 45 professors, no syllabi, and changes topics with the week.

The innovative course draws a broad spectrum of nationwide leaders in various biological fields each week to give presentations of their research to the top ten seniors in the biology department.

The students enrolled in Biology 400 prepare each week for one-on-one questions with the speaker, but anyone can attend the fascinating lectures.

With titles like last week's "How Frogs Do It," the seminars, which are open to the public, attract curious non-students as well.

The seminar series began three semesters ago with coordination by two Assistant Professors of Biology, Dr. Clifford Weil and Dr. Frank Ruesweg with the idea that most undergraduates are reluctant to attend seminars which are often populated by pro-

The 400 level course encourages undergraduates not only to attend seminars but to read scientific jour-

The seminar series features Ann Hedrick of Reed College on "Female choice and attractive male traits: A case study on field crick-

Every seminar is held at Fridays at noon in the Life Sciences building and are free. The lunches, however, are not.

Coeur d'Alene tribe to cash in on national lottery

Justin Oliver Ruen

On March 6, 1995, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe announced final plans for what is being billed as "America's largest and only cur-

Weirs said that the money we gain does not belong to me or to any individual. It belongs to the tribe. It is not being raised for leisure or the pleasure of tribal members, but to be used to accomplish tribal goals.

Revenue will be used to stimu-

According to General Manager of Gaming David Matheson, the first jackpot is expected to be "at least $50 million, and later roll over to the next jackpot and set new records for amounts played and won."

Some obstacles to the lottery still remain, however. Rep. Tomuds-DN-NJ has proposed a bill placing a two year moratori-

I believe the reason he's making that move is if the Coeur d'Alene Tribe gets a national lot-

* See LOTTERY PAGE 6

POLITICALLY INCORRECT,

AND PROUD OF IT.
Purchase of drug paraphernalia ruled illegal

Marco Buscaglia

You remember seeing that small collection of bongs at your CD store, don't you? Right there in that glass case between the cash register and the rack holding the latest issues of 'Spin.'

Today, though, that shelf space is probably filled with something else, after a little-publicized ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed the sale of drug paraphernalia as of Jan. 1.

The court ruled last May that the Controlled Substance Act of 1966 included "any equipment, product, or material of any kind which is primarily intended or designed for use in manufacturing, compound-
ing, converting, concealing, pro-
ducing, processing, preparing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or other-
wise introducing into the human body a controlled substance." The ruling stemmed from a 1990 case involving a police bust at Posters 'N Things in Iowa. Owner Lainie Christine Acty and her husband George Michael Moore were arrested after police confiscated pipes, bong clips and other drug paraphernalia. Acty was sen-
tenced to 10 months in prison and given a $15,000 fine by a district court. That decision had been main-
tained by a U.S. Court of Appeals before it was unanimously upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. Before the ruling, stores across the nation, especially those near college campuses, sold such clips, water pipes, bong bags and packets of rolling paper to customers every day. And despite the plainly marked sign stating that the enclosed materials were "For Tobacco Use Only," few really believed customers were going to take their bongs home and smoke tobacco.

"I thought this was America where people had the right to do whatever they wanted in private," says Ralph, a used-CD store owner in Normal, Ill., who was forced to close his store in late 1990. "Pretty much all his crack pipes and water pipes by Jan. 1 of this year, the federally imposed dead-
line. "I don't give a shit what people do with their stuff when they're sitting alone in their rooms. I won-
der if the cops are going to start breaking down people's doors and looking under their bed next." Ralph, who wished to go by his first name only, says he sold items to students and professors from Illinois State University on a regu-
lar basis. "I should have been sell-
gun this whole time," he said. "The feds don't seem to have any problems with people selling guns." Ralph says he knows head-shop owners in other college towns who "have a somewhat reasonable police force not like here," and even they have cleared their shelves of paraphernalia.

"Why take the chance?" he says. While many store owners were upset when they learned about the ruling, most could see the writing on the wall. "You knew it was just a matter of time," says Bill McMahan, who owns We-B-Boys, a kind of '60s culture shop carrying tie-dye T-shirts and Grateful Dead merchandise in Oakland Park, Fla. "Once the Supreme Court makes a decision, it's not like they're going to change it.

McMahan cleared out his mer-
chandise with a final clearance sale. "A lot of our regular customers came in," he says. "It was kind of sad." Like McMahan, a lot of store owners worried about the local police moving in and decided to get rid of their merchandise almost immediately after learning about the ruling. But just as the word of the paraphernalia ban has been slow to get out to the general pub-
lis, it also is slow in reaching police departments as well.

"We haven't really had time to able with that," said Sgt. T.O. Cochran of the Athens police, which operates over the University of Georgia. "When we found out, we already knew we would be spending most of our time going after the dealers. When we do find a store near campus, we'll confiscate the material and deal with it, but it's not at the top of our list of priorities.

