Health insurance debate continues in legislature

Perception of students at Gitman less than favorable

Russ Wright
Staff

University of Idaho officials and students are wondering what impact a legislator's recent suggestion to require Idaho college students to have private health insurance will have.

Idaho Senator Grant Ipen has had a letter sent to the State Board of Education asking the presidents of Idaho's colleges and universities to consider the matter. At issue are uninsured students and the impact they are having on the state's Medicaid system.

"I am more worried about the county's indigency fund," said ASU President John Wilson, "and I don't like the idea of mandating people to have health insurance." Wilson is also worried that requiring students to have health insurance or a condition for enrollment may have the effect of excluding some people from access to higher education.

Cecil Grupp, director of Human Resources and Risk Management, said UI has requested figures for the number of students using Medicaid from state officials, but the request was denied due to concerns about confidentiality.

"We aren't asking for names," Grupp said, "All we wanted to know was numbers." Vice President of Student Affairs Hal Godwin said, "We will look very carefully at any change and see what it means to students."

"We want to keep prices reasonable for students," Godwin said.

Grupp said she has "a philosophical concern" about the possibility of mandatory student health insurance.

"It's singling out students as a particular class of people," Grupp said, "whether for other people in other situations there isn't a requirement (to have health insurance). Our students are adults. They're responsible for those choices."

We put together a package of insurance and make sure it's available and presented to all students," Grupp said. "We want all students to know it's available."

Grupp noted that students have to initial the fee statements in order to decline having insurance. "It's a conscious, affirmative choice to not purchase the insurance," said Grupp. Information about the insurance—which the university makes no profit from—is mailed to all UI students during the summer. A local insurance agent underwrites the insurance.

Rather than requiring insurance for all students, Wilson suggested the possibility of setting aside a small portion of student fees to bolster the county's indigency fund. "That's where the big impact is," said Wilson.

Grupp did not know if Wilson's idea was feasible or not but thought the idea certainly had merit and deserved further consideration.

"It's a totally fresh idea," said Grupp. "We're sensitive to the economic burden (uninsured students) place on the county's indigency fund."

Dr. Donald Chin, director of UI Student Health Services, said he has conducted his own survey of UI students who use the Student Health Center. Although Chin's survey was not necessarily scientific and may not be representative of the overall student population at UI, he said about 85 to 87 percent of the students who use the Health Center had some form of health insurance.

"I wish we had universal coverage for everyone," said Chin. "It's the dream of all physicians. The question is, how do we get there?"

Chin encourages students who do not have health insurance to purchase it. "It's unwise to not carry insurance. People should protect and cover themselves," said Chin.

Although the Student Health Center offers prescriptions, tests and outpatient visits at rates below the market average, it is the

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BSU engineering students come to scope out UI

Michelle Kalbelizer
Staff

Several civil engineering students from Boise State University visited the University of Idaho this week to become oriented with the campus and facilities of the school they will soon attend.

The students are currently attending UI's Engineering program at BSU. The move to Moscow is spurred by the need for an accredited degree, which BSU will not be able to offer for two more years. The students said they were worried that the initial lack of accreditation would adversely affect future job opportunities upon graduation.

"It's harder to get into graduate schools without an accredited degree," said Howard Peavy, chair of UI Civil Engineering. "We're going to get that program down there accredited as soon as possible. It will be two years before we can ask for an accreditation visit."

Ironically, the program needs graduates before an accreditation visit can take place.

Until recently engineering students could attend the program at BSU for two years and then transfer up to Moscow to finish their degree. Now students can finish their degree at UI's extension in Boise.

The engineering program in Idaho has been a volatile topic with the State Board of Education. Micron offered BSU $6 million to start a BSU-run engineering program. This started controversy because UI already offers a nationally-respected engineering program.

"The students would prefer their degree would say 'UI degree' rather than a BSU degree," said Ken Godwin. "We want to be clear because the technical requirement here other than at BSU," said Edwin Schmeeckle, assistant professor of civil engineering.

The State Board of Education denied the

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Residence halls face rate increases

Jennifer Eng
Staff

Residence hall officials confronted the students living in the residence halls about the rate increases that they are proposing Wednesday night.

Students were made aware of the increases the day before spring break began. Wednesday was one of their first chances to ask questions and share their opinions about the increases in a public meeting.

The hall increase in the halls is 4.7 percent. This raises students' room and board rates anywhere from $129 to $235 per year. Returning students would be given a $15 rebate for coming back to the halls.

Rate increases would be used for several renewal and replacement projects as well as keeping consistent with the rising cost of living.

These projects include safety, building and handicap improvements as well as interior and exterior remodeling, and facility and service improvements. Improvements are based on the needs for increased safety and security, improving accessibility and moving in-line with the needs of the students.

Program which would benefit from the increase in rates are academic assistance, and the introduction of more co-ed living establishments. One such establishment will see itself coming on in the McConnell Hall, which is currently under renovation.

Funds directed towards academic assistance would be used to put test files in the basement of Wallace Complex, establish tutor services and study groups.

In the past increases have been used for many worthwhile projects such as replacing the roof on the Wallace complex, upgrading both Gaelt and Upham Hall relating to safety issues, and adding card access to various residence halls as well as Thelma Towers.

Students are concerned with single room rates going up so drastically. However, they feel that the increases are fair for the most part. Sue Piers, who attended the meeting to help represent the concerns of students, stated that there should be sensitivity given for the people that come back to the halls year after year.

Students feel that if they are contributing so much to the upkeep, remodeling and the promotion of the residence halls, they should receive some incentives beyond the $125 rebate. Students have suggested freezing rates and earlier awarding of single rooms.

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tioning him after she discovered the possibility that he was abusing her daughter.

According to police reports, Shiozawa pursued his wife in a chase that finally ended in him forcing her car off the road along Interstate 10. He then allegedly hit her in the face and after forcing her back in the bed climbed in the back seat where he pulled Lexie and proceeded to stab her with a pocket knife.

During the assault, Leslie Shiozawa was stabbed in the arm while allegedly trying to free her daughter. Assault charges were also filed against Boyd following the dispute.

Before the television audience, Leslie Shiozawa took the stand as prosecutor's witness testifying as the second child's attorney several times. Shiozawa has maintained that Lexie fell on the knife.

After the stabbing, Leslie Shiozawa claimed that she convinced the defendant to drive them to the hospital promising "to do anything" if he was released. She further stated that Shiozawa threatened her and her daughter if he did not support his story.

At the hospital she faked a fainting spell after Shiozawa continued to insist that she was only there to explain the situation to a nurse and have the police notified.

In contrast testimony to Leslie Shiozawa's testimony that she had not collaborated with Boyd, Leslie, Dr. Denis Minister said that he had observed only "sucking" wounds on Lexie's back.

Sixth District Magistrate Boyd White said medical evidence does seem to support Shiozawa's story. "There is no question she was stabbed. The question is how is happened."

At press time, no date has been set for a possible jury trial.

Shiozawa remains free on his own recognizance. He resigned from his post as ASU Business Senator two weeks ago for reasons related to his legal situation. —ISU Bengal

WSU dean to attend Fulbright Seminar in Germany

Bernard Oliver, dean of WSU's University College of Education, was selected to participate in the 1995 Seminar of U.S. Adjudicators in International Education by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. The seminar, which will be held in London, will begin in January on 1995.

A group of 25 American educators is selected annually for the seminar from 70-70 applicants, according to Richard Pettit, program coordinator for Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

"All the applicants are well-qualified, so it is quite a mark of distinction to be selected," Pettit said in a phone interview.

The Fulbright grant awarded to Oliver covers all expenses, including round-trip transportation and accommodations.

The seminar will be held for the semester for the benefit of the college of the delegates.

