UI professor charged with felony

Seatebelt could have lessened severity of fatal accident

Dennis Sasse

Brenda D. Comstock, a University of Idaho word processing specialist was killed Monday morning when a 1993 Chevy Blazer swerved across Sixth Street, jumped the curb and struck her.

Day shift watch supervisor Pete Comstock of the Moscow Police said this accident is another reason "why you need to wear your seatbelt."

He said that the accident probably would not have been so severe, and might not have happened at all had the driver been wearing his seatbelt.

The accident occurred at about 3:20 p.m. at 522 Van Buren, the corner of Van Buren and Sixth Street. The truck was driven by Anthony R. Goodwin, research scientist at the College of Engineering at UI.

Goodwin was arrested and charged with fourth-degree manslaughter Monday at about 9 p.m.

Comstock said, "The guy's a real nice guy, a family man that had a tax moment." Comstock also said there is "no indication of drugs or alcohol."

Comstock said Goodwin was reaching over to the passenger seat to grab a pack of cigarettes when he drifted to the right. Goodwin noticed, overcorrected and struck control of the vehicle.

Goodwin by his own admission was traveling over the speed limit, somewhere between 30-35 mph in a 25 mph zone.

The Suburban crossed the center, jumped an 8-inch curb, swerved through a flower bed of visi- tors and struck Comstock and the corner of the house.

Comstock theorizes Goodwin was tossed to the right side of the truck because of the centrifugal force of negative-correction to the left. When the truck hit the curb Goodwin was again overcorrected and likely lost control of the vehicle completely.

Goodwin hit the windshield on the passengers side, far away from the pedals and steering wheel.

When Idaho initially passed a mandatory seatbelt law Moscow had the highest rate of compliance in Idaho, 60 percent of Moscow residents used seatbelts. Now the percentage of Moscow residents using seatbelts has dropped to 30 percent or less.

Comstock said "injury accidents are up" in Moscow because of this. The Moscow police has a positive and enforcement policy regarding seatbelts use.

As a secondary offense violators are given a $5 ticket for failing to buckle up. As positive reinforcement a list of local merchants have buckled up coupons for free food at local restaurants.

The coupons have been supplied by local business owners which have teamed up with the Moscow police to help increase the use of seatbelts.

Gas prices may stay high through Labor Day

Lisa Lannigan

H old onto your gas tanks, prices at the stations may stay high for the rest of the summer, according to the American Automobile Association. Prices for unleaded in Boise said prices in Idaho are the third highest in the continental United States, right behind California and Nevada.

"Idaho is 17 cents higher than the national average of $1.38," Carlson said. The average for self-service regular unleaded in Idaho is about $1.48 in southern Idaho and $1.50 in northern Idaho.

Ed Sharman with the AAA in Spokane said gas pricestraditionally go up in the spring and summer, and then go back down after Labor Day. "If normally returns they would [go down] because there would be less demand," Sharman said. "But nothing seems to be normal."

Sharman said that while gas prices are up by about 26 cents from this time last year, motorists won't be deterred from their summer travel plans. "To drive from Spokane to Lewiston and back, it would only cost about $32 more than a year ago," Sharman said.

Carlson explained that during summer travel there is a greater demand for gasoline. Sport Utility Vehicles are popular and trucks that are popular all over Idaho usually have poor fuel economy, thus pushing demand for fuel up. "Big demand and tight supply. That's all it takes to move prices up," Carlson said.

Some states across the country have gas prices to be envied. Carlson said average prices for self-serve unleaded are $1.16 in Georgia. Five of the six regions in the United States were in the range of $1.24 to $1.30 in Idaho.

However, Sharman said prices in Idaho are still below the unscientific pole of gas prices in Vancouver, B.C., shows self-service unleaded to be about $1.92 in U.S. dollars.

Both Carlson and Sharman said that no one really knows why gas prices are higher this year than last. One reason may be because oil companies had to produce more heating oil for a longer amount of time due to the long, harsh winter conditions across the country. More heating oil means less supply of gasoline, since they come from the same source. High demand and low supply is enough to drive prices up.

Another reason may be an increase in the price of crude oil. Carlson said it increased the request to oil the 4.3 cent gas tax by the federal government may not have a lowering effect on gas prices.

"We haven't seen any downward movement in prices," Carlson said. Since 1990, gas prices haven't increase at the same rate as other products in the Consumer Price Index. "We've become acco unted to cheap fuel and an abun- dance of it," Carlson said. "This could be just the beginning of a movement, entering into a new era where we can expect to pay higher gas prices."

Students keep busy on campus with summer jobs

Lisa Lannigan

If you thought summer meant an empty campus, think again.

University of Idaho students are at work this summer on jobs all over the campus, thanks to the help of Student and Temporary Employment Services.

Patsy Houle with Student Employment said they work to help students find jobs so they can afford to stay here and supplement their income while they are here. "Houle said, "We are helped toward students."