Cochran, who heads the depart-
ment's drug unit, says that police used to visit stores several times a year to check on inventory. "We don't have that luxury anymore," he says, blaming an outbreak of crack cocaine dealers in the area. "Nine percent of our time has to go directly to dealing with the dope.

The Athens police officer does add, however, that store owners found in violation of the federal law will be arrested. Last October, New York City police raided 27 Manhattan head shops, arresting 36 managers and seizing more than 70,000 items, which ranged from crack pipes to tinfoil bags.

The entire law walks a very fine

line," says Allen St. Pierre, director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. "Any police going to arrest you after you sell some plastic baggies because they can be used for storing pot or cocaine. It all becomes this incred-
ible game of catch." St. Pierre, though, says he believes the ruling will not stand.

"The news, though, more local courts are going to realize that the ruling has no true basis in the Constitution, and they are going to start letting people get off," St. Pierre adds. "Then the whole thing will go back to the Supreme Court, and they'll have to do it all over again.

Manhattan federal judge Robert Sweet recently provided St. Pierre with some legal ammunition after he threw out charges against three men who were arrested for selling drug paraphernalia. Sweet called the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Controlled Substance Act "unconstitutionally vague." In his ruling, Sweet stated that "many objects that fall within the statute's terms have dual purposes. Differentiating between purposes is at best guesswork and the statute's language offers no guidance.

But whatever the Supreme Court ultimately decides, most store owners who have suddenly found supplies depleted are confident they'll be able to find other sources. "I'll just have to learn how to make a better job," says Ted, a sophomore at the University of Virginia. "As long as they don't use plastic tubing, I'll be all right."
Students plan day of action to protest financial aid cuts

Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

College students across the nation are mobilizing to help convince Congress to spare the ax when it comes to federal funding for higher education.

Numerous student groups are planning a National Day of Campus Action Against the Contract with America for Wednesday, March 29.

"We want to send a message that the Contract with America is a program for social underdevelopment," said Jeremy Smith, spokesman for the University Conversion Project, which is organizing the event. "We're building a coalition to let people know these are programs that are sacred to our future."

More than 100 campuses across the nation will be holding demonstrations to exhibit student support for education. "We must make it clear that if these measures are enacted, it will be without our consent," said a statement from the UCP. "A contract we never signed is not a Contract with America, it is a Contract on America."

Ruth Laid, a junior at Kent State University and spokesman for the Student Action Coalition, said the GOP's actions have awakened the activist in many college students.

"This is something that is hitting a lot of the middle-of-the-road people," Land said. "Joe Schmo student is finally finding out that the government is doing something that will hurt him, and he's decided to do something about it."

The federal government currently provides more than 75 percent of all student aid, spending $31 billion on work-study programs, grants and loans alone last year.

In January, the Alliance to Save Student Aid polled 1,000 adults to gauge their opinion of student aid. They found that nearly 90 percent of those surveyed favored the Family Education Loan Program now owe $17,125 after graduation. That amount would increase to $20,532 if the interest subsidy were eliminated. Students continuing on to two years of graduate school would see their loan debt grow from $34,125 to $43,292.

Kevin Bayer, the director of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, said while the federal government will save money initially by eliminating interest subsidies, the long-term cost could be much higher.

"You can't increase the price of a student loan without decreasing the number of people who use them," said Bayer. "Students will be switching to programs they may not be that interested in to save money, taking longer breaks from school to pay their tuition or giving up on the idea of a bachelor's, master's or Ph.D altogether. The ultimate effect will be a reduction in the amount of people who are trained in certain fields."

Bayer said his organization in joining with several other student groups to protest the education cuts. By flooding their representatives with e-mail messages, mail, phone calls and faxes, students hope to convince members of Congress that representatives will be held accountable for their votes on education, added Bayer.

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River March 10 and 11. The purpose of the retreat was to set goals and get acquainted with the people in the group.

"We want to encourage responsibility - not abuse of alcohol or any other substance," said Woo. "Our goals are to increase awareness of alcohol poisoning, alcohol related deaths and alcohol abuse."

Woo said that the group wants to promote activities which are alternatives to drinking such as mini-golf or dancing. "We want to have activities where people could have fun during the weekend, instead of staying in their rooms and drinking," Woo said.

**LOTTERY** × FROM PAGE 3

"Most states have their own lottery. They operate these lotteries within their state and they use the profits from the lottery to fund education and other state's own projects. If the tribe goes into that stage and goes into direct competition with the state lottery, how much is that going to affect the state's lottery itself?" Bershers said.

"Do the states have the power to say 'No, we don't want this telephone lottery within our state?'" They (the Cœur d'Alène Tribe) had to have anticipated a little bit of backlash from the states. Their only potential ally there was the person who represents their district, Helen Chenoweth. They didn't coordinate at all with her, or discuss with her how they could get around the backlash that the other states, Bershers said. "She's wondering why they didn't come to her for advice or even advice in the situation."