The partnership with the Japanese school district of Nishinomiya is one of the ongoing collaborative relationships the college has established, said Oliver. The purpose of the seminar is the exchange of international education and development of possible opportunities through the seminar.

Toxic algae blamed for bird deaths

Thousands of water birds that died mysteriously at the Salton Sea national Wildlife Refuge seem to have been poisoned by a toxic form of algae that blooms in the salty lake, according to new findings by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

About 15,000 seabirds were found dead at the Salton Sea during March and February of 1995 and 1992, and another 20,000 died between 1990 and 1994. No die-offs occur in 1993, adding to the mystery.

Tests on the carcasses of gobies, detected high concentrations of poison, called microcystin, in their livers. Microcystin is a blue-green algae, has no known natural occurrence.

In some birds, the toxin was high enough to account for scute liver tissue damage, according to a report by Wayne Carmichael, an aquatic biologist at Wright State University in Ohio. The gobies probably ingested the toxin by drinking the water. The Salton Sea is a major wintering ground for migratory birds from throughout the Pacific Flyway, including eared grebes.

Police hope to find dead bodies in Japan's most notorious cult

Tokyo police follow up grimly inquiries into the activities of the Aum Supreme Truth Cult, the organisation that was blamed for the deadly attack on a Moscow subway train on March 20 that left 102 passengers dead and affected another 5,900.

"Aum Supreme Truth has nothing to do with religion and it won't be long before we start finding bodies," a police official in Tokyo said, adding that police officers who swept the rural area, investigating reports by former followers of the secretive sect who have said they saw corpses being burned.

Police attention focused largely on a building that the sect called Satsansk 2, described as a maze-like complex housing a chemical laboratory that was hidden behind a wall. "Satsansk is the Sanskrit word for 'truth.'"

Police have yet to discover any bodies but have recovered potentially dangerous chemical elements from the sect. Several sophisticated chemical devices, bacterial-production materials and quantities of a gas that produces a deadly toxin have been found.

At least some followers have suffered chemical burns from physical exposure. One of the hospitalized sect followers has signs of deep corrosion and another has nerve gas used in the attack on the Moscow subway.

Gingerich leaves teaching position

Democrats and the duties of being a congressman cause the House Now Congregation to stop teaching a weekly college class at Reinhardt College.

Democrat have charged the speaker with accepting free air time worth $300,000 and $300,000 from local television firm to air the class. Gingerich has been teaching a series to protesters in America for the past three years. Only one class remains in the quarter before Gingerich quit.

"We're Not Your Mother," a perfor- mance at the Huntington Library in the Department of Complex Systems today from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and at the Psychology Building. The presentation, which focuses on how methods are used to study the challenges of applying human fact- tors to complex system design such as traffic air control, ship naviga- tion systems and computer networks, will be given by Roy Kaufman, an associate professor of computer science.

Meet the, on Saturday April 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the newly constructed Center for Performing Arts.

The new Center for Performing Arts in the Performing Arts Building on Club A has been awarded the Grand Opening.

The Center for Performing Arts is intended to provide a venue for various community events, including concerts, lectures, and other cultural programs.

About the Center for Performing Arts:

The Center for Performing Arts is a 450-seat venue that features state-of-the-art acoustics and lighting systems. It is equipped with a professional stage and curtain, allowing for both live performances and recorded media presentations.

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With its modern facilities and inviting atmosphere, the Center for Performing Arts is the perfect venue for a wide range of events, from small private gatherings to large-scale cultural events.
Homosexual issues discussed at hall forum

Christine Erney

Approximately 20 people filled the Upliam Hall lounge Wednesday night to hear from panelists on the campus Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Association.

The forum, which was put on in cooperation with Residence Life, was designed to put faces and stories behind gay, lesbian and bisexual issues, in light of the recent controversy concerning a gay man in Upliam Hall.

Earlier this semester, flyers pasted by a gay student on a Upliam Hall bulletin board advertising the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Association were torn down and replaced with flyers reading, "The MEN of Upliam Hall do not want or need Pagans in our hall."

One audience member and Upliam Hall resident said, "A lot of people told me very offensive that there is religious stuff and sexual stuff posted in our house. Why do you insist on posting GLBA signs in our hall?"

The panelists responded by saying that GLBA flyers are not promoting a sexual message and that the flyers are protected by the First Amendment.

One panelist, Sian, said that he and all the other panelists have contemplated suicide, and that the purpose of the flyers is to prevent death. "We're not trying to offend people, those flyers are only there to save a life."

He also said that according to Bruce Pitman, dean of students, Upliam Hall can vote that only Upliam Hall business can be posted on Upliam Hall bulletin boards; however, the hall cannot vote to exclude posting from certain groups. "This would be considered discrimination, which is against university policy," he said.

One audience member encouraged the idea of a Upliam Hall meeting to attend a "meeting: If the flyers make you uncomfortable because you don't know what GLBA is all about, then you should go to a meeting," said: "The more you know... SEE FORUM PAGE 6

No change in Moscow bong status, despite recent ban

Dawn Casey

Enforcement of the U.S. Supreme Court "ban on bongs" may not require any more effort by the Moscow Police Department than is already spent controlling illegal drug use.

As of January 1, 1995, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled sale of drug paraphernalia illegal.

Drug paraphernalia, however, is already illegal—"for as long as most can remember."

Objects with dual purposes such as pipes, bongs, and other drug paraphernalia were the subject of a 1990 police bust in Iowa and led to the recent ruling. Since the new year, those dual purpose objects were liquidated in widespread clearance sales across the country.

The focus of the ruling, however, has no target retail market in Moscow—there are no stores that sell products that can be classified as drug paraphernalia.

Of the timeliness of U.S. Supreme Court rulings which are often not swift to appear as tangible, Moscow Police Chief Bill Browne said "Generally, it takes ages to filter down to the local community."

Most of the time and effort spent by police goes directly to dealing with drug possession and use. The federal law against the sale of paraphernalia is hoped to take care of itself, most police departments do not have time to visit boutiques and check the inventory.

The fine line that "bong shops" across the country have been stepping on apparently is by posting sign that read "For Tobacco Use Only." Cities say those products are clearly not intended for tobacco—"who smokes tobacco out of a bong?"

Actually, some people do, according to an employee at Zanie's, a novelty shop in Spokane which sells tobacco products. They call it a water pipe and say it purifies the tobacco.

Water pipes can be used to smoke marijuana but the store is quick to point out that they sell only tobacco products. The ruling has not affected the store, the employee said, although their selection of water pipes and other tobacco products has grown smaller since the new year.

In any case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling is an attempt to curb the sales of products labeled for tobacco use but intended for drugs. The problem stems from the interest in every- thing from plumbing equipment to fishing hooks and plastic bags.

Plastic bags, which are sold by grocery stores and intended for use with food, were found in the Troy home of Donald Sitt, who was arrested Wednesday on a drug trafficking charge after detectives found one ounce of powdered methamphetamine in his apartment, according to an article in Thursday's edition of the Moscow-Pullman Daily News.

But the empty bags were considered drug paraphernalia due to their proximity to $1,500 worth of methamphetamine the articles said.

The ruling will probably not affect the sale of plastic bags at local grocery stores.

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Developer faces curse if construction continues

An ultra-Orthodox Jewish sect threatens to call the most lethal curse upon a developer who they claim will desecrate Jewish graves by constructing apartments and parking lots in the old city of Jaffa, Israel. “Punishments come from heaven. The rabbis have the power to call for it,” says Yehuda Meshi-Zahav, an organizer of the Herdtn, the ultra-Orthodox Jews calling for the curse.