Departments such as University Libraries and Facilities Management all hire during the summer.

"That's why we're here, it helps students find jobs so they can afford to stay here and supplement their income while they are here. Houle said, "We are helped toward students."

Although Student Employment has been around for a year, many still don't know about the available job opportunities or the internship possibilities, which have been offered.

"The internship possibilities, which have been offered, have been in the research field, engineering, computer science, and some of the arts," Houle said. "We have interns in the department of Music, theatre, dance and graphic design."

Although many summer positions are filled by April, there are still a few jobs out there. Employment opportunities are posted on the World Wide Web as well as on the bulletin board in the Student Union. Preston said there can be anywhere from five to 50 positions listed at a time, and the list is updated about twice a week. "Things keep on coming in," Houle said.

Many jobs listed now are for the fall, so when the time comes, they're already starting to think towards August and what is happening then.
Nez Perce fundraiser on track to buy back artifacts

Shelby Dopp

It's getting down to the wire for the Nez Perce Tribe.

The Nez Perce Tribe has about $45,000 left to raise to complete a major fundraising campaign. The tribe has the potential to earn $80,000 by Saturday.

Tom Hudson, executive director of Nez Perce Heritage Quest Alliance, believes the money can be raised by Saturday. "The OHS will not extend the deadline or lower its price under any circumstances," Hudson said. "They have been absolutely clear on these points."

Hudson said the alliance has received more than $20,000 in donations a day in the last few days from all over the country. The donations range from $1 to $100. "We have received tremendous support from all over the country," he said.

The University of Idaho Women's Center has raised about $9,000 for the alliance. Other donors include Little B. Disney, wife of the late Walt Disney; Tom Redmond, owner of the company that makes Aussie hair care products; and Northwest Bands Pearl Jam and Soundgarden and the Presidents of the United States of America. Approximately 50 schools from all over the country, as far away as Maryland, have raised money for the Tribe's quest. Frontier Elementary in Boise has raised $1,000

The Spalding-Allen Collection is an original of 23 artifacts. The alliance hopes to acquire a cradle board from the OHS, which has been separated from the other 19 pieces for about two decades, this week. The 19 pieces now in Idaho include two women's dresses, a woman's saddle, a pair of men's leggings, a child's cradle, three women's hats, a quiet, three hemp bags, two men's shirts, two horse or buffalo hair coats and six pairs of mocassins. The Collection was taken off exhibit in November 1995 to prepare for its return to Ohio. It has been under examination and documentation following an agreement between the OHS and the Nez Perce Tribe for the purchase of the Collection. Tita Piikkham and Nicki Williamson documented some of the artifacts Tuesday.

Documenting is the recording of details that a photograph cannot offer, Williamson said. "The more you look at it, the more you pick up," he said.

Harry Harmon Spalding established the Spalding Mission near Spalding, Idaho in 1856. During this time in Nez Perce country the Spaldings acquired a Collection of Plateau cultural artifacts. These artifacts were sent to Spaldings' college classmates Dr. Dudley Allen of Kinzies, Ohio in exchange for goods to help sustain the Mission.

The Spalding-Allen Collection was "rediscovered" by the National Park Service in 1969 in the collections of the OHS in Columbus, Ohio. In 1970 the Collection was loaned to Nez Perce National Historical Park for exhibit in the newly constructed Visitor Center.

If the fundraising effort is successful, which Hudson has hopes that it will be, the artifacts should go back on display very soon. The Collection will be officially returned to the Tribe at a formal ceremony during the annual Chief Dan George Pow Wow, June 14-16. All contributors to the Collection Fund will be welcomed in the ceremony.

To make last minute donations, send or take them to Key Bank, 2250 Thain Road, P.O. Box 1208, Lewiston, Idaho, 83501.

A traditional woman's dress made of deer hide may be worth several thousand dollars to the Ohio Historical Society, but it is priceless to the Nez Perce Tribe.

This woman's saddle is one of the 20 artifacts the Nez Perce Tribe is trying to buy back from the Ohio Historical Society. The saddle's rawhide skirts are one of five in existence worldwide.

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Temporary help employees are encouraged to verify that their address is updated so you can receive your W-2 in a timely fashion. Temporary help employees can verify or change their address at Student & Temporary Employment Services (STES) located in the Student Union. Student Employees may update their permanent address at any campus computer terminal.

If you have any questions, please contact the STES office located in the Student Union. Board appointed employees with questions should contact the HRS office.
Terminal server accounts required for modem access

Noah Sutherland

Starting this Saturday, everyone using the University of Idaho Computer Services modem pool to gain access to campus computers will be required to have a terminal server account. The number of modem accounts is limited, and once they are all in use only those wishing to use the modem pool only will be able to do so.

