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There are many opportunities for downhill skiing within close proximity to UI. See page 10.

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After grabbing yet another Big Sky championship, the UI volleyball team will face Iowa State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Wednesday. See page 12.

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With two former generals as possible presidents, Russ Wright ponders the implications of a more military UI. See page 8.

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**Engineers take care of business**
Sean Tetpon

Business classes do not flow with fluid dynamics courses, much less mix with integrated circuit application classes. Consequently, many engineering majors at the University of Idaho graduate with little (if any) background in business.

UI's Center for Business Development and Research is offering engineering majors an opportunity to explore the business world through Business 314, The World of Corporate Business.

Corporate executives from leading Northwest firms visit the class and give presentations on current business issues. "The speakers bring a certain reality," says course instructor Jim Toomey. "It gives students some exposure to the applied side of business."

Students learn how to analyze industries, interpret annual reports and monitor labor markets.

"People are starting to see it is not reasonable to think they can work for one company their whole life," Toomey said. "Seventy-one percent of new business is from people who have an idea from previous employment. Engineers that tend to come to this course are more entrepreneurial in nature, and may want to spin-off their own ideas once they get going."

1995 UI engineering graduate Kurt Thorne enjoyed the course. Thorne wrote Toomey last October, encouraging him to recruit more engineers for the class.

"For engineers who do not have a business background, this class can be particularly valuable," Thorne wrote. "Information regarding job searching and interviews was beneficial. The business and industry analysts have proven to be especially valuable."

Toomey says word of mouth has attracted a diverse range of students to the course. "People like variety, and bring with others from different disciplines," he said. "As a result, students will come at the course from different angles."

The course has become popular with international exchange students. "They like it because it is a chance to really see American business up close," Toomey said. Executives from Boise Cascade, Boeing, and Kibbie said.

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**Student gives to the community**
Jennifer Eng

The holiday season is traditionally a time to share with those less fortunate and to give of ourselves.

Along with sharing with others in the community, we must remember the people that are dedicated to giving of themselves.

Vincent Perez, the Philanthropy chairman of Alpha Kappa Lambda, is the type of person with this dedication. Perez is a sopho-
more at the University of Idaho preparing for studies in social work next year at the University of Washington.

Along with his fraternity and running for the track team, Perez has devoted a great deal of his time in the past year to philanthropic events through his position in the house as philanthropy chair. Perez joined the fraternity in his freshman year and says the thing he likes most about the house is the opportunity for friendship.

Perez said, "The main reason I joined a fraternity was because philanthropy is a big part of it."

During his pledge year Perez was the pledge class president and then moved on to take the position of philanthropy chairman. Perez said his hand "fit the glove" of this position.

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Perez said that the Habitat for Humanity program has been the most fun.

With the adult literacy program, individual AKLs take upon them-
selves a person to counsel for adult literacy.

Last September the AKLs were the first to take on the challenge of the YWCA to raise food for their empty shelves. In one month the fraternity gathered 850 items of food for the bank.

In late February or early March the AKL's will once again be coming out in the cold to Foods parking lot to raise food for the YWCA.

On a whole Perez believes that the Greek community can do more if communication between the houses can improve. Perez feels the Greek system has a great resource of manpower for philanthropic work.

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**Overviewed parking permits cause crowded campus lots**
Janet Birdsell

If you're one of those people who can't seem to find a place to park on campus you're not alone. Parking permits are oversold at the University of Idaho.

Red permits are oversold by 40 percent and silver permits are over-
sold 20 percent, said Pamela Alsterlund, manager of Parking and Information Services. There is no limit on the sale of blue permits.

"We've never reached the point where we've sold more blue per-
mits than there are blue spaces," Alsterlund said. The paved area west of the dome is the blue lot that usually doesn't fill up. The gravel area behind it is free parking, she said.

The university has about 3,900 parking spaces in nearly 60 lots. There are about 3,600 free parking spaces on the street and west of the Kibbie Dome, Alsterlund said.

Green permits for family housing are not oversold. Gold permits are oversold by 10 percent, Alsterlund said. Faculty and staff may pur-
chase the gold permits, but students cannot.

"They have always, as far as I know, been prohibited from purchas-
ing gold permits," Alsterlund said.

Campus parking is arranged so that gold lots are located most cen-
trally to the campus core, followed by red lots and blue lots are mostly on the campus perimeter Alsterlund said.

Silver and green permits are located near the residences.

Decisions about what color the parking permit will be made by a park-
ing committee composed of three faculty, three staff, three stu-
dents and a chair.

As parking manager, Alsterlund said that the committee has been-
necessary. "It's all reviewed every year," she said of the lot col-
ors.

"We always have an open forum to make information from people who use it out using the system," Alsterlund said.

Even the Administration Building parking lot had plenty of room during Thanksgiving break.

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**A dream come true**
Bush Houston

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Fox says research shouldn't be funded

LEWISTON—Members of the Idaho Board of Education battled Friday over a proposed $34 million proposal that would help finance a movie produced by members of the faculty at Boise State University. Fox said it shows direct nudity.

The film, Not That Part of the World, also received funding from the U.S. West Foundation, BSU and the Whittemberger Foundation.

Phil Atkinson, a professor of political science at the university, said the film is about the only nudity in the film when a character holds up a black and white photograph of a nude person and questions what viewers think about.

During the board meeting in Boise, Fox asked whether taxpayer get to analyze state research grant applications.

Cartwright, BSU associate vice president for academic affairs, said the state's higher Education Research Council has four members who have research expertise outside the Board and Lewis-Clark State College. Four other members of the council are appointed by the three schools serve on the council, she said.

Fox said there is a conflict between economic development interests and the direct nudity in the film. State-funded research grants should benefit society, not demit, she said.

She said the research council should pick the middle ground of great accomplishments, so the money can go to fighting poverty.

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Craig won't support troops in Bosnia

BOISE—Republican Sen. Larry Craig says at this time, he won't support the Clinton administration's decision to send American troops to Bosnia on a peace-keeping mission.

In fact, Craig believes the Democratic leadership has "blundered in a major way" by not concuring with congressional leaders.

Craig was interviewed Friday for the weekend "Viewpoint" program on KTVB.

Craig said the president apparently has been thinking about the action for some time, but just with the last few hours, that the president sent top cabinet

net members to meet with congression-

al leaders. He said the administration has no

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Mother pleads guilty to leaving son in car

BOISE—An Ada County woman accused of leaving her 13-month-old son in her car in August has pleaded guilty to felony abuse of child in the toddler's death.

Authorities said Kimberly Sue Gillis, 26, left her son Andrew in her car for up to an hour in Aug. 2, in 93-degree heat.

Gillis was arrested at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, he had a temperature of 105.8 degrees.

He died of heat stroke the follow-

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Arkansas play explores a new world

Dr. David H. Atkinson, University of Idaho Electrical Engineering, will deliver his Department of Electrical Engineering Research colloquium today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 26 of the Jansen Engineering Building.

His colloquium, "The Galileo Probes mission to Jupiter: Earth's adventure into a new World," will focus on the final preparations for the probe's arrival at Jupiter, the exploration of the Jovian moon, and the descent mission.

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Loan repayment workshops

A series of Student Loan Repayment Workshops will be held at the Student Union Board.

The workshops will be held on Nov. 29, Dec. 7, Dec. 13 and Dec. 19 in the Student Union Board Theatre.

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Orallo Research in America looking for host families

(Adapted from the American College—non-profit organization that raises funds for foreign exchange students ages 15 to 18—is currently accepting applications from families in the United States for foreign exchange students for a semester beginning in fall 1995-96.