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Speaking with Giants

Matt Baldwin
Staff

Quiet non-abrasive music with a twist of mellow flavoring and a nodding of pure musicians is what They Might Be Giants can be called. Their unique style and combination of instruments provides They Might Be Giants with fans who love their music. They Might Be Giants began with the two Johns, John Flansburgh and John Linnell, in Brooklyn, NY.

"In the beginning of '83 we did our first show as a duo with tapes in the background. We played together in other bands. Sort of in one other configuration then did some other projects together then. But that was the first time we were ever called They Might Be Giants," Flansburgh said.

"We were working as a duo and it was a recording project primarily. We didn't really think of it as a performance oriented thing. We weren't really thinking about how all the music should be tailored for a live performance. The performance of the music was after the fact. In fact because we were a recording project it seemed very appropriate that we had tape on stage with us for our performance. That was a good way to present the material. It was very media driven," Flansburgh said describing his and Linnell's first show. Their first material that was recorded was on a home 4-track tape recorder which Flansburgh had in his apartment.

During 1992 Linnell and Flansburgh began to hire other musicians to bring them on the road. Flansburgh says, "We added one extra member since then. We were originally a five piece with a saxophone and a rhythm section. Now we have a brass section, trumpet and trombone and a rhythm section as well as me and John."

Finishing a meaning on their name may prove to be a problem to some. As a band forms they will usually create a single word name or combine a few words for their name. Flansburgh says, "It seemed like an interesting name. There was a time when there were a lot of bands with similar sounding names. It seemed like it would be a good idea to think up a name which didn't sound like everyone else's. There weren't really any other bands with full sentence names that we knew about."

The core of They Might Be Giants, John Flansburgh and John Linnell, had known each other from school becoming friends in the eighth grade. As for the other members who came and went from the band Flansburgh says, "the original people we hired were friends. Our first sax player was Kurt Hoffman who was an old friend from the New York scene and we would play together with his band at clubs in New York."

Tony Maimone is somebody else we have known for a long time. He also lives in our neighborhood and was someone we would see at local places in Brooklyn. The other people in the band we partly hired by word of mouth from friends of ours. That is how we ended up."

They Might Be Giants have released another album by the name of John Henry. This album is available in the stores. They Might Be Giants are on a nation wide tour and hinted at maybe a stop in the Idaho area. At any rate, They Might Be Giants is moving further into the limelight with their unique music and style.

Logan bids farewell to Moscow forever

Jeffrey Albertson
Staff

When Hal Logan began putting together a recording studio in his home the intention was to work on his own personal projects. Now five years in the running Hal Logan Music has recorded countless area bands as well as produced a string of highly successful jingles for area merchants.

The original idea to record his own music was to be held as word of mouth led the way for a steady stream of work over the years.

"I did a project for a friend's band called Seacliff," Logan said of his first recording project. Logan said that project is what got the word around town leading to more work. At the time Logan was beginning to operate a steady business usually with a hint of advertising.

Logan, who obtained a masters degree from the University of Idaho in musical composition, has also lent himself to writing many a successful jingle. His list of clients include Owl Drug, Burger Ranch, and Downtown Clarkston.

In his first year at writing jingles Logan was noticed by an ad agency and in the following three years went on to produce 25 more jingles.

Along with that Logan has also recorded 30-40 bands in five years, including Royalpalm, Sleepy Handful, Shack Nasty, 3rd From the Sun and Big Time Adam. Included in all of this is also Logan's seven year stint with The Senders. As a drummer for that band Logan has found the time to perform steadily, sometimes booked full six months in advance.

Despite his success in Moscow, Logan has decided to set out and do what he originally intended. This spring he's decided to move to Fillmore, North Carolina to pursue a career as a songwriter and performer.

"There's not a large enough population here to get noticed," Logan said of his decision to move. "I'm going to try and get back to the original idea and focus on using the studio for my own music."

The five year delay has allowed Logan a chance to learn more about the recording process as well as the song writing process.

"I wasn't ready before; Moscow has allowed me a stress free life," Logan said. "I'm so much more capable to do what I want now than five years ago."

Logan also said that it's sad to go and leave so many friends but that he is excited and looks forward to where he'll be.

"I've done everything I wanted to do in Moscow, there's nothing new here for me," Logan said. Already the Senders have played their final show bidding farewell last Friday at the Capricorn. With that good bye Logan can now look forward to pursuing his primary goals, but even as he prepares to leave Moscow he promises to return.

"This town has a great energy to it, a lot of people stay because of that," Logan said.
Poets to visit Moscow
Helen W. Hill

Staff

Poet Karen Swenson will give a public reading at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Law School courtroom. Refreshments and a book signing will follow at Book People on Main Street.

Swenson has written four books of poetry—A Sense of Direction, East-West, An Attic of Ideals and The Landlady is Bangled—and published over 100 poems in other media. She has worked as a journalist and taught at several colleges and universities.

Swenson's reading will be the fourth sponsored by the UI creative writing program this semester. The fifth will be by poet Li-Young Lee April 26. The sixth will be by UI's own Joy Passante; Passante will read her fiction May 3.