These are the same accounts that many people have been using to gain a SLIP or PPP connection. All users need to have this account now because of changes to the dial-up process. Students, faculty and staff who use the modem service for internet access only will be affected the most by the change. Without an account, users will be unable to use the modem after the program is changed tomorrow night. The modem pool will be shut down from 10 p.m. Friday to 12 a.m. Saturday to implement the changes, said Senior Network Analyst Chris Magagna.

All users will be affected by the change to some degree. SLIP and PPP users will need to make small changes to their configuration files. Instead of using the traditional menu as soon as a modem connection is made, the user will first be prompted to enter their terminal server account name and password.

Magagna said the change is being made to provide "greater accountability" in knowing who is connected and how long each user is connected to the modem pool.

Magagna said that three-fourths of the modem accounts currently connect with SLIP or PPP. "This will affect hundreds, not thousands," Magagna said.

Users can monitor their modem use and change their terminal server account on the UI Computer Services Web site. By connecting to http://kie.csrv.uidaho.edu:443 users can find statistical data on the modem pool and Internet usage and information about their individual account.

Users needing to get new accounts should go to the Computer Services Help Desk in the Administration Building Room 22 with photo ID. Users needing help should call the Help Desk at 885-4541. SLIP and PPP users can test out the new configuration by calling 898-0490 before the Friday change.

Computer Services is also considering changes to the time use policy. Currently, users can be connected for two hours during the monring, one hour during the afternoon and evening and unlimited access at night.

One plan that is being considered, said Magagna, is to allow each user 60 hours each month to connect any time they choose. "This way, someone could stay on for 24 hours one day of the week," Magagna said.

Other projects for Computer Services this summer include expanding the modem pool, continued work on the Telecommunications Infrastructure Project getting a new line to the Internet and installing Windows 95 on the PC lab computers.

Magagna said Computer Services will buy 28 modems to add to the current 96. More modems will be considered, but because all of the university residence halls will be wired for direct Internet access as many as 1,000 modems will be needed.

The demand for modem access continues to grow every year and Magagna believes that will continue. "The demand may go up next year as more faculty, staff and students discover the world of the Internet," he said.

The ISP project to install new telephone and computer network connections throughout campus is scheduled to be done in December, but is running ahead of schedule. Magagna said the wiring may be done as early as September.

Students living in Uruguay residence halls will no longer need to use the modem pool to connect to the campus network and the Internet. With an ethernet card and patch cord, they can plug their computers into a wall jack and access the network directly.

UI Internet access is currently through half of a T1 line to Boise. That line has been shared with the College of Engineering for video conferencing. Since Boise State University is taking over engineering education in Boise, the college no longer needs the video conferencing. Computer Services will lease a T1 line from Moscow directly to Spokane. This not only doubles the amount of data that can flow in and out of UI, but helps create direct path to the Internet," Magagna said.

In the past year, the UI's connection to the Internet has continued to improve. The Internet service provider for UI, Northwest Net, has tripled the lines between Spokane and Seattle and doubled the lines from there.

Windows 95 will be installed in the campus PC labs before the fall semester. Magagna said Computer Services is still deciding how to best implement the change. One possibility, he said, is to have a choice on the menu for DOS, Windows and Windows 95.

Another would be to put Windows 95 in only some of the computers in the labs.

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September," Preston said. The best time to look for a summer job through the university would be during spring break, late April and early May. Student Employment does not find students jobs, it handles them as well. Employees students must file paper work with Student Employment or obtain a work permit card. Students who've worked for the university during the school year and continue during the summer don't need to get another card.

"Only if there's been 90 days break in service do you need to do this," Preston said.

The office also works to find temporary replacement for some campus jobs through the Secretary and Technology Assistance Resource program. The STAR program fits non-students up with temporary positions that come open in several departments. "Finding students is actually the biggest time for that," Preston said.

To find a job or to secure a position for this fall, come into the Student and Temporary Employment office or check on the web (http://www.uidaho.edu/hr/step) for more information.

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**Announcements**

**Gay Pride March**

The 4th Annual Paleoie Gay Pride March and Diversity Festival will be held Saturday from 11 to 5 at East City Park. There will be entertainment, food, vendors and more. Call 882-8034 for additional information.

**Poetry Forum offers cash prizes**

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum is offering several cash prizes in its "Awards of Poetic Excellence" contest. A grand prize of $500 as well as other awards are available. Poets may enter only one poem of 20 lines or less on any subject. Poems entered in the contest will be considered for publication in the spring 1997 "Poetic Voices of America." The contest is free to enter. The deadline is July 31, so enter as soon as possible. Winners will be announced Sept. 30. Send submissions to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. G, 205 Diamond St., P.O. Box 193, Sistersville, WV 26175-0193.

**Special Olympics start tonight**

The 1996 Idaho Special Olympics Summer Games are here. Opening ceremonies for the games are at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Neville Dome. Approximately 1,000 athletes and coaches will be competing in a variety of events on the UI campus. Volunteers are needed to help with competitions on Friday and Saturday. Please call 855-6663 for more information on how to volunteer.