The Herdtn have demonstrated against Udi Ilan, the developer, by vandalizing equipment, threatening to boycott his bank and have already imposed on him a lesser curse. Unless he stops his construction, the Herdtn say they will be forced to use the strongest, most lethal curse available, the Pula de Nura.

Within the Jewish religion itself there is a strong thread of mysticism, called Kabbalah. It uses secret rituals, blessings, curses and supernatural interpretations. "Aliot of people believe in it," says Ithamar Gorenwald, a professor of Jewish Thought at Tel Aviv University. "They wouldn’t practice it. But deep down in their heart, they may believe that if something bad happens to a person, it may be because he is cursed.”

The Pula de Nura is rarely imposed because of its gravity, and because of a peculiar effect: it can boomerang, if the ritual is incorrectly performed—a real risk, since the elaborate procedures are passed down only by word of mouth— or if the target of the curse has been previously blessed, the curse can rebound to injure a person who made the curse. Ilan is not afraid. "I will outlive the rabbi who curses me," says the 44-year-old developer.

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Hospital officials and county commissioners—who are in charge of the indigency fund—were unavailable for comment.

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Another student, Phil White, stated that the proposal is fair for the services that students receive and the improvements that they are making, but he would like to see residence hall officials taking care of day to day problems more. White felt that safety and maintenance issues need to be taken care of in a more timely fashion. “The new study room is great, but my water is still orange,” White said.

The panel of residence hall officials, which included Roger Oentli, Stuart Davis, Jim Bausen, Chuck Labine and Gail Kraus, have been working consistently with students to communicate their concerns and give students an instrument to voice their concerns.

The panel feels that there are a great number of reasons for people to live on campus. They asserted that strong living groups, such as residence halls, enhance the college experience.

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request and instead decided to make large improvements in the current program. Improvements include bringing more faculty to live and work in Boise, purchasing laboratory equipment, as well as actively pursuing accreditations in two more years.

ASUI President Sean Wilson said, "In the end the students won, sometimes at least if this thing continues." Wilson feels that the heart of this con-


problem began to the might with now," of frater-


"As a group we don't have anything but praise for our faculty at BSU," said Brian Lopin, an engineering student at BSU. "We're just looking as far as our own careers right now."

Despite the fact the students are transferring to Moscow, they said they were happy to see the changes implemented, but worried they might not happen soon enough to positively


Said Peavy said BSU is excited to make significant


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Sigma Phi Epsilon joins UI Greek community

Melissa Johnson Staff

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity has been teaching men how to become balanced since 1901 and will soon continue on with the tradition at the University of Idaho.

Mike Carlone, Director of Alumni and Chapter Development for Sig Ep, is currently at the UI helping to recruit new members.

"We have the opportunity to find students who might've for whatever reason didn't find that the Greek system appealed to them then, can appeal to them now," Carlone said, of the advantage their fraternity has in recruiting those men who chose not to rush.

"Regardless of people's age, year in school, living situation—on or off campus—Sigma Phi Epsilon has a world-class program and high membership standards," Carlone said, explaining how members will benefit from a fraternity experience where they are associated with a group of people that have

proven themselves successful in academics, community and campus involvement.

"It offers something for everyone that's motivated. All of this is done in an environment which is made to be fun and social too," Carlone said.

Once established, the chapter can decide themselves whether or not they want to build or purchase a chapter house, live independently, or get a section in part of a hall.

Carlone feels that one of the positive things about Sig Ep is that the fraternity no longer has a pledge program. The members become the first day and learn about the fraternity through a program called the "Balanced Man Project." In the fall of '92, the fraternity began the project.

"We like to consider Sigma Phi Epsilon as the fraternity of firsts. We had the first headquarters, the first (and largest) traveling staff and we were the first to remove exclusionary bylaws," Carlone said.

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Ten personal safety alarms will be in place at the University of Idaho Library for students to use as early as April 10. With a student ID card, students will be able to check out the alarms for a 24 hour period.

The alarms, or “beepers,” were donated to the ASUI Safety Task Force by the ASUI activities board as part of an ongoing effort to improve campus safety. The beepers are compact devices that emit a 107 decibel sound when activated.

Newly appointed Safety Task Force chairperson Kat Tivol hopes to eventually have beepers accessible at the Student Union, the base- ment of Wallace Complex, and in the residence halls. The Women’s Center already has beepers available.

She said, however, that the beepers only work if individuals use good judgment.

“All we’re saying is: here’s something else to help you feel safe, but use your common sense,” she said.

Students should note that to falsely activate one of the alarms is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and to do so will result in disciplinary action by the Judicial Council.

In addition, the task force is working to increase the number of night watchmen who patrol the campus. At this time, two full-time and four part-time watchmen are employed.

Tivol said the task force is applying for funding through work study in order to hire more watchmen. However, the number of new watchmen that may be hired next fall is unknown until the task force is notified of the amount of money that it is awarded.

“The problem with work study is we don’t know how much we are going to get,” Tivol said. “With work study, there’s either enough and we’re fine, or we’re going to have to go and petition for other money from other sources to pay for these people,” she said.

Extensive background checks are done on applicants before they are hired.

“Another thing that we’re doing is all of us are walking around campus and seeing what bushes are blocking lights, what bushes need to be cut in general, what lights are out,” Tivol said.

She said the task force plans to submit a "wish list" to the Environmental Health and Safety Department. Among the requests the group hopes to have realized are emergency telephones, called “blue light” telephones for the light that marks the location, and better lighting on campus walkways.

“The current lights near the administration are antiquated lamps. They order the parts form Europe. It’s a struggle to even keep them working at this point, so when we talked about upgrading they basically laughed,” said ASUI Public Relations Coordinator Laura West.

“But at some point they are going to have to replace those lights. They’re not going to last forever,” she said.

Currently, the task force is working in conjunction with the Women’s Center, Greeks Against Rape and the Residence Hall Association to plan activities for Sexual Assault Awareness week, April 16-22. Among the plans are a mock rape trial, self defense classes, Purple Ribbon Day, and a panel of survivors.

The ASUI Safety Task Force meets Wednesdays, April 12, at 6 p.m. in the Student Union. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact the ASUI office at 885-6944.

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Carlson says that the national fraternity chose the UI campus location to start a new chapter because of its established Greek system, the high number of members currently in other fraternities on campus and the UI campus size.

“We feel pretty confident that in most environments we can be very successful. We have programs that work and we have the resources and staff,” Carlson said.

The chapter began its recruitment efforts in August with 10 recruits. By the end of next week the chapter should have between 20-25 new recruits.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is the largest fraternity in the country, with chapters on 275 campuses.

The fraternity has 15,500 undergraduate members and a living alumni population of about 140,000.

Interested men can attend one of three 20-minute informational meetings. For more information about the meetups or the fraternity, call 882-8550 and ask for Mike or Jim.

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know about us the more comfortable you will feel. We’re people. We’re well rounded individuals.”

A panelist named Kathy said that homosexuals do not have equal rights under the law. “Try getting married,” she said.

“I’ve been with the same woman for five years, and we can’t get married. If one of us is killed or injured in a car accident, the family could interfere. Her family could step in and take all my belongings.”

“I’ve had friends commit suicide, been beaten up, raped, and run out of a city council race. And it gets pretty old. I don’t like people teaching gay children that homosexuality is wrong,” Kathy said.

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The first was relief that I was not alone in my belief that men and women should have equal rights, opportunities and responsibilities while disdained by the petty ridiculosity of the current feminist movement.

The second was that Denfeld took the details and analysis too far, to the point of seemingly end- less repetition.

I could relate to being turned off by the anti-men, male-bashing crusade. When Louise Chemin, co-president of Seattle NOW, says things like "Men are the enemy," as she did a few years ago, I cringe.