Interested families may contact the Idaho Regional Director, P. 64325, Wright at 303-322-4674 ext. 3510.

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Attention pre-physical therapy students

Dr. Alexander Ufer, professor of Physical Therapy, Idaho State University, will meet with interest-

The University of Idaho Meats F.

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Unicell gifts on sale now to help children

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is selling gift books, notebooks, calendars and puzzle games in Idaho.

The gift books are available at the Student Union. Forty per-

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National Forest again a graveyard in high profile killing

LOS ANGELES—The rugged terrain of the Angeles National Forest, where the body of model Linda Sobek was found in November, is the remains of many victims of high-profile crimes.

Cindy Lee Hudpeth, who died at the hands of the Hillside Strangler, was found there. So was the head-

lembors within a gravel in the forest, which spans 1,000 square miles.

A neighbor, Charles Raithun, 38, said he accidentally shot Sobek in her car, but Sobek had shot and killed her, and panicked and buried her. Raithun is a graduate of Westminster High School in suburban Columbus, Ohio, and of the University of Michigan.

For this fall, eight bodies have been found in the forest, authorities said. There were two murders last year.

Some bodies are never discov-

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Token clerk burned in movie-like firebombing; cops seek two suspects

NEW YORK—A subway clerk c1ng to life with critical burns Sunday after a firebomb explosion destroyed his Brooklyn token booth in a violent attack, and set off a series of fires in the film "Money Train." Police sought two suspects in the attack, which was also blood in a failed robbery attempt.

Said angered by what Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called "a horrendous crime," officials posted rewards totaling $21,000 for the pair who set off an explosion by squirting flammable fluid through a window—evidently trying to frighten the clerk into opening the door.

The blast occurred at 1:40 a.m. at the Kingston-Towns station, "liter-

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Women Scientists and Mentors to meet

"Women Scientists and Mentors," will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Scholar's Restaurant, 3009 Smoking A". Several undergraduates in biology and chemistry with fac-

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Orinigins of chinese tea ceremony revealed

The University of Idaho International Students are hosting an annual tea ceremony. Developed in the 7th dynasty (618 A.D.-907 A.D.), the event will be held on Dec. 5, at 12:30 p.m. at the UI Women's Center.

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Orthodox Jews pray in streets to protest dig

JERUSALEM—Thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews prayed in the streets Sunday to protest an Israeli plan to dig into the tomb of a mythical ancient Jewish warrior.

The cave was unearthened two weeks ago northeast of Jerusalem by a bulldozer leveling ground for a highway. Inside, archaeolo-

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Militant group renews threat to kill hostages

NEW DELHI, India—Kashmiri separatist rebel holding four Western hostages renewed a threat to kill the captives if his group is not allowed to negotiate their release, a news agency reported.

The threat was conveyed to a government negotiator in Kashmir who spoke over telephone in a guerrilla of the Al-Faran group, United News of India radio.

The Westgate Hotel terrorist group has been trying to swap prisonел-berries, the latest hostage appeal to the group to release the hostages who, according to the guerrillas, are very sick.

The Westgate Hotel had been taken over by the Al-Faran group.

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As year nears end, GOP has one big win, other disappointments

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON—Republicans are nearing the end of their first year in control of Congress with the Holy Grail—a seven-year balanced-budget plan—in sight but many other goals clouded by disappointment and delay.

GOP lawmakers celebrated their Thanksgiving this year with two giant achievements, passage of their spending and tax cut package aimed at balancing the budget by 2002 and the winning of President Clinton's commitment to their seven-year timetable.

But the heady first days of the 104th session of Congress, when House Republicans marched their "Contract With America" items to passage, has given way to more other assessments of their legislative achievements.

Among key "Contract" items, a new crime bill calling for tougher sentences and more prisons and a bill to ease federal regulatory burdens are mired in the Senate. A proposed constitutional amendment to term limits failed in the House and another, on balancing the budget, passed the House but was defeated by one vote in the Senate.

"Republicans oversold their agenda and it is now considered too extremist by the American people," said Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M.

"There's been a lot of rhetoric and a lot of press releases but hardly any bills signed into law."

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**Get into the 'Grove'**

![Image of the Grove plaza](image)

Ruth Houston,
Architecture students displayed their concepts for a new plaza on the west side of the Student Union. The display was featured in the Student Union Vandal Lounge through last Friday.

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Ireland legalizes divorce with close vote

The shift since 1986 can be attributed to several factors, but political analyst emphasized two: the rising number of broken marriages, and the erosion of the Catholic church’s moral authority following a series of sexual scandals.

The influence of the church has waned substantially,” said Roisin Shortall, a Labor Party lawmaker who saw the “yes” vote in her Dublin Northwest district shoot to nearly 60 percent, up 13 points from 1986.

“We aren’t going back to a constitutional state where people turned to their priests to tell them how to vote,” said Shortall, one of 20 women in the 166-member Parliament. “People finally are saying they’ll work out their own sense of morality and make their own decisions.”

Anti-divorce activists vowed to keep fighting.

“I just remind you that Christ lost at the cross as well, but he won in the end,” McFadden said.

Some anti-divorce activists threatened a court challenge. They cited the 17 Supreme Court ruling that found the government had unlawfully spent $390,000 in taxpayer money on pro-divorce ads and ordered them withdrawn.

The argument is based on the following facts:

By a vote of 1,254,701 to 818,843-809,725, the Irish public voted to remove the constitutional ban on divorce. This vote is not a response to the current state of the church or to the current clerical scandal. It is a response to the failure of the government to provide a just and equitable system of social services.

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Grazing measure changed to address critics

Associated Press
TWIN FALLS, Idaho—Sen. Larry Craig and Pete Domenici said they have made changes in grazing legislation to address critics who charge the bill benefits men only.

The Idaho and New Mexico Republicans released their initial bill over the summer to replace Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's grazing rules implemented Aug. 21.

It drew criticism from the Interior Department and environmentalists, who said it gave too much clout to the livestock industry.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., did not support the bill when it was initially introduced. After the changes were made, however, Baucus signed a letter sent by Craig, Domenici and other senators urging the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to review the legislation Nov. 30.

Chairman Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, granted their request.

Significant revisions include inserting a definition of "affected interests." Notices of actions taken on specific allotments would be provided to "affected interests."

Language would be added to ensure the legislation will not prohibit authorized multiple uses of the land. Babbitt's monitoring would be allowed in the permittee's absence.

Federal land managers could step in if a failure to act could damage the resource.

The measure also was considerably shortened: about 50 of the original bill's 478 pages removed, Idaho Cattle Association executive Vice President Bob Sears said.

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—Bob Sears
Idaho Cattle Association executive VP

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"A lot of people criticized the bill because it was too complicated," Sears said. "They've reduced the verbiage down to something that's liveable."

Ranchers say the bill is not ideal, particularly with the new changes, but they much prefer it to Babbitt's package.

Castleford sheep rancher Mike Guerry said neither grazing interests nor environmentalists got what they wanted in the bill, which probably means it is a good compromise.

"It's a good step in the right direction, and the bill ought to pass," said Guerry, who serves on the executive board of the Public Lands Council, which promotes public land grazing.

The bill's backers are hoping to move it onto the Senate floor within two weeks. Meanwhile, the House is likely to consider companion legislation, Sears said.

"It missed the point of just finding food for people that need it.

Perez had a vision in September during the period of time the AKLs were raising food for the WYCA. His vision was to collect food at football games and maybe hold a raffle.

People would come to a sporting event, drop off an item of food and pick up a chance to receive a raffle prize.