**Alzheimer's Association hosts walk**

The Alzheimer's Association will be holding its annual Memory Walk on Oct. 5 at Farragut State Park. Now is the time to organize your teams for this event. Anyone can participate in this event and lunch and prizes will be offered. "The Memory Walk helps support the Alzheimer's Association which in turn provides assistance to individuals and families dealing with dementia. For more information on how you can support the association, please call the North Idaho Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 438-0641.

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**Summer Book Buyback**

The UI Bookstore will buy books back on Fridays starting June 7 through August 3rd.

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Annual Health Fair draws crowd at the mall

By Valaree Johnson

The annual Health Fair held at the Palouse Empire Mall last Saturday and Sunday served as a reminder to "Stay Fit, Wise and Healthy.

In today's health-conscious America it seems that keeping up with all the health information out there would be impossible. But under one roof parents-by were informed of everything from the dangers of smoking to the advantages of herbs.

"Your body will put up with a whole lot if you are just good to it," said Alice Karl, a registered nurse from Latah Health, as she took free blood pressure tests.

Free facials, free vitamins, free massages and free advice came from every table in the mall. But one thing that is always free is exercise. "And exercise is the bottom line to good health," Karl said.

Rosalie Bennett, president of Berkeley Health Systems offered free body fat analysis with a full frequency electric scan that determine fat, body water, and body mass. The evaluation also included basic metabolic rate and daily calories consumption as well as a plan to meet what their target weight and metabolic rate should be.

"Many of the people who take the test here are positively curious," Bennett said. "But if the test doesn't even want to be tested and pretend they don't see their折射 habit being weighed and analyzed fall in healthy range of the test, Bennett said that many Americans fail in fat analysis.

"The best thing to do is to exercise and control your intake of fat," Bennett said. But she added that all new nonfat substitutes are probably for the body and misled people into believing they are controlling fat and calories in their diet, "If you can't pronounce it, don't eat it," said Bennett who encourages reading nutrition labels and carefully monitoring what is placed into the body.

Most health advisors at the mall agreed. "Education is the key," said Rebecca Vandover, a registered dietician from Whitman County Health Department. Their booth's goal was to increase awareness on such health issues as the dangers of smoking and the importance of breast examinations.

And just when you thought the word test was gone from your vocabulary for a while, several booths offered state wide, hearing tests and testing your skills on emergency and first aid awareness. Also included with health issues was information on mental health issues and the stereotypes and stigma that should be broken to these brain disorders.

Whatever your health flair, it was available. But who has time to listen to all the available information?" Well, Karl said it best. "The most important thing to listen to is your own body."

Valaree Johnson

An employee of Berkeley Health Systems gives Barbara Locke of Moscow a body fat analysis.

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Tragic accident provokes thought

Like a lot of people my age, I have never voted. The process seemed too complicated. So I figured I'd go through the whole ordeal and report back to you so you'd know how to do it.

Unfortunately it was quite simple. I walked into the courthouse, right into the room that said “Voter Registration” above the door. I stood there for a while looking stupid until I noticed the pile of ballots and the word “Voter Registration.” I of course promptly filled one out and gave it to the woman behind the counter. She filled in my district number (which is 8, by the way) and I was done. “That’s all?” I asked. “That’s all,” she said. No column material there.

It just so happened that I was on my way to take pictures for the story on page one, so I went to the police garage to see the truck involved in the accident.

When I arrived there the officer was very courteous, which I must say was far and away from the usual treatment I receive from the local law enforcers. At any rate, he explained what had happened during the accident as I photographed the wreckage. I didn’t think much of the damage to the vehicle, and didn’t really pay attention when he started talking about the importance of seat belts.

Again, like a lot of people my age I am an occasional seat belt wearer. Usually on long trips or when I remember or whatever. You know the story.

And the remarkable thing about this instance was that the driver of the vehicle was not killed. But when the officer pointed out that the large target shape on the passenger side of the truck was made by the driver’s head as he beheaded that of his truck, it got me thinking.

When the officer pointed out that the driver could have maintained control of his vehicle and most likely avoided taking a woman’s life had he been wearing a seatbelt, it got me thinking even more.

This wasn’t the total destruction and carnage that they show on public service announcements. This was a simple, freakish accident. Something that had incredible odds of occurring in the first place. All of the pictures and all of the speeches and even the laws enacted to force you to wear your seat belt are so far removed from most of us that they just don’t have an effect.

But standing there with a man who told me—very calmly and without sensationalism—about the families, and about the events that transpired that afternoon, I really did some thinking.

How simple it would have been to avoid this tragedy. And as we drove away from the yard I saw a small weather-beaten sign—“Seat Belt Fastened?” You bet it was.

-Carolyn Flowers

COPS in Moscow have it easy

I have lived in Moscow for more years than I care to admit. In this time I have come to the conclusion that the Moscow police are too bored for their own good.