I like men, thank you. That is not to say that I don't like women. Quite the contrary, but I like people for their specific traits, not for their maleness or femininity. Idiots are idiots whatever their gender.

The fact that the organized women's movement is preoccupied with things I feel are secondary was only confirmed by Denfeld's research. Her research also indicated I am far from alone.

In the introduction, Denfeld describes the people who turned out for a reading of Orestis Steinem gave in 1993 to promote her book Revolution from Within: A Book of Miracles. "The crowd was overwhelmingly white, in their late thirties and older, and definitely middle-class to affluent. Women who are in the midst of the struggle to balance work, families and relationships while thereby avoiding poverty find Steinem's happy pursuit of her inner child disconcerting. Many women are more worried about caring for their actual children than they are about themselves."

Recent works by the current powers in the feminist movement concern men as the all-powerful oppressor, cultural attitudes surrounding such things as monopsony and inner health and spirituality. Denfeld said "...issues that women my age tend to see as secondary to economic and political inequality." I agree.

Then there is the anti-pornography, anti-sexual campaign. Andrea Dworkin used to be considered on the fringe, a radical of the feminist movement. Now she is a mainstream. In Pornography: Men Possessing Women (1979) She said, "In the male system, sex is the penis, the penis is sexual power, its use is in — it is manhood." Her position has not changed in the intervening years, nor if her statements on the TV show Politically Incorrect last week and Denfeld's many other quotes are representative.

Sorry, Andrea, I like sex. I even (dare I say it?) like sex with men. I even buy Penthouse Variations from time to time.

Every time someone like her goes on national television decrying heterosexual encounters as a male drive forcing women to debase themselves, it makes the movement that much harder for liberated women to follow.

And Dworkin is far from alone in such radical ideas which are a betrayal of that for which their predecessors fought so hard. There is Marilyn Frye, who urges women to separate themselves from all social interaction with men. Kay Leigh Hagen agrees with Frye recommending separatism as a way of limiting access to the oppressor to the oppressed. "What about our sons and brothers? Husbands and lovers? If seems current feminists believe any male to be an oppressor.

Rose Weitz has written that feminism is a political act and therefore "the fans of feminists and lesbians are inevitably intertwined." I thought most lesbians just preferred sex with women.

What about bisexual women? Are they being political part of the time and oppressed by men the rest?

Do feminists then believe women have no sexual desires? It sometimes seems so.

As Denfeld said, "Women of my generation, thanks to earlier feminists, have choices. We can decide to marry or not, to bear children or not, and, thanks in large part to the sexual revolution, to take female lovers if we so choose."

Amen. But the debt we owe is not to the movement, which like all political groups swings eventually to the extreme (just look at the two major political parties for proof of that), or to the women who went before us, it is to our sons and daughters and their futures after them.

Thanks to smaller organizations, the concerns of women will continue to be addressed, even if the feminist movement has been terribly deserted and betrayed us.
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Program focuses on sexual assault awareness

Valarée Johnson

Sexual assault is increasingly recognized as a pervasive problem on university campuses. The Women's Center, in collaboration with the ASUI Safety Task Force and Greeks Against Rape, is sponsoring events and programs throughout the month to promote awareness of sexual assault.

Betsy Thomas, Director of the Women's Center, infoms that 1 in 4 female college students are victims of rape or attempted rape. Thomas believes the way to reduce such shocking statistics is through education and awareness.

A survey from the Women's Center in 1988 showed that 41% of females and 7% of males polled had been forced to engage in sex and 65% of females, 17% of males had unwanted physical contact.

Communication is the key to decreasing the risk of sexual assault.

- "Women need to be direct, in control, and assertive," says Thomas. Likewise, she believes that men should clarify the messages that women send. "A consent to foray isn't a consent to intercourse," says Thomas.

Thomas believes that because many students come from rural backgrounds, some are not prepared for situations of sexual assault.

The following programs will be presented at the Women's Center to aid in sexual assault awareness:

April 4 Once Can Hurt A Lifetime, by Marilyn Van Derbur, a video illustrating how sexual assault affects people and their relationships.

April 5 Warning: The Media May Be Hazardous to Your Health, a tape presented by former model Ann J. Simonton illustrating how violence is created and accepted in media images.

April 11 "Keralia: The Emerald Coast of India," Marina, a graduate student from India explores how the women from Kerala enjoy a higher status than the average Indian woman.

April 12 "Women's Role in the Holistic Population Perspective"Julie Silber-Tepp, will comment on the leadership roles women can take in public policy making.

April 18 "Recovering From Sexual Abuse and Assault"Martha Klymow, licensed psychologist at UI, will address the strategies of recovery for victims and tell how friends and family can help in the healing process.

April 19 "Learning to Receive Appropriate Touch"Marge Kay, Certified Massage Therapist, will discuss how victims of violence and sexual assault can reconnect and accept appropriate touch.

April 21 "Breaking Cycles of Violence, Ending Cycles of Silence": features a panel of survivors of sexual assault who will discuss their personal processes of recovery.

These programs begin at 12:30 in the Women's Center Lounge. Keep posted for events sponsored by GAR and ASUI Safety Task Force during National Sexual Assault Awareness Week April 17-23.

POLITICALLY INCORRECT, AND PROUD OF IT.

This week's ASUI events

If you're looking for something to do now that you're back from spring break, ASUI Productions has films, coffeehouses, and a concert this week to add a study break or two into your schedule.

On March 29, the ASUI film series will conclude its Shakespearean film festival with Hamlet. This particular film is the 1990 version of the famous play with Mel Gibson starring in the lead role.

Hamlet will be shown at the Bohor Theater at 7 p.m. Admission for UI undergraduates is $1 with their Vandals Card, and $2 for general admission.

If you can't see Hamlet into your schedule, the ASUI coffeehouse series continues this week with open mike night April 1. For those who wish to perform music, sing, or read poetry, sign up this weekend for the event.

Lifestyles Briefs

Free rides to concert April 1

SIA will provide free transportation to the Washington Idaho Symphony in Pullman on April 1. Transportation will leave from the north end of the Student Union parking lot at 5 p.m. transportation will also be provided to the Pow Wow at Washington State University on April 1. A van will leave from the same area at 6 p.m. Both events are free.

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Camping doesn't always mean wilderness

Helen Hill

If you think your chances for a short or weekend camping with nature are gone until summer, think again. A fine day in May is over, you are mistaken. Ditto if you think it requires hours of travel from Montgomery city. There are numerous developed and undeveloped camping areas in the immediate vicinity. The nearest one is three miles from town at Robinson Lake Park. The site is sloping wet, now, but should dry out by mid-April. Areas for tents and campers or RV's are separated by a creek with a feet-wide footbridge. The RV/camper area has newly paved spaces, but no utilities. Outdoor restrooms are available. The park offers playground, field, nature trail and picnic area. It is built on what was a man-made lake, possibly from the mid-19th century. The concrete core dam which held the lake is still in place, dividing the park.

The gates shut at sundown over the winter, but are scheduled to stay open beginning April 1. Before making plans for an overnight stay any time close to that date, check with Latah Parks and Recreation at 582-7902. For something a little farther out, Sheriff's National Park is 7 miles east on state Highway 8 is an option. It offers a few campers and several tent areas.

The test sites vary from next to the road to the far side of the reservoir. This is a popular spot later in the year. The sites away from the road are not, for the most part, developed; those by the road are only minimally developed. Outdoor restrooms are available by the two main park access areas, but no water. Along with bringing your water (or whatever you like to drink and wash with), you need to pack out whatever trash cans are provided.