The AKLs attempted to implement this, but due to the lack of time they didn't have enough publicity to make the vision a success in September.

For the basketball season, Perez said he hopes to give this idea another shot. If everybody could organize something like this Perez said, "It could be huge."

Perez has a great deal of drive and ambition when it comes to helping out the community.

"It's something I have to do. It's real, it's worth something," said Perez.
Norway's mystery boy identified as German runaway

Associated Press
OSLO, Norway—A teen-age boy whose silence since being found half-frozen on a ferry last week puzzled police and captivated the public was identified Friday as a runaway from Berlin.

Police in the southern town of Kristiansand, where the boat docked, said the boy's mother identified him as her son, 14-year-old Natasel Kiechhefer, after she saw his picture in a German newspaper Friday. Child protection authorities in Kristiansand said he would remain in Norway through the week-end and be reunited with his family on Monday.

The boy was found Nov. 15, half-frozen in a lifeboat aboard a passenger ferry traveling from Denmark to Norway. He had refused to say a word during his stay at a child care center.

"We are really happy to know where he is," the boy's uncle, Andreas Kiechhefer, told The Associated Press in Berlin. "He's a real smart boy, but he gives us a lot of worry."

The uncle said the boy had run away toward Scandinavian several times. "It's a sort of fixed idea," he said. "I don't know why."

Norwegian police had sent a same, which they spelled Natasal Kiechhefer, to Interpol as part of their efforts to identify him.

Police in Berlin had a second spelling, "Natsel Kiechhefer, in a missing person's report filed Nov. 13. The actual spelling is Kiechhefer, according to the boy's uncle. It was not immediately clear whether confusion over the spelling delayed identification.

The boy's silence led to speculation that he was autistic, or too frightened to speak, although his mother told police that he can talk.

"He still won't talk. We confronted him with the fact that we know his identity, but he still won't say anything," said Thor Pedersen of the Kristiansand police. The boy still refused to talk after being told his mother had called. But later, when alone in a room, the boy spoke to his mother over the telephone, although they gave no details of the conversation.

Lawmakers thinking about extra tax for junior colleges

Associated Press
TWIN FALLS, Idaho—Lawmakers are talking about adding an extra tax on state liquor sales to help finance junior colleges at Twin Falls and Coeur d'Alene.

That was among proposals discussed Monday at a gathering of legislators, county commissioners and officials of College of Southern Idaho.

The state liquor dispensary now adds a 15 percent surcharge on liquor. Legislators say it could go to 20 or 25 percent, with the extra money going toward the junior colleges.

North Idaho College at Coeur d'Alene gets some of its money from a property tax on Kootenai County residents. Property owners in Twin Falls and Jerome counties help pay for College of Southern Idaho.

Jerome County's cost for 1994 and 1995 was about $337,000. Except for Twin Falls, other counties pay according to the number of students attending the Twin Falls college.

Attorney Rob Williams III said Jerome County taxpayers are tired of footing much of the bill for a community college that benefits the region.

"We need to find an equitable way to fund the situation. We're not willing to have this situation where Jerome County taxpayers are subsidizing the rest of southern Idaho for what CSI does," Williams said.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, suggested a surcharge for the community colleges. Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls, said a legislative committee is working on that idea, and meets Wednesday to work out details.

A hearing is planned at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 8 at the Capitol. Proposals could include an extra state tax on beer. Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly said it wasn't a bad idea.

"This has evolved to when three counties (Jerome, Twin Falls and Kootenai) are subsidizing all the rest," Noh said.

The president of the Twin Falls college, Gerald Meyerhoeffer, said it's more of a property tax problem than a Jerome County problem.

"I think property taxes should be reduced. We all agree we should have lower property taxes. This is the first time we've had a governor say, 'We're going to do it.'"

Williams recommended that Jerome County drop out of the College of Southern Idaho funding district but those attending the meeting agreed to see what the Legislature does first.

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Bulgarian looks to become all-American

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With thoughts of trips to Hawaii, Disneyland and Mount Rushmore generating frequent flyer miles for the average Joe, Trentinina Yanchulova pursued a different avenue to earn her. Coming to the University of Idaho from her native Sofia, Bulgaria, Yanchulova has been right in the thick of Idaho’s four consecutive Big Sky Conference titles. With Idaho being an opportunity to pursue her volleyball and academic career in the states, Yanchulova has proven to be a success at both.

Being named as the all-American academic team last season, and the Big Sky Player of the Year this year, Yanchulova has achieved the highest awards in both categories.

“I try to be a success at whatever I do and in this case they go hand in hand, but that doesn’t necessarily mean if I do good on a test that I’ll have a good game,” said Yanchulova.

Traveling nearly 16 hours to go home, Yanchulova has only made the trip twice during her stay here at Idaho. Her father is staying with her until the end of the semester and then returning to Bulgaria.

“It’s nice to have family around and it’s also nice to return home and be with family,” said Yanchulova.

With every article written about Idaho volleyball, three words keep preceding Yanchulova’s name, all-American candidate.

Looking to follow in the footsteps of former teammate and current Vandal hoopster Mindy Rice, Yanchulova tries not to think about it.

“I try to think about it as little as possible, it’s not a good state of mind to think about it while you’re playing,” said Yanchulova.

Being named the Big Sky Freshman of the Year in 1992, Yanchulova has collected more awards than Forrest Gump since her arrival on campus. She has also gone 4-for-4 in Conference championships. When asked what she thought about being part of Idaho’s dominance, Yanchulova said, “You can’t ask for more than that.”

Yanchulova currently ranks fourth in the nation in kills and leads the 21-ranked Vandals into action Wednesday vs. Iowa State to open their quest for an NCAA title.

With Idaho being the only school that really recruited Yanchulova with great interest, Tom Hilbert should be commend-ed for finding one of the nation’s top athletes. Yanchulova credits volleyball for many of the suc-cesses she has encountered over the years, and Idaho in return credits her for much of its volley-ball success.

“Volleyball has made me see a lot of things in life before other people do, and because of volleyball I feel that I can achieve anything I put my mind to so I can do with volleyball,” said Yanchulova.

This senior Biology major has taken full advantage of her schooling as well and plans to earn a Ph.D. after she receives her diploma.

“I want to go into medical research when I’m finished and get a job either in the states or back home, right now I really don’t have a preference,” said Yanchulova.

As the spotlight falls heavily on Yanchulova right now, she tries not to get caught up in all the attention that surrounds her and just concentrate on the task at hand. With the way she and the rest of the Vandals are playing right now that attention may just mount, but like everything else in her life she’ll just handle it and move on.

“I’ve worked hard all my life to get where I am and right now I am very happy with the way things are going, but I still have a lot of things left to accomplish before it’s all over,” Yanchulova said.

Yanchulova has been just another star in the string of Vandal volleyballers to take their turn in the spotlight, but she has also taken her turn in the spotlight of the classroom as well. She has made it to May, is such a thing as a student athlete, but also recog-nized that her classroom accom-plishments may have gone un-noticed if not for the success of the Vandal volleyball team.

“If I were playing for a 268th ranked team and had a 4.0, I don’t think I would have been recog-nized for the things I do either on the court or in the classroom,” said Yanchulova.

Jared Smith
Idaho outside hitter Lina Yanchulova has been a big hit on the Idaho campus since coming to Moscow in late 1992.
A general is just what UI needs

Most of you have probably heard by now that there are two generals in the running for the position of president of the University of Idaho. One is a former Air Force general, the other is a former Army general.