Li-Young Lee is the second of UI's Distinguished Visiting Writers for the semester and will conduct a workshop April 24, 25, 27 and 28 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Lee has a reputation for being a charismatic teacher, said Lance Olsen, UI creative writing program director. Lee is "mesmerizingly interesting," Olsen said.

Chinese ancestry, Lee was born in Jakarta, Indonesia, and has lived in Hong Kong and Japan as well as in the United States. His poetry combines culture, history and memory.

Lee won this year's Academy of American Poets' Lavan Younger Poet Award. His book Rose was the Delmore-Schwartz Memorial Award to 1986.

His most recent book is The City In Which I Love You and another, The Winged Seed, should be available soon.

The submission deadline for those wishing to be considered for Lee's workshop is 5 p.m. April 3 in the English department.

Manuscripts should be 10 or fewer pages of poetry, labeled with name, address and phone number.

Free April Fool's concert for kids
Joey Wellman

Staff

The Washington Idaho Symphony will present its annual and free Children's Concert on Saturday, April 1. The theme of the concert is "Musical Jokes."

Jennifer Kooman, general manager, said that the concert has been in production since the late 1970s. "It started very popular in the past," Kooman said. "Apparently 500 to 600 kids show up there.

The concert will feature Hedly's "Surprise" Symphony, "Li-Kie Suite" by Prokofiev and "A Grand, Grand Festival Overture" by Malcolm Arnold. Kooman said that in Arnold's piece, there are surprise guest soloists and clowns on hand. "I think that there are three vac- uum cleaners and a floor polisher (performing). I saw the scene and where they actually come in.՝ Kooman said.

Children will have the opportunity to walk through the orchestra during the last piece. Kooman said that the program will have about 45 minutes of actual music and afterwards, they will have a chance to talk with the musicians. A clown will also be present among the festivities.

There will be two performances: 10 a.m. at the LCWA gymnasium and 2 p.m. at the Gidalin Auditorium in Pullman. The con- cert is sponsored by GT&L and the Whitmberger Foundation.

For more information, call the Symphony office at 882-6555 or 1-800-494-ARTS.

'International' will include the U.S.
Valaree Johnson

Staff

"International doesn't mean foreign," says Tomomi Watanabe, Vice President of the Students' International Association.

Students from the United States are often misled by the word international, believing it to mean only foreign students are a part.

International Student's Week is coming up and everyone is encouraged to take part. The Students' International Program was created in 1991 with concern for the under- standing of the international community here at the University of Idaho.

Mary Ferrari, International Student Advisor, says the spirit of the program is to establish relationship- ships between students of all cultures, including American cul- ture.

"We are here to promote friendship among students from all over the globe," Ferrari says. "We address the needs and inter- ests of the complications of inter- national relationships.՝ SIA works toward improving the welfare of the individuals within the community. As diverse as this community is, communications between differ- ing cultures can be difficult.

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Mel Gibson stars as the tortured Prince of Denmark whose determination to avenge his father’s murder and the remarriage of his mother leads to an intricate tapestry of intrigue, deception and death. Hamlet, part of the ASUI Productions Shakespearean Film Festival will show March 29 at 7 p.m. in the Boxer Theater. Tickets are $1 undergrads, $2 general admission.

Musical Reviews

Chill Out
John Lee Hooker

If there are any living legends in the realm of music, 77-year-old John Lee Hooker fills the shoes better than anyone. You’d be hard pressed to find a contemporary blues artist that can attribute part of their style to Hooker’s influence. Now that the man who helped write the book on the blues is working on the latest revision.

John Lee Hooker’s latest release, Chill Out, finds new ways to blend traditional blues with modern style. Guest artists on the album include Carlos Santana, Booker T. Jones, Van Morrison and Ray Rogers, each of which lend their own flavor to a blues sound that has been a standard since the 1940s.

The title track, co-written and performed with Latin rock guitarist Carlos Santana is an adventure in Latin rhythm. Hooker’s timeless voice and Santana’s unmistakable guitar style fuse beautifully. The melody of “Serve Me Right to Suffer” and “Show Me How You Feel” features Booker T. Jones of Booker T and the MGs fame on organ and Van Morrison sharing the vocals and guitar playing with Hooker. He reminisces his own 1966 original “One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer,” with the help of slide guitar master Roy Rogers, and makes George Thorogood’s 1980s party-down version into a与un-lament rip-off.

By far the most stirring and soulful tracks are John Lee’s solo ventures, just him and his guitar. When a man’s had the blues as long as he has, it comes across the clearest without the young “tins covering the deep soul and conviction of this blues man who has earned every night a串ire. Luckily for the music world, he keeps on doing what he does best, singing the blues.

—Eric Marone

Lisa Brokop

For country music fans out there, there is an up-and-coming artist brimming with talent who just released a new album. Nominated for the Academy of Country Music Top New Vocalist, Brokop has also received recognition as Country America Magazine’s Top Ten Most Likely To Succeed in 1995. She was also nominated as the 1995 Juno Award Country Female Vocalist of the Year. Brokop is also a two time British Company Country Music Association (BCCMA) International Achievement Award recipient and a three time BCCMA Female Vocalist of the Year winner.