The lower spots are still damp, but the ones partially up the hill are all right a day or two after the last rain. One spring, a very windy, wet storm blew in while my husband and I went out. Since we were in a draw and did not have the best of tents, we packed it in. Being close to town gave us that option, and with the region's changeable weather, it is always something to keep in mind. The reservoir is stocked with bass and trout. A series of trails circle the water and loop through the trees. Fishing and relatively easy hiking are common activities. Not much further out are a handful of camps.

Glendele White Pine, about 35 miles northeast of Moscow on state Highway 6, has less than ten camp sites, dense, tall trees and friendly chipmunks which will close offered chips. It is cool year round, so might be better later in the spring or summer. It has outdoor restrooms but no water.

Laird Park, about 30 miles northeast of Moscow on state Highway 6, has 25 camp sites for campers and tents. It has water, but no power or dump site. A river flows through its woods.

A sign greets visitors at the entrance of Robinson Park.

Dennis Sasse

A trip to Hawaii: spring break dreams come true

Dave Lewis

The beach at Waikiki offers more to do than watch tourists by their bodies in the sun. Adventurous beach bums can learn to ride a wake in a pseudo-traditional outrigger canoe. Ancestors of native Hawaiians came to twin-hulled double hulled canoes using sails. Several hundred miles of surfing expeditions were accomplished using single hulled outrigger canoes made of wood. An outrigger, a wooden pontoon attached to the canoe, makes the canoe more stable. Considering the inexperienced "crowd" of tourists riding most Waikiki beach canoes, stability is a flattering attribute.

Overweight of these boats charge a small fee for a trip out through the breakers. Peddlers of all shapes sizes and abilities are happy riding the surf, but most of the canoes lack enough stoke to up and near these boats enjoy4. Snorkelers watching an attempt to paddle. I saw one woman facing backyard.

The experienced paddlers that man these canoes easily overcome this minor hindrance and give their paying customers the ride of their lives. The experience in the outrigger canoe becomes a surf board for six.

It is a great way for people unfamiliar with the water to ride the breakwave in relative safety. Curiously, nobody wears a personal flotation device, but then neither do real surfers, dude!

The crystal water lapping at Hawaii Island beaches is luxuriously warm. It is also teeming with colorful fish. These two facts make snorkeling a popular activity, both on Waikiki Beach and beyond Diamond Head at Hanauma Bay.

According to a sign enroute to the bay, until a few years ago, the waters of Hanauma Bay were fished so heavily that the bay was nearly fished out. Hanauma Bay is now a wildlife preserve where locals and tourists alike go to view the diversity of the non-deep with snorkel tube, mask and fins. The water is shallow near the beach and many snorkelers are surprised to see so many fish.

There is a sensation of flying as you glide over the bottom and a feeling of oneness with the fish swimming around you. It is hopeless to try to catch them—the fish are tame, but not that tame.

Without a guide book, identifying the many species of fish is a bit like trying to identify the species of flowers without a guide book. I saw one woman facing backyard.

Another fish in the bay is memorable because of its interesting coloration. Its unpronounceable name is an Hawaiian language word and has approximately 45 letters, 17 of which are K's, 21's, and the rest 5's. Nonetheless that the accent is on the next to last syllable. It is only a little deeper farther out towards the exposed reef. Swimming on the surface peering down into the depths allows the snorkeler to find fish in the channels and passageways between coral reefs and outposts. This is where the larger species of fish are found. Beware the breakers which can overturn the snorkel tube producing a "breakout" of salty water. This happens when snorkelers rescue themselves by simply standing up.

Hanauma Bay is an almost circular body of water fed by a narrow opening to the ocean. Watching the waves roll in and crash against cliffs guarding the opening is great entertainment. From the overlook near the channel, one can see if blow holes are active. The glow hole is a small pool located at the end of a narrow channel. It is separated from the channel by a rock bridge which allows water to flow freely in and out of Blow Hole with each wave.

Adventurous, some would say foolhardy, people jump into Blow Hole when the wave action is taking water out. The next wave then blows them out of the pool and sometimes into the air over the rocks. The height of their trajectory is governed by the strength of that particular wave. Playing this game is a lot like Russian Roulette.

The Bus ride out to Hanauma Bay is only 3.85, but it takes over an hour. The buses are crowded, making for a long ride standing up. Shuttle buses are $3.00 and get you to the turn-off to the beach in 2 minutes. The bus goes down to the lower parking lot, but a Honolulu city ordinance prohibits all vehicles from the parking lots or any beach watching other tourists watch you. There are all kinds of people on the beach wearing all manner of swimwear.

There are also Hawaiian beach bands, small boards, parasailing and if all else fails, just watching other tourists watch you. There are all kinds of people on the beach wearing all manner of swimwear.

In the Spring, the water is crystal clear and the flora and fauna undisturbed. Unfortunately, when everything has to be justified to the site, it always seems up hill both ways.

Many other campgrounds are in the area. Check out the front of the phone book for listings and descriptions.
Cruising the road relaxes the soul

Erik Marone

Ah, spring! The time of rebirth and renewal. Bird return, grass turns a healthy green, love is in the air and winter warmth begins to peak out from shorts and summer dresses to grab the first precious rays that will soon braise them for the summer. It is also time for that essential bonding and healing ritual to occur, the road trip. Road tripping, idealized and immortalized by Jack Kerouac and modernized by Thelma and Louise, has been a popular way to loosen the blues, get out of town or strengthen friendships ever since the advent of the automobile. There is a variety of road trips one can make today. The most basic is the weekend getaway. From the Palouse, Spokane, Seattle and Portland are popular destinations for this type of trip. Usually a late Friday or early Saturday departure and Sunday afternoon or evening return are characteristics of this trip, but a single day trip in any direction also works.

The most important aspect of this road trip is spontaneity. As a general rule, the amount of pleasure that can be derived from the weekend road trip is inversely proportional to the amount of preparation and forethought put into it.

After the weekend trip, the next logical step would be to extend the amount of time spent traveling, covering at least three days and lasting anywhere up to a week or so, long enough for spring break or three day weekend. Again, Seattle and Portland are fairly common places to head for, but now there can be enough drive time allowed for locations like northern California, Reno, Tahoe, Moab, and other southwest sites. These usually require a bit of financial and route planning. The final type is a full-blown, get-the-hell-outta-Dodge, cross-country, devil-may-care odyssey. For extra added excitement, try taking off with no idea of where you are headed or how you will afford to get back, if you come back at all.

Although having a traveling companion makes things a little more interesting, doing it solo will add to the experience, especially if your car is less than reliable and you aren’t quite sure just how much money you have to work with. I have to admit, this level of road tripping is a bit beyond my desire to attempt, but I have heard of many interesting and amusing experiences about such trips. A few weeks ago, facing a communal bout of depression, a friend and I decided to drive to San Francisco at about one o’clock on a Friday morning. As we hit Lewiston we realized we only had about $12 between us, which was enough for a six pack and gas to get home. Although our grandiose plans of seeing the lights of the bay area were thwarted, we had a good time drinking a few cold ones and sitting on the levy talking about life, the universe and everything. By the time we got back to Moscow, it was pushing five o’clock, our depression had been eased and we made plans to actually make it to ‘Fimco later this summer, under better circumstances.

Road trips seem to have a peculiar healing quality. Even if you have to settle for a lesser venture, a road trip of any kind is a wonderful way to relienate, take in the country, visit new places or do the bonding thing with some good friends. Jack Kerouac said it best, “The road is life.” Maybe if everyone were able to road trip whenever they needed to, the world wouldn’t be such a screwed up place.

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**Track team planning for championships**

**Outlook is optimistic for Vandals women as outdoor season kicks off**

**Ben Carr**

Although there were some stellar individual performances this year, most of the women's track team looks at its indoor season as an extended practice for the outdoor season. With the outdoor season as new to Moscow this year as the building weather, the team is hoping to use its strengths to better their conference standings.