I hope one of them gets the position. Think about it: we could transform the campus into a miniature military base. Residence halls would no longer be residence halls. They would be barracks. Kept would be sound deadened (that’s 5:30 a.m. for you civilian types) with drill instructors racing through the halls with a garbage lid and a baton.

Out-of-shape staff and faculty members and students would have to appear in the courtyard by the library for calisthenics and a three-mile run before dawn. In the afternoon, it would be 30-mile forced marches with an 80-pound pack.

And for those annoying students who are always late to class, they’d have to do 50 pushups before they would be allowed into the classroom. And as for those long-haired types—why they’d be marched down to the Student Union for a good ol’ that top buzz cut. Regulations, ya know. No more beards. Mustaches have to be well-trimmed (one-eighth inch above the lip, even with the corners of the mouth). If the Air Force general gets the position, we could fly-by of F-15s once a week in the missing man formation. That would be cool. Or if the Army general is selected, we could have M-1A1 tanks for crowd control or to scare off those silly religious zealots who occasionally appear on campus with the apparent mission of calling us godless heathens.

We could save money by getting rid of the ROTC programs on campus—every student would be an officer candidate.

We could all wear uniforms. I really like those Gemline fatigue pants. I especially want to be issued my very own M-16A2 rifle. Or even better: a Mk 19 automatic grenade launcher. We could use these in the games against the Boise State Broncos—not that they had a chance of winning in the first place. The grenade launcher would certainly make the game more interesting.

Every student would have to learn how to drill (marching for those of you not yet in the know). Some advice: start practicing now. Thirty-inch steps, 120 steps per minute. Swing the arms 110 inches to the front and seven inches to the rear.

Everyone would have to apply for passes to go into town on weekends and put in for leave to go home for Thanksgiving and Christmas. What I’m really looking forward to is the dress uniform. It’s a great way to pick up ladies in the bars. It’s too bad one of the generals isn’t a former Marine. Everyone knows the Air Force is a military version of a civilian airline service. And the Army...well, let’s just say: it’s the Army. They do less by 1:00 (10:00 p.m.), and fewer people do by 0900. We really need a Marine to save the day.

—Russ Wright

Renaming hall reveals skeletons

And now for a lovely bit of controversy from our home in North Idaho College, that is.

Currently, the science college by the lake is experiencing a debate about the renaming of Boswell Hall.

It seems that some people want to name it after former NIC President Barry Schuler. Some other people feel this probably is not a good idea.

The NIC student senate, which approved "Czar Gobbets" as the best name for a new residence hall, has finally done something right in deciding against renaming the hall.

The main reason they cite is that trying to find an adoring name for the new residence hall makes Joyce Schuler feel like someone is making a bad joke. Call me crazy, but doesn’t Boswell Auditorium in Boswell Hall work just fine?

Scherler’s tarnished reputation also plays a part in the decision against the proposed renaming.

During his prestigious reign, Clear Schuler allegedly had the college make some landscaping improvements in order to get the campus more appealing before his wife, a daughter’s wedding, (read, you know) to the taxpayers and students, paid for by the taxpayers and students, paid for by the taxpayers and students, paid for by the taxpayers and students, paid for by the taxpayers and students, paid for by the taxpayers and students.

The NIC Sentinel was generous enough to share this information with the rest of the world, and even more generous was the NIC Sentinel editor who was asked not to be so generous with his facts. They of course refused, only to see invaluable advisor Nils Ronsdahl lose his job.

Schuler claimed that Ronsdahl’s non-renewal had nothing to do with the incident, but somewhere in the back of a lot of heads the word "cronyism" was ringing in this quasi-fascism became even more apparent after Associate Dean Dennis Connors advised Schuler not to try to control the student newspaper and Dean Owen Cargol backed him up. Guess who didn’t have their contracts renewed? (Bad, naughty independent thinkers!)

Now, far be it from me to be accusatory, but I think Mr. Schuler made several faux pas in this situation.

I do not know Schuler personal, only the facts surrounding him and the reputation which preceded him.

I know he has done good for the school. But I also know a few negative things can overshadow the positive.

Schuler broke the cardinal rule of journalism, and even though he is not crooked, he has been known to lie to me. I myself, being a young aspiring writer, am forever trying to impress upon myself in journalism the big important rule is this: don’t act upon feelings—make judgments using logic and facts.

Clearly, Schuler let his personal opinion get in the way of this judgment. This is one thing for a 22-year-old college student (I’m allowed); quite another for the president and leader of an institution.

But again, I do not know Schuler, so I do not know Nils Ronsdahl.

Ronsdahl was, of course, hired back by a student at NIC. It is important that people know a little bit about Ronsdahl. To begin with, he is the driving force behind the student journalism program at NIC. For as many nights as I’ve spent writing, proofing, cropping and pasting, he’s done more. He is the most patient, selfless, funny person you’ll ever meet. And he does it all for the money (ha) or the glory (ha-ha), but for the students. He encourages, corrects and inspires his young newcomers and women to write.

So here’s a thought regarding NIC: We can all go down to Boswell Hall and rename it to its true name.

Happy holidays...and beware of the yams and kooky relatives

Brian Davidson

Mom will bake a batch of candied yams. To this date—and her family have been known to come in one form or another since the 1950s—no one can remember where the recipe came from. She is the only one who will eat the yams. This is no surprise, though, judging from our list of popular Thanksgiving entrées, many strange things happen in the kitchen. This year:

Yams left in oven and not missed until they set off the fire alarm, 9 years.

Yams left in unheated oven and not missed until a batch of cinnamon

mon rolls went into the oven a week later, 8 years.

Yams fed to pet who had backed away from the pan and hid until the yams went into the waste, 6 years.

Yams fed to pet who was found dead three days later, 2 years.

Yams thrown out, 6 years.

Yams eaten by mistake, 3 years.

Yams stolen, 3 years.

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Responsibility—not population—the issue behind abortion

I would first of all like to thank Russ Wright for extending the opportunity to write a guest column in order to elaborate on the issues we discussed previously through this forum of abortion and overpopulation.

In our previous articles and letters, we have both cited news articles, statistics, estimations, reports, opinions and beliefs in order to support our respective positions on those issues. I could continue to cite more statistics to support my beliefs and Mr. Wright could do the same, and in doing this, neither of us would be able to change the others opinion. It is too powerful and controversial an issue to be able to change an opinion through statistics and estimations, partly because the statistics and estimations don’t agree one with another.

However, there are some facts to deal with. First of all, the world’s population is going to continue to grow. That is a fact and that is inevitable. According to a World Bank projection in the U.S. News & World Report article by Steven Bulandzian that both Mr. Wright and I have previously cited, even under the best “family-planning” scenarios, the world population is expected to reach approximately 10 billion people by the year 2050.

And when we reach the population figure in the year 2040 or 2060 it is rather most. It is going to happen, and that fact lays the responsibility on us to prepare the world for those people that will come into it.

Guest Commentary
George Potter

Wouldn’t it be better to have those children born into a world where they are loved and accepted for who they are, instead of being hated and despised by a pessimistic society that tells them the world would be a better place if they hadn’t been born? Mr. Wright and I do agree on one point—the freedom to choose is the most valuable thing on earth. The opportunity to choose for oneself is something that should be extended to all people, regardless of their skin color, sex, country of origin or financial status. But an important part of this moral agency—the right to choose for oneself—that Mr. Wright seems to ignore is that of personal responsibility. We must all accept responsibility for the consequences of our actions.