Her latest achievement is found on the Patriot Records Label. The first track off the album is “Take That,” a song about a beautiful horse. “Take that letter from your girlfriend/don’t let that gold ring off your hand/let your hand go down, look back/let the door says exit, baby, take that.”

The next two tracks on the album are somewhat repetitive ballads, but good to listen to nevertheless.

“Give Me A Ring Sometimes,” the fourth song on the album is another good song. It is about a man who kind of got cold feet about making a commitment, while the woman is ready. She tells him to give her a ring sometime, either by phone or an engagement ring.

The best song on the whole album is “Every Little Girl’s Dream.” I really love this album because it features an excellent mix of slide guitar, percussion and keyboards. It has an easy beat with uplifting but mellow vocals. This is one that you must listen to, describing it any further would not do it justice.

“Never Did Say Goodbye” is the next ballad on the album. It is a sweet tune with great piano, percussion, and harmony arrangements.

Track seven, “Who Needs You,” makes one want to go out and swing. It has a fast beat and I found myself tapping my pencil, my feet and anything else within reach to the infectious tune.

The last song on the album is moderately paced and is called, “Never Gonna Be Your Fool Again.” The lyrics are quite refreshing. “Well I might be a kicker for the Green Bay Packers/Might run for president/ might win the blind on a John Deer Tractor/I’m never gonna be, never gonna be your fool again.”

Lisa Brokop’s latest album features an artist with a new and refreshing sound. I highly recommend this album for all country music fans out there. It is available at most record stores.

—Amy Ridenour
Transportation will leave from the north end of the Student Union parking lot at 1 p.m. transportation will also be provided to the Pew Wow at Washington State University on April 1. A van will leave from the same area at 6 p.m. Both tours are free.

Dramatization at Ad. Aud.

"With Our Very Own Name," a one-woman dramatization of Mexican-American voices and visions, problems and promises, will be at 7 p.m. March 30 at the Administration Auditorium. For more information, contact Tanya Hoover at 885-7841.

Art exhibit to be held Mar. 30

An exhibit of Artwork by Native American Artisans is planned for March 30, on the Washington State University campus. The 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. show is set for the Fine Arts center and opens to the public without charge.

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Idaho track leaves competition in the dust

**Ben Carr**

There was no rest for the wicked last week. While most of the University of Idaho track team was preparing for Spring Break, the Idaho men's track team took an early leave to head down to the Kibbie Dome, but whatever it was, it worked for the UI track team.

"We were pretty pleased with how things went," Idaho coach Mike Keller said. "It was a good place meet and a qualifying meet for us. A lot of our guys broke the top ten for Idaho."

No fewer than nine Idaho athletes broke into the all-time Idaho top ten across.

In the track events at Stanford Felix Kamangirira broke into the record books with a time of 47.57 in the 400 meter dash as well as a time of 21.81 in the 200 meters. Kamangirira was edged out slightly by Niels Kruller who ran a 21.73 in the 200. In his final race at Tucson, Kruller finished fourth in the 100 meters with a time of 10.80. At Stanford track Bruder and Bernd Shredder raced each other close in the 5,000 meters. Bruder edged out Shredder slightly with a time of 14:25.6 to Shredder's 14:30.0. Bruder also broke into the UI top ten with his time of 5:21.13 in the 1500 meters.

In the field events the tracksters traveled to the Desert Relays with Bruder and took no prisoners. Idaho qualified several athletes for the Big Sky Championships and scored especially well for such a large competition.

Idaho qualified three men for the BSC championships in the hammer throw. Scott McCarr, Rich Conley and Kyle Daley all qualified and both McCarr and Daley broke into the Idaho top ten. At Tucson, Daley threw 160-Feet 3-inches to place eighth in the competition.

As well as breaking into the top ten in the hammer, McCarr placed fifth in the discus, and qualified the championships in both throwing events.

In the javelin, both Oscar Dunan and Danny Fredrickson threw over 200 feet to qualify for the championships. Dunan broke Idaho records with his throw of 220 feet 1 inch and Fredrickson was not far behind with a throw of 202 feet 7 inches.

Chris Kwarzma, Bart Om, Thad Hathaway, and Nielsen Keller all qualified in their events as well.

In the pole vault, Bart Om tripled his pleasure. Not only did his jump of 15 feet 7 inches bring him a fifth place spot during the competition in Arizona, but it qualified him for the championships and also broke him into the Idaho record books.

Kruller was uncontainable in Arizona. Besides his excellent work in the shorter dashes, Kruller placed first in Tucson in the long jump. Kruller won with a jump of 24 feet 8.25 inches to beat his second competitor by four inches.

Kruller has been the mark of consistency for the Vandals this season, placing well every time he competes.