As a reporter the police are usually very courteous, unless I ask something they don’t care to answer. But as a member of society I feel the same frustrations as many others who are treated with less than courtesy and respect.

Police everywhere, even on the Palouse, are so desperate for respect that they are only too happy to give it. But I have news for officers everywhere: you know how we are, and we treat you with a little respect and dignity and we just may return some.

The police of the United States— and Moscow—have historically been entrapped with three missions: to uphold the law, to arrest those breaking the law and to try and prevent crimes from happening.

The last of the previous list, prevent crime, has always been the most difficult for police simply because they are not equipped for prevention, not a pro-active one. The police can only react to a crime once it has been reported, they have little power to go out and search for crimes before they happen. The responsibilities of the police to uphold the law are rightfully limited by the Constitution to protect the rights of the individual.

Law enforcement personnel throughout the country—especially Moscow’s finest—have come to hold such a high opinion of themselves that they have appointed themselves judge and jury to the American public.

The catch is they do this with an unexplained set of criteria and police perception of police inconsistency is coming back to haunt them.

The verdict they pass upon the general public is ambiguous and seemingly random; the impression law enforcement gives that there is one guilty until proven innocent. From corning on the highway to the traffic enforcers, investigators, who both demand impeachment of others and subvert the system, the contempt law enforcement holds towards the general populace is thinly veiled behind wire-framed mirror sunglasses.

Is it any wonder that splinter groups like the ones led by Bo Gritz and Ralph Former and even organizations like the Skinheads in and around the schools that we are told form a system that stamps upon the rights it claims to uphold?

Like an example with local firemen can be seen in the case of Nikolai, former reporter for Newslit who was fired for attempting to cover up a criminal past. Piel was charged with failing to make an arrest and illegal possession of a document. He says he was never convicted.

Though not convicted of the charges Piel all but said he gave the suspect a break because he was a friend. Fairness, Mr. Piel? I guess the old saying is true. It is not what you know but who you know especially true for you, right Mr. Piel?

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In case of a water landing...

We are going to be hearing a lot more about airplane safety in the near future. In light of the recent disaster of ValuJet Flight 592 in the Florida Everglades, it’s no wonder.

Congress will pass laws regulating this and enforcing that; but when it comes down to it, we’re really making flying safer?

This isn’t the first incident the three-year-old company has had to face up to. According to an article in the May 20 issue of Newsweek, ValuJet has been the subject of numerous FAA inspections after engine fans, blocking the lavatories and sliding off the runway. Many of the “scary” planes are more than 25 years old. However, the airline has made money by offering low rates.

Can we ever truthfully say that when we design an airline to cut costs; flying anything with a little title like “Valu” should tip off of you that you are flying the bargain basement of airlines.

In their own defense, ValuJet told Newsweek; "The construction on this jet is not the most advanced. There is no way we can compare the quality of the 592 with any other plane. It’s a 25-year-old plane that has been properly maintained."

I would like to think that every enforcement gives that there is one guilty until proven innocent. From corning on the highway to the traffic enforcers, investigators, who both demand impeachment of others and subvert the system, the contempt law enforcement holds towards the general populace is thinly veiled behind wire-framed mirror sunglasses.

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Conspiracy

Lisa Lamigan

time I get on a plane it has been thoroughly checked over first by the top people in the field, making sure every bolt is fastened and every screw is tight. Still, when I hear the jet engines roar to life, I can’t help but look out the window and expect to see a wing fall off or gas tank explode. Somehow, the little in case of emergency" leaflet with full color pictures don’t make me feel any better.

Still, they tell us flying is one of the safest ways to travel. Look at it this way: suppose you are traveling from Moscow, Idaho, to Miami, Fla. How, which would be safer: a quick hop-skip-and-jump in a plane, or a long road trip across the entire country, just you in your little tin-can Sohum against the tanker trucks? Tough, huh.

When a car crashes, you are lucky to get the local news. But when a plane crashes, the whole country, perhaps even the world, knows. Maybe this is due to the amount of people injured or killed at one time. Or maybe it’s such a rare occurrence that when it does happen, it’s a bigger deal.

In any case, we all know we are taking a bit of a risk anytime we travel. We are reimbursed of this every time we hear that in case of emergency your seat cushions can be used as life rafts, or maybe we're so near water, or the three-minute dissertation on the emergency exit window seat.

In any case, I flew one month ago from Boise to Sun Valley in what is commonly called a private jet. The 18-seater plane was so small the pilot was both the captain and the flight attendant. The plane, crunch my knees up to my chin and page through the menu. Fly on one of those babies, and you really

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Dole needs to pull his head out of his Clavin

Besides, Americans seem to be less concerned with the crime issue this election year. A Los Angeles Times poll in April found that 3 percent of voters surveyed see crime as an important issue. Voters seem to be more concerned with issues like the economy and health care.