Abortion is not new used—and globally will not be used—as a “last resort” birth control method. It is used by the selfish and the lazy who want to be free to choose to have sex, yet also want to be freed from the consequences of their decisions and actions. By having sex, even with using birth control, you are taking the chance that a human life will be created. If you are not adult enough to accept the responsibility for that life that could be created, then you aren’t adult enough to be having sex.

Abstinence is, and will always be, 100 percent effective.

Family planning is important. Education of the poor and impoverished is also important. Everybody in the world should have the right to choose. Abortion, however, robs the underdeveloped infant of the most important choice of all—the choice to live! They are the truly innocent and they are ones whose choices should be protected the most.

Mr. Wright is correct that for a lot of people the world is a truly miserable place. However, overpopulation is not the cause and abortion on demand is not the cure. In the two years I lived and worked with the people of Thailand, I saw a lot of poverty and a lot of sadness. At the same time, I saw a lot of true joy also. Some of the happiest people and most generous people I met and worked with were also some of the poorest. The child prostitution among the hill tribe people in the north does exist. But it is not caused by poverty and lack of food, but is a direct result of their dependence on the opium and heroin they produce to be sent to Europe and America and their desire to be rich just like us in the west.

The starvation and death in Ethiopia and Rwanda are not caused by overpopulation and lack of food—theirs problems are caused by the inability of different groups of people to live together in peace, who then see food as a weapon. Advocating abortion does nothing to solve drug dependency, wars or to eradicate diseases. Abortion only teaches people, as Mother Theresa says, “to use violence to get what they want.” The time and energy our government uses to advocate abortion could be much better used to help solve these other problems in order to improve life instead of promoting death.

Government mandated family planning is one of the most oppressive programs that can be instituted. Just look at China, where thousands of infant girls are murdered at birth so that a family can have their mandated quota of one child be a son. In Thailand, abortions are performed through the third trimester, when the baby is born alive and screaming, the doctor will kill it then. Those are facts, and that is true horror. That is what the policies supported by Mr. Wright will continue to lead to.

It’s like I stated previously. If we want to help make the world a better place, let’s teach people to be self-sufficient not self-centered. Let’s teach them to respect life, not destroy it. Let’s teach them to love one another, to live in peace and to look forward to the future and the blessings (and challenges) that it will bring. And let’s start by practicing these qualities ourselves. Only then will this planet be worth living on.
Guided pheasant hunting has both advantages and disadvantages

Russ Wright

Opinion

I recently took a few days off from school and drove with my father to north-central Montana to stay at a hunting lodge. First, let me say this about north-central Montana: it is both boring and beautiful, breathtaking and humdrum and I wouldn’t mind moving there one bit. It's balanced. If you want to do some trout fishing, no problem. Rivers, streams and lakes are not hard to find. If you want to do some big game hunting, no problem. There are plenty of rugged Rocky Mountains within easy driving distance. And if you’re an avid pheasant hunter like me, no problem.

The Chinese ringneck pheasant is thriving on the plains of Montana, although I cannot, for the life of me, figure out why. The winters over there are about as harsh as they come in the lower 48 states. However, the pheasants are able to thrive because of the abundance of food and cover available to them in the forests of CRP land and plenty of swampy streambeds.

My father and I stayed in a hunting lodge belonging to Montana Outdoor Expeditions just east of Lewistown, and the hospitality of the couple who were running the place—Bill and Kim Boyce—was fabulous. I never saw so much food cooked up on a regular basis. The guides were flexible about the hunting hours—they didn’t really care how early you started or how late you came in as long as you followed state hunting regulations.

The birds were plentiful—we saw lots of both ringnecks and sharpees (sharp-tailed grouse). The only problem was that the guides weren’t shooting the birds, and I kept missing the damn things. That can get to be embarrassing—especially when your father is a crack shot like mine is. It’s just a good thing he’s so kind and benevolent and doesn’t ever mention how many birds I mis (he said if I didn’t write that, he’d write me out of the will). But, seriously, missing birds is part of the beauty of hunting: even though we have shotguns and dogs, hunting is still a challenge and quite a few birds get away to produce more for next year.

The great thing about guided hunts is that the guides know right where to take you—most of the time. They handle the dogs, they clean the birds and they drive you around.

The disadvantage about guided hunts is that the guides know right where the birds are, they handle the dogs, they clean the birds and they drive you around. It takes about 50 percent of the fun out of it. Half the fun of hunting, for me, is finding out where the birds are, training and handling your own dogs, driving around and cleaning the birds when you get home...

Well, okay, maybe cleaning the birds isn’t so fun—but the rest of it is. However, the really great part about guided hunting is that someone has your breakfast, lunch and dinner cooked and waiting for you. My dad and I have tried to talk our wives into doing this, and we didn’t get any for weeks (food, I mean food—don’t, some people never give it a rest, do they?).

So, if you ever have some extra bucks laying around (crash—an if) or if your old man is willing to pick up the tab (this is more realistic—I convinced mine to do this for my graduation present), give ol’ Bill and Kim Boyce a call. They’d be more than happy to put you up for a few days and take you out to show you where the birds are. And when you come back to the lodge at night, they have a hot tub ready and waiting for you and a satellite system so you don’t miss any Denver Broncos football games.

Montana Outdoor Expeditions’ address is Box 4280, Guilt Edge Rd., Lewistown, MT 59457 or call them at 406-538-3117.

Because
all-nighters
aren’t always
spent
in the library.
Idaho faces Iowa State in NCAA tourney

Dan Eckles
Sport Editor

The Idaho volleyball team is making a pretty solid case to become the Big Sky's most prestigious athletic program. One reason is the overwhelming break the Vandals won their fourth consecutive Big Sky Conference Tournament, receiving their fourth straight NCAA Tournament berth and to top things off bagged Western Athletic Conference (WAC) power Utah.

Idaho will travel to Ames, Iowa to face the Iowa State Cyclones in the first round of the NCAA tournament Wednesday. The match, which set for 5:30 p.m. PST, will be broadcast live on Fox Sports Net, in Moscow.

The unranked Cyclones (21-11) finished second in the Big 8 Conference Tournament, falling to top-ranked Nebraska in three games for the third time this season. ISU finished third in the the Big 8 regular season race. Idaho, ranked 21st in the nation, is the only ranked team not to host its first playoff match.

"It's disappointing because we'd like to play in front of our fans again, but we have to go out and win on the road," Idaho coach Tom Hilbert said. "The decision has been made. We have to live with it and take care of business.

Kirsten Hugdahl and Steve McCammon are the Cyclones top killers. The pair provided a solid one-two punch, pounding 3.8 and 3.7 kills per game. Hugdahl and McCammon are also the the Cyclones best attackers by percentage, hitting .229 and .245 respectively.

ISU goes with a two-part setting philosophy. Jen Laskowski and MicCruth dish out nine and seven assists per game in the uncommon scheme. Rachelle Frese is the Cyclones best blocker, putting down 1.1 blocks a game.

The Cyclones are a bit of a mystery to Hilbert who plans to view his first film on the ISU crew today.

"They don't look incredibly overpowering, but they play the game real well," Hilbert said, "They are a good team, but they're not physically domi-

nant to where we need to worry about that."

Hilbert said his squad would continue to rely on its season-long strengths and not throw in any big new wrinkles for the postseason.

"We'll try to serve tough and understand what they do so we can block well. We have to create point opportunities off our serving and blocking and then we have to side out well," Hilbert said.

Relaying on season-long strengths means Idaho (28-4) will get the ball to all-American candidate Lina Yanchulova. The Bulgarian native is fourth in the nation in kills per game and also leads the Vandals in digs, bringing in nearly three balls a game.