Of special note is the excellent performance by the Distance by Rick Wasserman. Wasserman scored 6,984 points and finished fourth in the championship. After the first event—the 100 meter dash—Wasserman was in twelfth place, but after his fourth place long jump Wasserman skyrocketed to fifth place. Wasserman depended on his consistency in the long jump, shot put and the high hurdles, and discus to elevate him over most of the field and come away with his high mark.

The Vandals are now looking towards their next competition, the Pac-10 meet, but not completely forgotten.

Talks of salary arbitration and the reinstatement of free agent bidding has got owners excited about agreement before opening day.

If an agreement isn’t reached before the season, you may find yourself security at stadiums to avoid my plan going into effect while the players are on the field.

With the justice system being slower than a Volkswagen Bug climbing Mt. Everest, you may be asking yourself, as I am, if there will ever be real baseball again.

With the level of play being better at the major college level, you may also find yourself watching Arizona State and Miami, rather than the Giants and the Dodgers.

Just remember that if you are really hard pressed to see competitive baseball in the near future, the excitement of my plan is almost unavoidable, so if you are staying at a hotel in a spring training city and you see the image of a man with a rifle on the skyline of a nearby building, just continue walking down the street with a smile on your face, knowing that justice is being served.

**Mark Vanderwall**

Idaho track star Niels Kruller once again showed he is among the nation’s elite after outdoing the competition in Arizona and California Track & Field action last week.

Cougar Invitational, at Washington State University.

"We’re going to be moving some of our runners around, trying to get everybody ready for the Championships," Keller said.

**Damon Barkdull**

Even tennis pro Andre Agassi would’ve shaken his head in disbelief if he had faced the same competition that the University of Idaho women’s tennis team went up against on a recent road trip to the sunny state of California.

Idaho’s women’s tennis team showed a galant Vandal effort on a recent California road trip as they competed against some of the best tennis schools in the nation.

In the first match the Vandals faced a strong Yale team and eventually fell 0-9 in singles matches, but as the women played on their improvement was evident.

"The level of play just wasn’t very high against Yale, but the women bonded back and could’ve easily upset Princeton in a few close matches," Idaho coach Greg Smith said.

**Bart Stangeberg**

Idaho track leaves competition in the dust

A new plan for the fed up fan

Someone has finally figured out a way to get the Idaho fans back on the field this opening day, but I think they will have to step up the game if the process is going to be a success.

Dave Short, a 35-year-old Atlanta Braves replacement player, was shot and killed in front of the Golden West Palm Beach Florida. Officials suspect robbery as the motive, but I think the same culprit was at fed up with labor talking as the rest of the world, and decided to take matters into his own hands.

If the talks don’t get anywhere sooner, I’ll bet the owner’s should pay spies to perch themselves opposite the buggy window and pretend to be wounded, not kill anyone they suspect as being a replacement fan. I have a feeling the Major Leaguers to end the hold-out.

I was equipped with a 150 pain sore pancake placed somewhere in the vicinity of the kneepatch could be the replacement play-
Idaho finishes second at invitational

Hogaboam leads Vandals to surprise finish in Lewiston

Montana State captured the team title and Boise State's Nichole Morrison won the individual honors in sudden death, but it was the performance of the Idaho women's team that was the big story at the University of Idaho Women's Golf Invitational played at Bryden Canyon Golf Course in Lewiston March 16-18.

Idaho finished second behind the Bobcats with a 45 hole total of 824. After shooting a school record 18 hole total of 329 in the first round on Monday, Idaho came right back to nearly equal that mark with an 18-hole team total of 330 on Tuesday. The Vandals finished ahead of Big Sky rivals Montana (856) and Boise State (880) with Gonzaga placing 60th (927).

Just five months ago the Vandals finished dead last at the Big Sky Conference championships, but this time the Vandals had a new weapon in sophomore Dawn Hogaboam. The Canadian newcomer finished fourth with a 45 hole total of 204.

"Dawna's addition has really raised the expectations of all the other girls," said Vocal coach Don Rasmussen. "It's really had a snowball effect."

During the fall season Idaho's 18-hole team average was 360 with this year's previous low team round being 335. Other Idaho finishes included Kelcie Vanvogt at 207 (7th), Marci Bernhardt at 208 (8th), Lewiston's Duany Blitz at 211 (tied for 10th), Kathryn Casens at 213 (13th), Cori Omdenude at 224 (19th) and Jennifer Cahan at 244 (256).

"I'm obviously very happy with the way we played these last two days," said Rasmussen. "We shot two great rounds of 18. That shows steady play."

Several Idaho players shot season low rounds during the tournament including Kathryn Casens with an 83, Kelcie Vanvogt with an 82 and Marci Bernhardt tied her low round with a 79.

The individual honors were decided after two playoff holes between Nichole Morrison of Boise State and Jen McGregor of Montana State. The two entered the final day tied for the lead and each shot a final round 78. Each shot par on the first playoff hole, the 410-yard, par five sixth hole. Morrison then sank a six foot par putt on the 335-yard par four seventh hole after McGregor had settled for a bogey.