"Indoor is a building process," women's coach Scott Lorek emphasized. "Right now we're close enough during the indoor season to be ready for the outdoor season. We'll be a better team outdoors; we did better indoors than we expected."

Coach Lorek is confident that the addition of the discus and javelin events as well as the 10,000-meter run for the outdoor season can help in the final standings and eventually the Big Sky Championships in May.

"In the javelin we have five throwers who are better than ever in the championships," Lorek said. "I'm the guy that we have three of the eight indoor finalists and the addition of the discus is only going to help us."

Lorek himself is no stranger to track competitions. The 12-year Idaho coach ran in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters at Butler University. After coaching several years at a high school in Illinois, Lorek served a brief stint as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Illinois, finally making his way to Idaho.

"I like to help people meet their own goals," Lorek said. "When I see someone run a personal record, it's as satisfying as when I broke my own records. It's more satisfying to be on the other side. That's what I like the most about coaching."

Hopefully Lorek will be more than satisfied in the coming weeks. The women will take the short trip to Pullman this weekend to compete in the Cougar Invitational with the Idaho men and are then on their way to compete at Stanford the weekend of April 8 to compete against Stanford, Oregon, and Fresno State. The women will also be going to Oregon, for the Oregon Invitational, Missoula, Cheney, and Ellensburg before the Big Sky Championships May 17-20.

Lorek is fully expecting his team to finish in the top half of the outdoor discipline despite its last place finish for the indoor season.

"We're fully capable of making the top half of the field," Lorek said. "We did well and actually exceeded our expectations for the indoor season. If we started an individual level and we start seeing people improve—the team points and standings will take care of themselves.

Obviously, Lorek is counting on the few senior women to lead by example. It seems that in the 200 meters and the long jump Heidi Boddwell can do nothing but improve on her already excellent indoor season.

Last season, Amy Johnson was only a half a second off the school record for the 400 meters and according to Lorek, Johnson will have a great year and has been "training tremendously."

Eva Obermille came out of high school running the 400 but has since made State track and has run 800 meters. Lorek's confidence in Obermille is obvious when he says she is about to unleash a great year in the 800.

Lorek is also expecting some big throws from Jessica Puckett. Puckett was a javelin in the javelin her sophomore year and finished last year at fourth place. Puckett hoping to finish this year on top of the heap.

The women's team always has a better outing during the outdoor season because they are able to exhibit more of their strengths during competition.

"It's great," Lorek said. "People who weren't a factor indoors will be a huge factor during the outdoor season."

Besides the extra throwing events, the 10,000-meters is added to the schedule. According to Lorek, sophomore Angle Mathison from Winchester, Idaho is planning big things for this year as well.

If all the experience helps coming from the indoor season, as well as all the experience behind the coaching staff there is no doubt Idaho is going to have trouble choosing to 25 athletes to make the Championships in May.

**Ups and downs fill '94-'95 hoop seasons**

**Damon Barkdoll**

First year University of Idaho women's basketball coach Julie Holt probably wasn't expecting her Vandal debut season to go quite the way it did.

Like dominos the Vandals (3-11 BSC) (5-21) were knocked down, and although the season is finally over, the wounds are still open.

Early in the season Idaho was outmanned, and this was demonstrated in the Vandals first game of the season, an 86-52 loss to Portland on the road. From there the Vandals were engaged in some very tough games, including as 81-35 loss to Rice and a 93-49 loss in Missoula to the eventual Big Sky champion and nationally recognized Montana Grizzlies.

The Vandals were led early on in the season by sophomore point guard Ari Skopik who averaged 13.1 points per game this season. Kelli Johnson and Kerri Wykes also provided some support, although the Vandals had no other scorers to look to.

Midway through the season volleyball All-American Mindy Rice walked on and provided a spark for the Vandals as they won two games in a row against the Rice Owls and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Rice ended the season averaging 17.3 points per game and was voted to be on the Big Sky's first team.

Even with the help of Rice, the Vandals were unable to establish themselves as a consistently winning team, but they did manage to pick up hard-fought home wins over Weber State, Northern Arizona, and Idaho State.

Idaho tried to end the season with an upset over UM in Memorial Gym, but the Grizzlies had too much firepower, and the Montana rivalry wound away with an 83-49 win.

Next year the Vandals return their entire lineup, including Rice, who still has a year of eligibility left to play basketball.

Watch out for those struggling Vandals of this year, because next year the experienced squad should be a force to be reckoned with in the Big Sky.

The Vandals did have some big wins however.

In a bonor battle with NIT quarterfinalist Washington State the Vandals scooped an 87-77 win.

**Men**

No where to go but up.

That's what the Idaho Vandals men's basketball team must consider after the inconsistent 94-'95 hoops season.

Throughout the season the Vandals (6-8 BSC) (12-15) had trouble keeping leads in the latter parts of the second half and lost some close games to Big Sky teams such as Montana, Idaho State, and all of these close contests were home games.

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**SEE HOOPS PAGE 15**
Duncan, a New Jersey native, excels at Idaho

Kevin Neunendorf
Staff

The Cincinnati Royals had their version of the Big-O in Oscar Robertson, now the University of Idaho track team has theirs in Oscar Duncan.

The Big-O, or Ozie Oscar, Duncan II, whichever you prefer, throws the javelin for the UI track team and has taken the Big Sky Conference by storm since his arrival.

Duncan, a sophomore from South Orange, New Jersey, began competing in track and field as a seventh-grader after watching his sister compete in track in high school.

Duncan began his track career by throwing the shot put and in his freshman year of high school began throwing the javelin. The rest was history. What made Duncan's success in high school so different was that he threw the college javelin during his senior year in high school. Even that could not stop him.

Duncan was named the 1992 All-Area Athlete of Year and had throws consistently over 190 feet his senior year.

"Throwing the college javelin in high school was really weird for me, especially when neither my coach or I recognized it until after the season," says Duncan. "However, now that I think about it, it made the transition to the college level all that much easier."

Duncan, a sports science major, was recruited by more than 10 schools including the likes of Georgia, Duke, Georgia, Tech and Stanford.

"The University of Idaho was real attractive to me because of what they had to offer academically and athletically, along with the money they offered me out of high school," Duncan said.

Duncan stated that he originally intended to sign a letter of intent to attend Blinn Junior College in Texas until Coach Keller called just before he was to sign and gave him an offer he couldn't refuse.

In only his second year at Idaho, Duncan's accomplishments speak for themselves. Last year, on the first throw of his first collegiate meet at the Willie Williams Invitational in Tucson, Ariz., Duncan provisionally qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships with a throw of 222-1. He also wound up finishing second in the his first Big Sky Outdoor Championships.

Duncan is once again off to a fast start this year. Last week, at this year's Willie Williams Invitational, Duncan put forth a third-place finish with a throw of 220-1, which currently ranks him first in the Big Sky standings by more than nine feet over his nearest competitor.

However, the recent success may prove costly towards Duncan's chances of winning his first ever Big Sky title this May after he partially tore his meniscus on the second throw of the meet.

Duncan will compete this weekend at the Cougar Invitational before determining whether the tear will require season ending surgery.

Duncan acknowledges that he has no regrets about coming to Idaho.

"I'm very happy with the situation here at Idaho," Duncan said. "I have the best coaches I've ever had in Mike Keller and Jingyi Zheng. They have taught me the benefits of work ethic and dedication and have pushed me not only physically but mentally to achieve my potential."

Along with his spectacular performance, the Vandals last year, Duncan also placed first in the javelin at the U.S. Junior National Championships in Tallahassee, Fla., this past summer.