Freshman Beth Craig (.314 kpg), Junior Latouia Kawulok (.258 kpg), .317 and freshman Jessica Moore (2.47 kpg, .318) provide a well balanced attack for the Idaho offense.

UI setter Lynne Hyland is one of the best in the land, dishing out 13.9 assists per game and is a master at the dummy, chipping in almost a kill per game.

The Vandals captured the Big Sky tournament crown with a 15-10, 9-15, 15-2, 15-9 semifinal win over Boise State Nov. 17. UI followed the victory with a 15-8, 15-11, 15-10 triumph over Idaho State in the championship the next night.

Moore set a tournament hitting -- record by hitting .588 in the two matches.

Four Vandals were named to the all-tournament team, Moore, Kawulok, Hyland and Yanchulova was chosen as the tournament MVP.

The Vandals wasted no time in digging the Utah Utes Friday in Salt Lake City. Idaho used its NCAA tune-up wisely, pummeling the Utes 15-11, 15-10, 15-10.

Utah (14-16) shut down Yanchulova, allowing her to chalk up just seven kills and forcing the senior into eight hitting errors Saturday. Moore and Kamerose Kyle Leonard picked up the slack, combining for 32 kills.

The Vandals defense outgained UI 60-44 and did not allow a Ute player to finish with more than nine kills.

Vandals get lassoed by top-ranked Cowboys

Damon Backdull
Sports

Like a fictional bloodbath from an American western, the Cowboys once again came out on top, this time the Native Americans weren't the victors.

The Vandals' momentum coming into Saturday's national playoff was quickly snuffed out and eventually killed by the top-ranked Division I-A team in the country, the Mississippi State Cowboys throttled the University of Idaho 33-3 in the opening round of the Division I-AA playoffs at Cowboy Stadium in Laramie, Wyoming.

A near sellout crowd of 15,756 saw the Cowboys purely dominate on both sides of the ball, a role they usually don't play so well.

The Vandals couldn't get anything going early in the game and went into halftime down by 30. MSU, the best team that Idaho has played all year, and its quickness and athleticism to knock the Vandals off balance with big plays and by capitalizing on Idaho turnovers.

Both teams advance to the national quarterfinals where they will play host to Delaware Saturday.

Wyo
Ryan Woollenorton

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MSU finished off the first half with yet another score after a tipped Hisaw interception by Clyde Williams gave the ball to Joseph at Idaho's 47-yard line. Immediately, Joseph connected with Davis after UI's Arnold Guill fell for a punt fake and Davis walked in for a touchdown to give the Cowboys a 30-0 lead heading into halftime.

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Idaho's Lina Yanchulova hits the floor for a dig against Boise State in the BSC Tournament.

Joe Harrison

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Everyone is encouraged to get in the spirit of Lady Vandal basketball and help Idaho have a successful season.

**Vandals buck BSU**

The year-long state bragging rights game came to an end for Boise State, as the Idaho Vandals spanked the Broncos 33-13 in the Kibbie Dome on Nov. 18.

16,265 fans packed the Dome for a showdown in the state's most bitter rivalry. The win eventually gave Idaho the credentials to ride their 5-4 overall record into the Division I-AA playoffs.

The Vandals victory avenged last season's 27-24 loss to the Broncos in Boise.

The Vandals front four on the defensive line kept Bronco quarterback Tony Hills at check nearly the entire game and eventually forced the junior to leave the game with a broken finger.

UI quarterback Eric Hisaw went 9-for-10 in the first half and engineered a 10-3 halftime lead, connecting with wide receiver Dwight McKenzie on a 46-yard pass that eventually led to a Ryan Woolverters field goal and the winning touchdown pass to receiver Robert Scott.

Hisaw finished the day 18-23 for 282 yards.

**Dirden leads U of I in win**

The St. Martin's Saints were in the zone Saturday night. Unfortunately for the Legey, Wash. NAIA school being visited didn't mean they were shooting the lights out.

The Idaho Vandals exploited the Saints' 2-3 zone defense and once again for easy baskets and at the same time held St. Martin's to a porous 24-46 (50 percent) shooting effort in an 88-63 nonconference basketball triumph.

"They scored at will. We just had two possessions and I expect it was probably good for us," Idaho coach Joe Cravens said. "Really in the year it's tough to work on your zone offense. Historically, that's one of the things you put in last.'"

Despite the fact only 914 fans turned out in Memorial Gym, one in large part to the number of students still off campus on Thanksgiving break, Idaho won 141 straight and picked up a win in the 1st consecutive season openers.

St. Martin's point guard Mark Hunter drove to the hoop for a layup with just under 1:14 left in the second half to get the Saints within seven at 46-39, but they would get no closer. Idaho's Kris Hisamatsu buried a three-pointer to cap off a 14-0 run, pushing the Vandals' lead to 56-40 less than three minutes later.

Garden City Community College transfer Reggie Woolverters scored 14 points on 7-of-11 shooting to pace the Vandals.

Elko buried a driving layup with three minutes remaining in the game to push the Vandals lead to 73-27, in legent of the game.

The two squads traded baskets in the opening minutes, Saints junior guard Blake Buttlejack knocked down a turnaround jumper in the key four minutes into the first half to give St. Martin's an initial lead at 6-4, Idaho then rolled off a 14-5 run to take control of the game.

In contrast to St. Martin's festive shooting night, the Vandals canned 55-68 shots from the field (84 percent). Not surprisingly, Idaho also shot better from behind the three-point arc, making good on 18-19 attempts from tney land. The bigger Vandals used their height advantage to outscore the Saints 42-30 on the boards.

The Vandals were led by the 21 points of senior guard Shawa Diriden. The Denver, Colo. native turned in a solid all-around performance, finishing 8-14 from the field with five rebounds, three assists and a pair of steals.

"I thought Shawa played pretty well," Cravens said. "He's getting himself up for a real banner year."

Dixie College transfer Lance Jackson made a free throw inside for the UC Jaguars. The 6-foot-9 forward contributed 14 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in the winning effort. Junior Rose and Nate Glacken chipped in 13 points for the Vandals.

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**Vandal basketball kicks off tonight against GU**

The Idaho women's basketball team split a pair of exhibition games to open the season, before starting another set of non-conference games tonight.

Idaho earned an eight point win over former basketball Alumna, before falling 78-63 to Simon Fraser, Idaho head coach Jodi Hall is pleased with her teams progress, but is anxious to get more games under their belt before they open Big Sky Conference play Jan. 12, at home against Idaho State.

Idaho will host a pair of games this week, starting tonight against Gonzaga at 7:05 p.m. in Memorial Gym. They also host LCSC of Lewiston, an NAIA school on Thursday night at the same time and location. Idaho will then hit the road for one game before returning home for 4 more games. They host the UI Tourney on Dec. 8-9 and then Washington State on the 12th and Portland on the 16th.

All games except the Portland game will start at 7:05 p.m. with it starting at 5:00 p.m.

"We really want to win all of our home games to start the season, so that we can get off to a good start," said Holt.
Selection committee made poor choices

The NCAA Volleyball Tournament Selection Committee has a tough task. Controversy and criticism are an inherent part of the job.

It would be impossible to pick 48 teams, match them up, choose host schools, determine seeding and try to find parity in four brackets without angering someone. The committee can't please everyone but the key to making a wise decision is having sound reasoning behind the choice.

It's a hard job for me to believe the selection committee had sound reasoning behind its decision not to give Idaho hosting rights in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Volleyball Tournament Idaho, which was ranked 21st in last week's AVCA-USA Today Coaches Poll, is the only ranked team which was forced to travel in the first round of the tournament. In fact, 12 other schools are either ranked lower than the Vandals or unranked and still received hosting rights.