"Those two girls just played great," said Rasmussen. "The schools in this conference have made great strides over the last two years. That's the reason you saw the scores that we had at this tournament. Teams have really improved."

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Winter intramurals wrap up, spring sports begin

Ben Carr

The week before Spring Break was replete with championship action for intramurals. Basketball and volleyball finished up while softball, co-rec basketball, and 3-on-2 volleyball begin this week.

In the men's competitive league championship Delta Sig crushed Tudor 51-37 and in men's recreation action Steam Donkey defeated the Wildcats 41-36 in a game that kept the crowd on the edge of their seat for most of the game.

In women's action the Bombers defeated Mix-Up 31-26 in competitive action and for the recreation league II is Enuf beat V-Ball 28-27.

In the volleyball competitive league SVV beat Forrest Bump in two games and for the recreation championship Johnny's Nascar buzzed Lambda Chi Alpha in three games.

In coming intramural action: entry deadlines for co-rec soccer and co-rec ultimate frisbee are approaching.

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Idaho athletics will lose a valuable part of its management team when its Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs heads out next week.

Lance West, who was promoted just last month to the aforementioned position has accepted a similar job at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

Friday will be West’s last day as a Vandal and then he will move on to handle the chores of Associate Vice-President for Institutional Management and Director for Athletic Development for the Thundering Herd.

“This is an opportunity to bridge the next step to being an athletic director at a bigger school and also an opportunity to work on a masters degree,” West said Monday.

The 1986 UI graduate has been an integral part of Vandal fundraising over the past nine years after playing football on scholarship for the Black and Gold.

“The University of Idaho has been great to myself and my family,” West said. “We have an excellent program not only in athletics but also in academics. I appreciate everything the University of Idaho has done for me.”

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Rice, May named state’s top athletes

After a 31-3 season, a third straight Big Sky conference crown and a third consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament, it was only fitting that the Idaho Vandals volleyball team was named the state of Idaho’s top team in 1994 at Saturday night’s Idaho Sports Banquet in Coeur d’Alene.

Although spring may bring showers and flowers for Idaho volleyball players it means a second season is full swing.

Vandal volleyball coach Tom Hilbert and his spikers are four weeks into their seven week spring program. Idaho will host a six-team tournament this weekend in Moscow, matching up against the likes of Washington State, Eastern Washington, Montana, Spokane Community College, and an Idaho alumnae team.

“This is how we develop our younger kids and try new things,” Hilbert said. “A lot of these kids haven’t played that much and this is a chance to get better.”

The UI squad has been practicing since early March and will continue through mid-April. Hilbert has a short squad this spring with 10 players participating in workouts, but only seven available for spring matches due to NCAA rules.

“I think we are putting a bigger focus on our younger players, trying to develop people like Jennie...”

Hilbert has his Vandal spikers in the thick of spring drills"...
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28. Author of "The Red Badge of Courage" (7)
29. Bank with a - (7)
30. Spanish for us (7)
31. Spanish equivalent of Mrs. (7)

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12. Heroes (7)
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14. "Turn it on!" (2, 5)
15. Volcanic erupt (3)
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Rolling, rolling down the drain

Brandon Nolta

March, in your P.Illsen's type. They were violent. In a recent interview, a police official said: "We have never seen such a violent attack in the city." However, according to the city's crime statistics, this is not the first time. In 2019, there were over 100 violent crimes reported in the city. The police are taking this incident very seriously.

The incident occurred on March 1st, when a group of people attacked a man using a variety of weapons, including knives and clubs. The man was taken to the hospital with severe injuries. The police are investigating the case.

In a statement, the city's mayor said: "This is a very serious incident and we are working with the police to get to the bottom of it. We are committed to ensuring the safety of our citizens." The mayor also called on the public to come forward with any information that may be helpful.

The police are still looking for the suspects. Anyone with information is urged to contact the police immediately.

Letter to the Editor

Nielsen knows novelty

Regarding Ralph Nielsen's letters, Ralph should seriously consider publishing a Biblical commentary entitled "Nielsen's Zany World of Biblical Interpretation." Without a doubt, Ralph has a gift for Scripture twisting, a true "master of disaster." Where common sense becomes non-sense and his out-of-context explanations are outrageously hilarious! They never fail to elicit a response from me and my friends, ranging anywhere from a mere chuckle to a flat-out roll. Sly devil, I don't know how he does it.

True, there are plenty of excellent commentaries on the market that do a great job of interpreting Scripture, those that take the critical, scholarly approach. However, they can be tedious and boring. It would be refreshing to come up with a commentary that doesn't follow the usual, humdrum, pedestrian course. Ralph's annotations of various Scriptures are so dissimilar from the rest, so original. The book would be a novelty!

Think of it, Ralph, you could embark on a new-life adventure, "Star-Trekking" so to speak. Boldly going where no theologian has dared to go before. Future generations will be able to say of Mr. Nielsen: "Truly, this man was a legend in his own mind."