"It's a title," says Duncan nonchalantly. "It only lasts a year. Sure, I am proud of my accomplishments, but I have much more to accomplish than just winning the Junior Nationals. My first throw last year when I qualified for nationals as a freshman was my most proud moment to date. I knew at that moment that I have a lot to accomplish. I finally saw the benefits of the hours of training, repetition, and sacrifice and it finally made sense."

Duncan admits that the nickname Big-O is a bit ironic, because he is anything but big. But what Duncan lacks in size, he certainly makes up for with hard work, dedication, and heart.

The University of Idaho was real attractive to me because of what they had to offer academically and athletically, along with the money they offered me out of high school.

—Oscar Duncan

IU javelin thrower
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mooks on this Sunday afternoon is the first place so I don't think he was too thrilled to help a couple of smartass college guys. We had to find out the hard way that Washington State Patrolmen don't carry metric lugwrenches which would enable my tire to be taken off the rim.

So Officer Johnson radioed into Walla Walla to have Greg's dad come pick us up. Fifteen minutes later Greg's dad comes flying around the corner, but he also wasn't carrying a metric lugwrench.

To shorten this epic story I will even leave out a couple minor details which kept me from missing the Sunday hour long edition of the greatest show on earth (I'm not speaking of any circus either more like ESPN's SportsCenter).

After a quick trip into Dax Walla to get the correct lug-wrench we get the tire changed, but it turns out the spare has only about 70 percent of the pressure should. In addition to this flat spare problem, my Jeep's ignition switch picked a very poor time to die. My car would not stay running without holding the key in the whole way into town.

This was very bad news and I decided Farpaghadian meant Greek efficiency. I decide to screw over American sports-writers.

Not even my teammates and Greg Kilborn, Dan Patrick, Keith Berman or Chris Berman could have cheered me up at this point unless they had a bazooka to blow a hole through my Volkswagen and put it out of its misery.

Monday morning my car wouldn't run even if the ignition switch was held in so we had to tow it to the shop only to find out I would have to leave my prize possession in Walla Walla all week because, boy, did southeast Washington have a German ignition switch. So figure.

Greg's mom provided us with an American made car to finish the trek to Pendleton where I was late to my sister's clan, but was still able to tell the high school freshman all about the wonders of sports journalism and college.

I honestly didn't think it was possible to have so much go wrong in one 24-hour period. Next time I will asked to be proved wrong. I would have rather missed SportsCenter for a whole week than spend that much quality time in Walla Walla. The only day in my young but illustrious life which every rival would have to be the last month when I was able to live up the Moscow Fire Department's day with a run to Wallace Complex to an exploding pop tart in my microwave, but that's different story.

Oh well, gotta run, SportsCenter's on.

BAD DAY • FROM PAGE 13

Memorial Gym proved to be a sanctuary for the Vandals, as senior point guard Mark Leslie hit two last minute winning shots to lead his senior Vandals over an emotional Washington State and BSC Big Sky champion Weber State.

Traditionally home court advantage has been a key to the UI's success, and that was the case this year as the Vandals fans saw their hoop team go 10-4 at home.

After the two key wins against NAU and Weber St. in Memorial Gym, the Vandals were able to clinch a berth in the Big Sky Tournament.

Once in Ogden, Utah, the Vandals were ready to surprise their rivals, but their holiness was not enough as they were knocked out 77-66 by MRSU.

Next year the Vandals return three starters in BSC rebounding champion Harry Harrison (9.9 pg, 10.9 rp) at forward, emotional center Nate Gardner (9.0 pg, 6.1 rp) and clutch shooting guard Steve Dilson (11.4 pg, 3.4 pg). Idaho coach Joe Craven will also look to some of his newly signed recruits.

The Vandals have signed David Stirling, a 7-foot center from Lake Washington High School in Kirkland and Marvin Thomas, a junior college transfer from Otero SC, who had an assist to turnover ratio of 103-50.

Commergian Gym, NAU

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Jesus paid the price

What is meant when we say that "Jesus died for our sins"? This is probably the most loved and important question ever posed. I see it as much more pertinent and important than many of the popular concerns, and do so by my acquaintances. Perceiving large quantities of misunderstanding about the answer to this question, and certitude of flat out verson to this question (I believe that at least half of the people reading this paper right now felt an eerie kind of revulsion feeling at the exact moment that they read the words: "Jesus died for our sins"), I will attempt to dispel some of the gloomy thickness of the veil of stupidity that currently hangs like a dirty and smoky sock over the majority of humanity.

Again, what is meant when we say that "Jesus died for our sins"? Let me try to explain. On a gut level, everyone but nobody realizes that there are injuries committed in society at large. One need only turn on the evening news to see depravity in men (women, you shouldn't be offended by me stepping over the bounds of political correctness and saying this, it means the same everywhere). We've seen murders, robberies, sexually deviant behaviors all from the comfort of our couch, and in our living room on the TV set. It is easy for us to point out the misconduct of others on the TV set in front of us, but it is difficult to recognize our own misconduct. We won't admit it to ourselves if we don't have to, and for very understandable reasons: repentance isn't easy and the pop psychologists are telling us that it's bad for us. Every one of us has participated in a misdeed. Let's now group all misdeeds under one heading: sin. Where are you going? I just lost half of my readers. Bear with me and you might learn something.

Now let's talk about God. Is God bad? Does he misbehave? Is he up there sitting on a cloud doing shameful things? No he isn't. God is always good. On a gut level we all know that God, a being responsible for creating us, creating our parents, our friends, our siblings and those who care about us, must be good. He must love us, or love something about us to create us. If you follow that thinking through it isn't very difficult to see God as pure, clean, and just. There's the word I was after. Just.

You see, God himself is a law-abiding citizen. He lives and dwells happily within a backdrop of justice. He expects himself to abide by the same laws that he expects us to. There we have it then, a backdrop, like a big shiny blue blanket, of laws, eternal laws, that God himself abide by. Now where there is a law there is also a punishment. Isn't it so? If I wouldn't get published for thievery then why not steal a million dollars? Why not simply choose to be a styling stud millionaire instead of spending a lot of time in college? I could read and do any thing I had the impulse to do, and never have to worry about laws or ramifications. No, no, obviously this is nonsense. Where there is a law there is a penalty assigned in order to promote obedience to that law. Where are we? We are recognizing that God must have a set of laws that he abide by, that he expects us to abide by; the obedience of which brings blessings and the disobedience of which brings penalties. Do we want to be penalized?

Okay, let's look at the dilemma that we are all in then. We have all sinned (see paragraph two above), and therefore we are all in a position to receive a punishment. What kind of punishment? The punishment is to be eternally separated from God, to live forever in the absence of that which is good. "Are we so bad that this penalty should hang over us like that?" I don't know, are we? All I know for sure is that such a condition exists. I could probably go on for six hours on that point alone. But to be brief, it is literally Jesus Christ, the son of the living God, the only being pure and holy enough to do so, who was willing to obey God by paying the penalty, that each of us accused, in order to allow us to return to God. This payment, think of it as a check, is only put into effect on conditions that we believe. "I don't believe it" I hear some saying. Let me continue.

Our belief, although it may sound like a little thing, sets salvation in motion. Just look at a car for a minute. How far can someone drive a car without a key? Not very far. It is the same with belief. It appears that belief is a provision built into the law of mercy and without a belief in Christ we can't go very far. Jesus Christ made the sacrifice. Do your remember when the early service men jumped in the way of the would be assassin's bullet that shot at President Reagan, will it be the same thing. Christ is willing to take upon himself the demands of justice that were meant for us.

"How can someone take someone else's penalty? That's not legal!" Well, apparently in the eternal scheme of things it is legal. If we remain filthy, if we remain in our sins there is a chance that we will never again see God's face. "You are just trying to recruit people to your church! You're just trying to get brownie points with God! Your just trying to save all of our souls." Yes, Yes, and Yes again.