Those 12 schools are: #22 BYU (20-8), #25 Northern Iowa (28-1), Louisville (28-5), George Washington (20-6), Georgia (20-3), Texas Tech (20-11), Maryland (21-9), Iowa State (21-11), George Mason (20-10), Ball State (21-11) and Hofstra (21-12).

It's too bad a likely crowd of 1,500-plus screaming Vandal fans won't get a chance to invade Memorial Gym for another go-round in the "House of Death." There aren't many sure things in the world of sports, but you can just about chalk up a victory when the Vandal Spikers play on the Palouse. Idaho has put together a 46-match home-winning streak, dating back to 1992. The streak is the fifth longest in NCAA history and the longest current among all Division I schools.

If you want to play the money game and look at gate sales only one of those schools averaged more fans than Idaho. BYU is the only one of those 12 schools drawing more fans than Idaho. Memorial Gym has brought in an average of 1,009 fans per match, the 96th best home attendance in the country. BYU is 17th. Iowa State, the Vandal opponent Wednesday, averaged less than 850 fans a match.

I will admit that rankings should not be the lone factor to consider when awarding home-court advantage, strength of conference, strength of schedule and records should also be analyzed.

Now given those criteria a logical case for hosting rights may be made for Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Champion BYU. Georgia won 20 matches and plays in the Southeast Conference (SEC). I will let that slide. Maryland plays in the tough Atlantic Coast Conference. Hey that leaves uh...nine other schools which get to stay in their friendly home confines.

Northern Iowa plays in the Gateway Conference. Ball State clashes with foes in the Mid-American Conference and Hofstra...please I'm not even convinced that's a real school. I think someone made that one up. Did some German-Polish guys get together and mean to say Hofstra University. These schools and conferences are hardly known for their volleyball prowess.

"All I would like to know is what the agenda was for the NCAA committee," Idaho coach Tom Hilber said. "Certainly it doesn't make a lot of sense. I could take it if someone would explain it to me."

It's not like Idaho crashed and burned in its previous two NCAA tournament upsets. The Vandals hammered Appalachian State and Central Florida in three games the past two years and attendance was in excess of 1,500 for both matches.

This, along with the fact that last year the NCAA took two Big Sky schools (UI and Montana) into the tournament proves the Sky is a viable competitive league. The Big Sky champion did not have to play a play-in match this year to get into the tournament, so that says the NCAA thinks something of the conference. So what's the deal?

The past two years the Big Sky has had an administrator on the NCAA Selection Committee. This year it did not. The past two seasons the Big Sky champion (Idaho) had hosted a first round playoff. It doesn't take a rocket scientist, brain surgeon or nuclear engineer to make that link.

Bottom line: the "selection committee dropped Idaho's ball this fall.

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• Also celebrating New York City is "Manhattan, With Love" (Glen House Communications, $50 hardcover), with paintings and text by Dorothy Rice.

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• Science fiction fans have their treat, too, with "Science Fiction: The Illustrated Encyclopedia" (Dorling Kindersley, $39.95 hardcover), by John Clute. The imaginary worlds, utopian empires and alien monsters are relevant, argues the author: "It is, after all, the only genre of fiction that directly addresses the true nature of the times we live in, and describes the powers we now wield."

• Stephen Lyman is an environmentalist who has made at least 35 trips alone into Yosemite National Park. He also is a skilled painter and photographer, and the result is "Into the Wilderness" (Artisan, $40 hardcover), a portrait of this parkland and its creatures.

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A Dutch child would insist that Santa Claus lives not at the North Pole but in Spain. And there's no need for a sleigh in sunny Spain.

According to the Dutch "Sinterklaas" legend, popular for centuries throughout the Low Countries of Holland and Flanders (now The Netherlands and Belgium), Santa makes his first annual appearance in mid-November, arriving by boat from Spain. This year, his first official stop in Holland is Nov. 11 at the town of Doesburg, but he is sure to appear in many additional cities and towns on or around the same date.

Every night after his arrival until Dec. 6, the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, the historical figure upon whom the legendary character is based _ Sinterklaas rides a white horse over the rooftops, tossing toys and other gifts down chimneys.

Everywhere Sinterklaas goes, he's greeted by children singing traditional songs. One goes: "Good Sinterklaas is in Holland once again, with his horse and Peter from sunny Spain. And even if he can't stay long, we hope he'll stop to hear our song. Dear Sinterklaas, the door is open wide. For you and Pete to step inside. And we're singing, voices ringing. And our hearts rejoice, 'Cause the Saint loves all good girls and boys."

Each night, children place their shoes in front of the fireplace before they go to bed in hopes of finding their footwear filled with some of Sinterklaas' bounty in the mornings. They also leave a generous supply of carrots, sugar cubes and water for Sinterklaas' horse.

The Peter referred to in the song is Sinterklaas' faithful and playful Moorish servant, Zwarte Piet (Black Peter), who dresses in medieval doublet and hose. Peter carries a birch rod to symbolize the stern side of Sinterklaas, who is as likely to punish naughty children as to reward good ones. Peter also carries toy-filled sacks large enough to be stuffed _ once the presents have been distributed with naughty children who, if bad enough, may be transported back to Spain as punishment.

Holland's much-loved Sinterklaas character is based on St. Nicholas, who lived from 271 AD to Dec. 6, 343 or 344. St. Nicholas' Feast Day is celebrated in many Catholic countries, but it has special meaning in Holland and Belgium due to the Sinterklaas tradition, today widely celebrated by Christians, Jews and Muslims alike.

Scholars believe Nicholas was born of a wealthy family at Patara, in Lycia, in Asia Minor, and raised by devout Christian. When he was forty, he became Bishop of Myra, a town near his birthplace. His fourth century tomb was discovered in Myra and has been excavated by archaeologists.

Even before his death, Nicholas' fame for good deeds and saintly ways began to spread across the Mediterranean. As soon as he was buried, facts and fantasy blurred into a series of legends: The Good Bishop of Myra became stormy seas when desperate sailors cried for help. He tore down prison walls when the persecuted invoked his name. He dropped dowries into the shoes of peniless maidens who prayed to him. He saved helpless children from the butcher's knife. He became the patron saint of sailors, merchants and children.

After Myra was taken by Islam, sailors carried St. Nicholas' bones to the town of Bari, in southern Italy, where they built a grand mausoleum. The St. Nicholas cult spread from Bari to coastal towns along the Atlantic and North Sea. By the 13th century, Holland, with its large population of navigators and merchants, had no fewer than 23 St. Nicholas Churches, some of which are still partially standing. Amsterdam adopted St. Nicholas as its patron saint, and Rome decreed Dec. 6, the anniversary of his death, as St. Nicholas' official Calendar Day.

In the 14th Century, when the venerable bishop's name already had been popularized to Sinterklaas, the choir boys of Holland's St. Nicholas Churches were given money and the day off each Dec. 6. At the same time, monks dressed in red suits and caps and wearing long white beards would reward or punish children in convent schools on the Saint's day, thus giving Sinterklaas the image of a stern yet benevolent moralist.

Nobody knows when Dutch and Flemish children began to believe that Sinterklaas makes his home in Spain, but by the 17th century, the Sinterklaas legend and celebrations were so much a part of Holland's calendar that famous Dutch painters and writers based works upon them, and there were countless folk songs on the subject.

At about this time, the Dutch introduced their Sinterklaas legend into the New World, eventually merging with those of Britain's Father Christmas.