Dole's hope is that he can use the Bush campaign's "Welfare Reform" against Clinton. Instead of using an actual criminal, he's just saying that Clinton isappointing liberal judges and lax federal prosecution.

Then he pulled what I call a "Joseph McCarthy" by singling out one of Clinton's top advisors, without actually naming him, for being soft on crime. We all know that McCarthy had a list of "Commies" but it never really had any substance to it. Just like Dole's claims. Pretty soon Dole will probably claim Communists run the White House and work in the State Department. Anything to get votes.

What's really funny is how Dole claims Clinton's soft on crime, but what about that "Bud" guy? That would be Bob Dole. Thank you very much. Who tried to have the hasearch weapons repealed? That would be Bob Dole. Bob Dole's for it, of course.

Thank you once again.

So, what's really soft on crime? That would be Robert J. Dole.

He tried to pin the blame on Clinton for the violence in this country, but that pin just isn't sticking.

I said this once before in an editorial last semester, and I'll say it again: Bob Dole is no mean-spirited man. He's at least as smart as Clinton. He doesn't look as bad as Clinton. Look at the pictures of Dole. A picture is worth a thousand words.

A friend of mine told me a joke the other day. A guy brought over a picture of this like: Bob Dole's popularity has dropped 10 points. And the government he dropped out of the Senate. His popularity now is 60 percent when in 1992 when he was president of the presidential race. OK, so it's not all that bad. You've got to have a sense of humor.

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SHELBY DOPP

Valujet • FROM PAGE 5

know you've thousands of feet above the ground with nothing holding you up but some laws of physics we can't really explain anymore.

The experience was almost enough to make my friend toss her cookies.

Well, hold on to your cookies a little tighter, people. I hear they're importing vials of snake plasma by dehydrated records and tattoos, and the biggest body part they pulled out was a knee cap.

I figure if it's my time to go, it's my turn to ask whether I'm in "har"-pain plane or my tin-can on the highway. Things happen that are out of our control; things that could have never been predicted. We can try to pass laws to make us feel safer, but in the end, we know are risking our lives. Hey, half the fun is getting there, right?

Now please, buckle your seat belts and return your trays to their full upright position.

COPS • FROM PAGE 6

A question to you Mr. Pitt: Would I, or anyone in Los Angeles county that you did not know, receive such friendly and "equal" treat- ment if you were a drunk, and not Mr. Pitt?

Mark no mistake, the sheriff's department has had, and will continue to be, an "Old Boy" network where those with friends will not be prosecuted.

Perhaps the most glaring misuse of police powers just recently hap- pened in Oregon. The sanctity of religion has been violated by police and jailers. The whole thing is a joke. In days gone by, police would have never even thought of recording a confession made to a priest. Respect and discretion dictated that you just don't invade or ignore the sanctity of religion.

The examples of superfluous self-indulgent police are every- where. The stories of law enforcement gone too far are all too common, cops in unmarked cars beating women for not pulling over, Rodney King, Waco, Ruby Ridge the list goes on.

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Summer of cycling starts on Moscow Mountain

Shelby Dopp

S oozer or later the summer season will be here, and the desire to get out of Moscow will be strong. The need to try out in the hot sun near a beautiful lake will yearn inside of you. A great place to go is Priest Lake, Idaho. It is one of the most beautiful summer vacation spots in northern Idaho. Vacationers can do a variety of things such as swimming, fishing, biking, hiking, swimming, biking and huckleberry picking.

Priest Lake is about a four hour drive from Moscow. The town is nestled in the valley of the Selkirk Mountains Basin and only a few miles from the Canadian border. It has been called the "Crown Jewel of Idaho," because it offers some of the wildest and most scenic beauty in the state.

The lake itself extends 19 miles and is connected to the smaller Upper Priest Lake by a glacial two-mile-long thoroughfare. The lake has the clearest water I have ever seen in my entire life. The beach sand is the softest sand I have ever touched—next to the sand in the Oregon Dunes National Park. I highly recommend the trip to anyone and everyone.

If you decide to make a trip to Priest Lake I suggest visiting on a weekend. You must listen to Northern Lights. They are a great band. They play at both Eikons on Priest Lake and Hill's Resort over the summer. Northern Lights will be playing at Hill's Resort for the month of June and on July 4. They will play Fridays and Saturdays at either 8 p.m. to midnight or 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. After July 4, they will be playing at Eikons on Priest Lake until mid-September on the same days and times. The band covers a variety of other artists’ songs and some of their own music. Watch out when "The Gust" comes along. Things can tend to get a little chaotic on the dance floor.

There are a variety of areas to do some nice hiking and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Make sure you visit Granite Falls and Hunt.

Priest Lake provides great getaway to mountains

Jason Evans pushes his bike up one of the more difficult parts of the Southside Contour Trail on Moscow Mountain.