Friends, please, yes, I want to see you all up there laughing your faces off, happy. "To believe in God is sad and boring, and will prevent me from looking cool to my friends." Maybe you'll lose a little of your cool edge, but who cares? I can honestly say that I'm a happier churchgoer than I ever was a scoffler. Be happy my friends, be happy.

—Darren Christensen
Term limits first to fall from Contract

Open letter to Congress: be careful you don't let kneekjerk politics control your decisions.

Despite polls showing support from 76 percent of the American public and being a central feature of the GOP Contract with America, the House of Representatives struck down a proposed Constitutional amendment limiting the number of terms a member of Congress may serve. After all was said and done, the tally was a grand total of 63 votes short of the 290-vote majority needed to pass the House.

A member of Congress, the Welch flew high and fast. Rep. Henry Hyde, one of the 39 Republicans to break party lines, said, "can't be an accessory to the dumbing down of democracy," and referred to past Congressional legends who would not have achieved their status under term limitations, such as Richard Nixon, Ervin and Barry Goldwater. Speaker Newt Gingrich was just as passionate when he stated, "Everywhere in America, people say they are sick of professional politicians, and they want to find a device to take power away from this professional political class," and pledged to revive the issue in the next Congressional session.

In all the rhetoric and assorted warm air masses floating around, it's easy to miss the point. The American people feel powerless to change the political juggernaut that is our government, while ignoring the fact that just such a change was affected last November. Those who were swept into power seem to have lost faith in the wave that brought them to power, preferring instead to legislate perception into law.

The simple fact is the American political system was engineered to hinge on one force and one force only: the voter. One of the underlying assumptions of the Constitution is that the masses would rise up to take power away from a government that they see to wield power in their names. Another is that people will be willing to use their rights regularly. In trying to pass an amendment limiting terms in office, Congress is abrogating its duties by denying the responsibility to the people who elected them.

James Madison, one of the founders of our political system, wrote in the Federalist Papers that "a few members will possess superior talents and there is that perfect union in the public's election to reposses trust in these same talents again and again." In other words, when someone capable gets elected, they shouldn't be discarded simply because an arbitrary number limit has been reached.

Politics carries its own brand of irony. This time around, the irony stems from the fact that in trying to give the people what they want, Congress is trying to abridge the document that is their highest law. Leave the term limits at home. Let the voters decide who stays and who goes.

Brandon Nolta

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Big Boy is dead, who's next?

Aaron Schah

Here are dark days when gangs of mischievous menораdistract Big Boy restaurant statues.

Many people in this country were as shocked and dismayed as I was at the loss of a Big Boy statue in Toledo, Ohio, on March 17. Eight men, most of them college students, went to police that they and two other youths, who had stolen the hamburger-toting, checkered-overall-wearing, pepper-ed head fiberglass icon from its concrete perch outside of one of the local Big Boy restaurants. After stealing the 300-pound statue, the culprits disabled him with a hacksaw and dumped the remains at various other Big Boy restaurants in the area along with notes that said: "Big Boy is dead.

"They just wanted to take the Big Boy," Detective Ron Stancil said. "But then one thing led to another and the kids started destroying him. They took the head and cut it off. Somebody else took and put it in the back yard." The ultimate sadness of this horrible tragedy is the cause of the smelly six-year-old Tim Martinez, were bored.

The simple fact is, Republicans can be traced to most incidents of crime today. Had these hoodlums been artists, they might have been proudly content to hug a tree rather than take down a Big Boy statue.

But alas, with Republicans in control of Congress, the nation is falling apart at the seams. With greedy, evil Republican talking points using the image of the poor, starving children, the moral character of this land is going down the tubes.

There is only one solution: get the Democrats back in power.

Large, bloated social programs are the only way to save our lives.

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NEA funding shouldn't come from taxpayers' pockets

It has always been a subject I've found hard to comprehend, and attending the University of Idaho has made it even harder.

I'm just trying to understand this art project that's been taking shape the last few months in that patch of mud by the library. The layman would look at this art and think, "Hey! It's a big pile of milk cartons!" Luckily, for the artists, a club to place small signs, explaining what they were doing. Thanks to the bold and bright yellow color of the cardboard sign, the average student can look at the milk jugs and realize that the material is not only big but elastic!"

I recently got a thought that perhaps art is a display of implementation of the second look at art. That this is my opinion; I did not say, nor do I wish to imply, that the artist is unenlightened and unappreciated by all. There must be nobody out there, besides the two artists who are working on the project themselves, who thinks that having a big pile of used milk jugs right next to the library is a manifestation of artistic ability. I'm just glad they washed them out, so our milk tends to smell not so good.

Seeing art like this helps me to understand better. Why wouldn't the NEA want to fund for the National Endowment for the Arts? I remember a few years ago the big stick they made about Robert Rauschenberg, in particular his photo had various natch-orientated images in a certain bodily orifice. Then Andrea Serrano spent some money in a reason that is more acceptable but still unadjusted, uncolored photos, and the same has happened as well and gave us the pic (no offense to you Daniel Winters out there). "Plant Christ," thinking that he had just made a swill statement in the world of pre-pee art. More recently, some Californian (I) artists suspended balls and weights through slits in their flesh and covered around the stage until their various pieces of hard- ware ripped through their flesh and fall, with realistic places and smears and smuts, to the earth. I don't know their names or what artistic statement they were trying to make, and frankly, I don't give a fig. All I know is that the National Endowment for the Arts (i.e. your average U.S. taxpayer) footed the bill.

Many will argue that support of the arts is a valuable thing, but this sort of art is far too close to the fringe of other-worldly notions to point our culture in a positive direction. If this is culture, I'll stick to being well-adjusted, uncloaked boobie. You think it doesn't exist? Take a look at those lads. I remember. He hasn't even self-run the American artistic scene. A lot of people have gone to sell bushwips up their butts and paint their underwear was some sort of religious artifact, that's fine with me. It just boggles the mind that we, as taxpayers, pay for it all.

We must admit that not many go to galleries or exhibition to see such art, seeing as we're more concerned with other things, such as going to work, recycling milk jugs, watching television and playing golf on Saturdays. Art isn't just one thing, so why make us pay for it? Some people get a kick out of looking at a wall of milk jugs, I get a kick out of collecting musical instruments and paperback books. Everyone has his own or her own interests, and that is where they typically concentrate their finite human energies.

I've just recently began (rather gratefully) to pay taxes, and besides being self-employed, I'm being paid to the tune of $750 for 1994. Some of this money goes to Social Security, but that's OK because I know I'll be old soon myself. I'm also helping to support my father, who receives that necessary monthly Social Security check. There have been millions of taxes paid to feed public schools, for Pell grants, highways and such, and that I don't mind either, since I live highways and Pell grants. I do not, however, want to fund some NEA fool who can't get anyone but dis-interested taxpayers to pay for their art.

We always do want to get something for our money, don't we? If we see something in a store that we see no need to purchase, we don't buy them. If a certain book is bor- ing, we leave it on the bookstore shelf. If a certain vegetable recalls childhood nightmares, we don't buy anymore. Why should any of us pay for art that we'll most likely never even see, if we were to waste? Maybe there's a visit to Idaho that I remember. He hasn't even self-edited this part (thankfully). Even if these trash-loving bellwearing nuttles showed up here, I'd only go to throw tomatoes. I helped pay for the schools, so I have to be allowed to express my opinions.

Absence of the NEA will not ruin the art world as we know it, just as absence of the NRA would not mean the end to self-defense. Those who enjoy art should be obligated to pay for it, just as those who have other interests are obligated to pay for theirs.