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Ceremony, tradition, festivity abound in holidays

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'Tis the season, everywhere, for ceremony, tradition, festivity.

The annual Festival of Trees Dec. 2-10 in Atlanta will be an international celebration, in anticipation of the city's hosting the Olympics next summer.

Staged at the Georgia World Congress Center, the nine-day family celebration will include a cultural corner where visitors can take part in holiday activities from around the world—such as Japanese origami or Ukrainian egg decorating. Hundreds of Christmas trees will be displayed; holiday vignettes, an antique carousel, shops, entertainment and food are part of the festival.

The festival attracts about 130,000 visitors each year and benefits patients at Eggleston Children's Hospital at Emory University. The Rainbow Children's Medical Group, a hospital program that provides primary care to underserved children throughout the area, is this year's beneficiary.

Admission is $8 for adults and $5 for children and senior citizens. For more information, call the Festival of Trees, (404) 264-9348. The Hunt Country at Christmas—

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Several of the homes are historic with interesting architectural features; two of them are located at vineyards, so visitors can sample and purchase wines.

The houses and town will be decorated to receive visitors. Middleburg, founded in 1787, has more than 160 buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

The self-drive tour is $12.50 advance purchase, $15 at the door, and will benefit village beautification and preservation. For information and advance tickets, call (703) 787-9483. Tickets purchased on the day of the tours will be available at the Chronicle of the Horse, 301 W. Washington St. (Route 50). Bithloholiday.

Bithlo, one of the Rhode Island county estate of Pennsylvania coal baron A.S. Van Wickel, celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, and the mansion will be decorated for the holidays much as it was in the 19th century.

The house, on the National Register of Historic Places, will exhibit an 18-foot Christmas tree, glowing hearths, the family china and crystal on the tables, and lavish floral decorations for its holiday openings Dec. 23 and Dec. 26-31.

Located at 101 Ferry Road (Route 114) in Bristol, R.I., the house is surrounded by 33 landscaped acres overlooking Narragansett Bay. Admission is $7 for adults, $2.50 for children, and $15 for families. For information call (401) 253-2707. Connor Prairie Celebrations.

It's always 1836 in Connor Prairie, a living museum town 12 miles north of Indianapolis, and it will be Christmas Eve each evening from Dec. 23, when Prairietown is softly lit with candlelight.

Eight 19th century buildings will be in full holiday regalia, including Doc Campbell's house, Betsy Birdwhistle's Schoolhouse, and Mrs. Zimmerman's Inn. Costumed hosts will explain varied traditions of the time from those who think celebrating Christmas is sinful to others who hang stockings on their mantels and enjoy a holiday feast.

For information, call Connor Prairie at (317) 776-6000. New Orleans Lights.

Fireworks, lights, miniature train rides, Cajun cooking, and other entertainments are part of New Orleans' annual "Celebration in the Oaks" in City Park.

The park, once the Allard Plantation facing Bayou St. John, has avenues of trees, classical architectural follies, and playgrounds light-decorated for holiday visitors. The sights can be toured on foot ($3), on wheels ($5 to $35), or even horse-drawn carriages.

For more information call (504) 483-9415. Bermuda's Way.

It's the sleigh bells but gomby drums that welcome the holidays on Bermuda, with Gomby dancers performing to the beat on the streets.

The Bermuda Salvation Army Band picks up the beat on Christmas Eve day, playing in the City of Hamilton all day and through the night, dropping into homes all over the island in the City singing hours. The music stops at 9 a.m. on Christmas Day.

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- The "Promise Them Hope" holiday card collection, featuring artwork by patients at Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University in Atlanta, will help fund the cancer center at the hospital. The cards are a project of Twigs, a neighborhood network of volunteers who raise money and provide services for Egleston. Boxes of 20 cards and 21 envelopes are $10, with $7 going to the hospital. For information and orders, call Jackie Kunzer at (404) 515-2009.

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GAILLON, Normandy - Christmas is a magical time of year in Normandy, and nowhere is it more so than in Gaillons, a picturesque village nestled in the heart of the region.

The town is known for its charming Christmas market, which attracts visitors from all over the world. The market is filled with stalls selling traditional French goods, such as handmade crafts, delicious pastries, and seasonal wines.

In addition to the market, the town also hosts a parade featuring a giant 12-foot pine tree, which is lit up with thousands of lights. The parade is followed by a festive feast, where locals and visitors alike come together to enjoy traditional French cuisine, such as roasted turkey, caviar, and champagne.

The town's mayor, Jean-Pierre Dupont, said, "We are proud to host this wonderful event, which brings people together and celebrates the spirit of Christmas."
croissants and sesame seed canape twists from the local patisserie in nearby Gaillon.

"Our Labradors, Urielle and Holioise, enjoy their treats too," says Rosalie. "They have a biscuit with every cocktail hour, a hard candy when we have coffee. And at Christmas, they get a new collar each."

The kitchen is strictly off-limits to the gourmand dogs while Edith, Rosalie and an extra helper cook.

"The dogs could devour a whole turkey or pie with ease," said Rosalie, remembering the time one of them lapped up a whole 3-pound box of chocolates while nobody was looking.

The big Christmas day lunch begins with smoked salmon sent from Norway by friends, served with toast points and Pouilly Fume white wine.

It continues into roast stuffed turkeys, two large birds raised on the farm, killed and dressed by Edith. The accompaniments are fresh beans, creamed baby onions, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, "usually bought at Fauchon," says Rosalie.

Cheese would be a perfect whole Brie de Meaux, with excellent Bordeaux.

For dessert, there's always an English-style Christmas plum pudding (from Marks and Spencer, with brandy-buttermilk sauce) and another sweet...usually buche de Noel, the rich French Christmas log roll, made from scratch and decorated by Rosalie and Edith.

"That's the traditional French Christmas dish most of us love, and it's basically easy," says Rosalie.

After all these feasts and the exhausting work they entail, you'd think the lords of the Bizey manor would collapse on a Mediterranean cruise. But no. They go on giving parties for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The eve is known in France as le reveillon de Saint Sylvestre, which should be known around Bizey as Saint Hook.

New Year's Eve is small - 12 or so friends," says Rosalie. "Then we do our really big blow-out on the day itself, up to 40 or so guests, featuring enormous platters of fruits de mer (seafood)."

Just an hour from the Norman coast, the Hooks revel in the available shellfish, from langoustines (little Norway lobsters) to mussels, oysters, sea crabs, clams, baby shrimp, winkle - "whatever's available."

Lemon wedges, brown bread and sweet Norman butter are the usual accompaniments, with little bowls of vinegar and chopped shallots. Good Sancerre white wine is de rigueur.

This feast opener is followed by white-bean and sausage "cassoulet," not Norman, but welcome in winter; probably salad and then a sweet like apple mousse, which is very Norman with its calvados-honey sauce. Exhausted? Not Rosalie and George.

These 35-odd guests are greeted at a buffet with smoked salmon, cold turkey and ham cuts, pommes de terre Dauphinois with "cream au gratin scalloped potatoes," "which the French like best," says Rosalie.

"We tried serving macaroni and cheese, but they wouldn't look at it." More desserts - perhaps several buches and, that great favorite Tarte Tatin, the upside-down apple delight that was invented down in Sologne, the Loire Valley, but is sometimes adapted for Norman use, since apple trees are part of the countryside.

Wines invariably include George's good Bordeaux vintages.

"But don't forget the champagne," says Rosalie. "We go through cases of the stuff at holiday time, even though George doesn't drink it and prefers his Bordeaux."