Noah Sutherland

A fter spending two hours trying to get my bike to shift somewhat properly, Jason and I finally get on the road and head for Moscow Mountain. For us, this is still early season riding; this is my second real ride of the year and his fourth. It's Saturday and we decide to try a trail that neither of us has done before. Riding up the west ridge of the mountain range from Pond 9 gives a good warm-up for heading off the main road.

About three miles past the first blue gate is the start of the Southside Contour Trail. This is just one of the trails maintained by the Moscow Area Mountain Bikers Association. MAMBA has worked hard with the land owners to open up areas of the mountain to bikers. The Southside Trail starts with a nice easy downhill then follows a good warm-up for heading off the main road.

The view from Paradise Point awards those strong enough to ride to the top.

Noah Sutherland

Ride o' the week

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along the contour (I wonder where they got the name) of the hill for about a half mile. The trail comes to a fork showing the "easiest trail" on the left and "more difficult" on the right. Of course, we have to go to the right.

A short time later, we return our decision very much. We have to push our bikes most of the way up to the top of Paradise Point. The trail is much steeper—and longer—than we expected. Unless you have legs of steel, I recommend you take the "easiest trail" or ride the trail in reverse—the uphill would make a great downhill.

The view from Paradise Point is worth the pain of the climb though. It provides an unobstructed view south of the whole Moscow area, from east of Troy to well beyond Pullman in the west. The view is made even better by the incredible clear skies.

We come down the mountain on another great single-track trail that rolls out to join Mountain View Road. The ride back to town gives a nice cool-down for our legs from the climbing earlier. Riding on the mountain is fun, but starting and ending in town adds so much beyond driving out and starting at the base of the mountain.

Moscow Mountain offers a great range of possible trails to ride on, even after some of them have been closed due to logging on the west side of the mountain. The main roads provide a great variety of terrain even without slipping off into the trees to try the single track.

There are miles of road and trail out there to explore, so go do it. Hmmm... now that I think about it, what am I doing here writing? I should be riding.

This is the first in a weekly series of stories this summer about cycling around the Moscow area. I will write about both road and off-road rides. If you know a great place to ride, let me know.

* SEE PRIEST LAKE PAGE 11
Spring Chinook return this year much better than last

Endangered fish helped by improved river conditions

Dennis Sasse  

Spring chinook are an endangered species in the Inland Northwest, but now there is some reason to be cautiously optimistic that the run won’t go extinct.

According to Idaho Fish and Game the number of returning spring chinook is predicted to be as high as 7,500. Much higher than the 500 or so chinook that appeared last year.

Jam, Hunt, UI research associates, says, “out migration is pretty low this year—wild fish numbers are really low.” This is mostly due to the low numbers of fish that returned last year to spawn.

Of the 7,500 fish, 3,450 should be wild fish which is an increase of over 460 percent over last year. In 1995, 745 wild fish passed Lower Granite Dam.

Increases in returning chinook are promising said Steve Pettit, fish passage specialist with Idaho Fish and Game, “the most encouraging thing is the number of ‘jacks’ returning. Jacks are younger, juvenile fish that return to spawn earlier than fully developed adults.”

Pettit says the increase in the return of jack is encouraging and he has a hunch that the increase is because “last year was one of the first since the fish was listed that out migrating smolts received better river conditions.”

Pettit is, “guardedly optimistic” about the 1996 run. He said there have been a few problems with the migration—some man scared—at the dams.

One problem fish faced on their trip to the ocean happens at Little Granite Dam. An experimental surface collector was to be tested during this year’s run.

The surface collectors would essentially sweep the fish away from the turbines. Turbines are a significant source of fish mortality. “A month delay in the construction caused lower flows in the turbines” said Pettit. The water flows to the turbines had to be reduced so that divers could safely work on the deflectors.

When spring run-offs came before the completion of the project excess water had to be shunted through the spillways. When large volumes of water are spilled in this fashion the total dissolved gas level in the water increases drastically.

Total dissolved gas is a water condition that can be lethal to smolts. When water placers from a depth, as it does in dam spillways, it can supersaturate and carry dangerously high concentrations of gas.

Hunt says that flip lips and pier nose extensions working in conjunction are the best method to reduce gas supersaturation at the dams.

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Most Northwest dams have some sort of deflectors system, John Day and Ice Harbor are the only two major dams that still need to be retrofitted with structures to reduce gas saturation.

Hunt says, “Deflects do help, that’s for sure.”

In peak generating season, which coincides with the spring run-off, electricity supply is greater than demand. The combination of low electricity demand and high water flow gives dam operators no reason to run the turbines—which also divers more water to the spillways.

Although the high dissolved gas is a problem, fish can survive relatively short exposures to high concentrations with no ill effects. In contrast, poor flow that do not have the velocity to flush smolts out to sea causes much more mortality.