Isn't it wonderful to know that in a world where we are constantly confronted by the harsh realities of life, there are still a few things that we can enjoy and not have to take seriously! O noble sage of the age, the world anxiously awaits your "new" revelations.

Larry Kazda

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Time for UI to cut programs

The University of Idaho has a lot of fat. Thousands of pounds of excess, perhaps even tons. The Idaho State Legislature noted it first and responded by not funding UI's fiscal year 1996 proposed budget by $32 per student as figured through student fees. The university later included additional fee increases to provide approximately $200,000 to allow room as the year progresses, making the student fee increase reach $67.

The State Board of Education, under the leadership of board President Roy Mosman, feels the fee increases (for all Idaho schools) are excessive and they should not exceed the consumer price index plus 2 percent, a formula the board set in 1991 to help hold fees down.

The board voted to stick by their formula, which will force higher education to stay at the same time balance their budgets. For UI, the proposed 8.66 percent increase must be lowered to 4.7 percent to meet the formula. Unfortunately, it will take about a 5.4 percent increase to balance the budget as written, and there's only one way to do that now. Trim fat.

Trimming is a problem most students are used to, and some have become old pros about it. For students, it means eating low fat Top Ramen and subscribing to basic cable that doesn't have the Discovery Channel. It also means selecting textbooks not to buy and dropping classes that require too many credits.

Since university officials are paid so well, and don't even need the piddling increases they get in their salaries every now and again, they'll probably need some advice from students who experience fat-trimming sacrifices over the year.

For UI, it will mean to cut programs. Sending the engineering program packing to Boise will cut a lot of overhead, which is what you want when you're preparing budgets—something that's become harder and harder because that's not what the budgeting process is all about. Just ask the Idaho Legislature; they're fatuous fat trimmers.

For the hard to reach places, entire classes will be cut. Smaller classes should be combined, lowering the need for expensive professors. English 103 and 104 courses should be united and graded by multiple choice tests fed through computers.

University housing rates are going up. All complexes should be sold to private businesses so they can charge competitive rates that allow them to ignore maintenance issues that can bog down universities.

In all, statewide administrators will do well to remember that there isn't much about education—it's about trimming fat. Our anorexic legislators know that already. No pain, no gain. It's a simple principle.

—Chris Miller

Insurance mandate has long way to go to prove beneficial

Russ Wright

M any of us, if you've kept track of the legislative sessions, have noticed that many of our state senators have about requiring students to have private health insurance, probably saw red.

So did I. Some initial thoughts: just how many students can possibly afford to be purchasing private health insurance? And what happens to those who cannot afford to purchase insurance? Are they then to be denied access to higher education based solely upon their financial status? Not all students have parents who write the big fat bill for a college education.

But, if you've read my article in the March issue, you've probably come away with a point of view different from your first reaction. It seems this position is familiar to you: that there are some students out there who can't afford private health insurance but are instead electing to use taxpayer-subsidized Medicaid.

What the hell. It's free, right?

No, it's not free. If you're one of those students using Medicaid when you can afford to do otherwise, bet you'll not be singing in a choir any time soon. It seems that the majority of you are from middle and upper income families, and have never had to pay anything whatsoever for health care.

In fact, Medicaid is supposed to be aimed at those students who are below the poverty line. Students who have been approved for Medicaid are required to have proof that their families earn a certain amount of money, called a "family income level." The family income level is determined by the state and varies depending on the number of people in the family, the type of assistance programs the family receives, and the number of other children in the family.

For example, the median family income for a family of four in Montana is $37,000. A family with an annual income below the poverty line is eligible to enroll in Medicaid. The poverty line is established by the federal government and is based on the number of people in the family and the type of assistance programs the family receives.

Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that provides health care coverage to low-income individuals and families. It is one of the largest and most important health care programs in the United States. Medicaid covers a wide range of medical services, including hospitalization, emergency room care, doctor visits, prescription drugs, and more.

Medicaid also provides coverage for long-term care services, such as home health care, personal care services, and nursing home care. In addition, Medicaid covers preventive services, such as immunizations, screening tests, and counseling services.

Medicaid is funded by both the federal government and the states. The federal government pays a portion of the cost of Medicaid, and the states pay the remaining portion.

Medicaid is also known as "Medi-Cal" in California and "MaineCare" in Maine. Medicaid is available in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

In short, if you can afford private health insurance, there is absolutely no reason for you to be using Medicaid. It is only a last resort for those who cannot afford private health insurance.

It is unfortunate that such a large number of students are using Medicaid, as it is a program that is designed to help those who cannot afford private health insurance. It is a program that is meant to be a last resort for those who cannot afford private health insurance, and it is not meant to be used as a substitute for private health insurance.

It is time for all students to take responsibility for their health care and to ensure that they have access to the care they need. It is time for all students to support legislation that would require all students to have private health insurance, or to provide a public option that would be affordable and accessible to all students.

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