What is still controversial though is that each dam acts to the saturation of gas in the river water. Saturation levels drops as water flows between dams, but it is not known if the levels remain initially high to smolts.

Good river flow is essential to out migration of the smolts. “The benefit of moving through the system so much faster outweigh the problems of high dissolved gas,” said Hunt. But Hunt says, there is “lots of super saturation this year.” And that saturation is “a source of mortality” that has been suggested as part of dam operations.

This year was only an average year for runoff Hunt said, “Long term records show this is an average year.”

Hatchery raised fish are also returning in numbers much higher than last year. Hatchery fish will make up 4,050 fish compared to the 360 that returned in 1995.

These numbers are far below the 1985-94 average of 19,770 fish seen at Lower Granite. Hunt is working on a radio-telemetry study of spring and summer chinook with steelhead. Anyone who captures a tagged chinook is encouraged to call the Adult Passage Project at 885-6000 to let Hunt and other researchers know what happened to tagged fish.

Spring Chinook return this year much better than last
Chamber tells you what to do in Moscow, Idaho

Valaree Johnson

There is more to Moscow than memorizing every store in the Palouse Empire Mall. Anyone who can name them in sequence should check out what else is in store in Moscow.

"There is a lot that this area has to offer," says Lisa Lundstedt of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce. "Anyone who is bored just hasn't explored what's out there."

The Moscow Chamber of Commerce updates a weekly calendar filled with a variety of activity and culture that could please a manifold of personalities. "There is everything from garnet digging and walking tours of downtown Moscow to theater, dance, and book signings," says Lundstedt.

This space will feature many of those ongoing summer activities such as:

- The Discover the Palouse available around Moscow. For any questions about summer entertainment contact the Moscow Chamber of Commerce at 882-1800.
Many works of art to see this summer

Corinne Flowers
Chief Curator

There's plenty to do around Moscow this summer, especially if you know where and when if all happens. The following represents some of the art on exhibit in our area. Future listings will detail other galleries as well as upcoming events.

ArtFrames of Idaho 314 E. Washington 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Profile: This gallery features mostly realistic pieces, including a fair amount of wildlife art and works by local and regional artists. In addition to the art on display, they offer beautiful custom framing.

Highlights: Don't miss the soft but vibrant watercolors by Linda B. Waigel and the photorealist wildlife pieces by Al Argue.

Moscow Gallery West 205 E. Main 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday

Profile: Gallery West is located next to the Moscow Food Co-op. They have been closed due to construction but will open again for normal business hours on Friday. This gallery focuses on art that reflects the nature of the Northwest.

Highlights: Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., the gallery will be hosting a reception for artists Jennifer and Rebecca Red.

Prihard Gallery 444/456 S. Main 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Profile: The Prihard is the place to go when you like "modern" art. The works featured there often focus on feeling and interpretation rather than realism.

Highlights: The Robert Beckman/Marc Bevan exhibit will continue to be on display until July 27.

Corinne cleans house on CD stash

Part of my schedule of really big changes around the Argonaut involves moving furnishings, which of course involves cleaning the place.

In the process of this penultimate act I discovered several old's awaiting to be reviewed in the entertainment desk. I took it upon myself to listen to them, and have constructed a review for your benefit.

Our first tidbit of musical merit is "Electric Juicy" by Fuzzy. These guys have been around for three years now. Their music is a kind of happy pop, but noticky sweet stuff, more like Juliana Hatfield meets the Breeders.

And they're awfully cute. I mean right outta fashion-mg-ville. They're not all pieced or visibly immersed or anything. I'm not sure if it's legit to make music without these criteria, but they do their damndest.

Unfortunately they just didn't do it for me. Fuzzy is on the right track, goodness knows I'm sick to death of angst filled tripe, but they just fall short before hitting their mark.

The album starts out right, it's an infectious sort of thing that makes you shake your booby. But then it gets a bit redundant. It all seems to sound the same, by the time I got through four or five tracks I was ready to turn it off. Actually, I did.

I wouldn't buy this album. Truth is, I probably won't buy any music this year. But on the bright side, if they release anything in the near future I'll definitely give it a whiff. I hear potential there.

Our next album, however, resonates of something but potential. The Geraldine Fibbers' "Live from the Bottom of the Hill" sounds a lot like everything else to come down the pipe. I was expecting good things since they've been around for a while, but it didn't. I'm not sure if it's as if I'm living in their ensemble. We'd had a vibe there.

Both is was a lot of noise under the guise of alternative sound, which is what I look for. But today, it was not Big, it was wacky. It was like when you hear a really good album and then you go out to see the band live, and there's this huge discrepancy. That's what this album is, a really big discrepancy. If they release another album in the future I will probably not listen to it. I will probably hide my head.

But no fear, little campers, there are more albums in our future, none of which are going to be absolutely fantastic, not only do I personally guarantee it, but I will personally review it. Then you'll have no one to blame for wasting your money but me.

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