Parents need crossing guards

Andrea Lucero

Elementary school students often have to fight traffic to cross the street without the aid of a crossing guard.

Repeating classes will not remove Ds, Fs

Michelle Kahleiter

The University of Idaho Faculty Council recently voted to change the guidelines of GPA calculations when students repeat a course.

Presently, regulations allow students to retake a class in which they received a D or F as many times as needed. The new grade they receive replaces the failing grade, so the GPA reflects only the highest grade achieved.

The regulation states, "Although all grades remain on the record, only the most recent grade is counted for grade-point purposes." The Faculty Council voted to change the regulation to read, "All grades are counted for grade-point purposes."

Why did the Faculty Council feel it was necessary to change the current system? There were complaints of students who repeated a course seven times. In addition, one student accumulates 105 credits while repeating KZ of them.

Both Faculty Council student representatives opposed the change in U of I's grading policy. Representative Katie Egland said, "I understand that we must watch out for the 'habitual repeaters.' But by implementing this policy, you are punishing the students who are not abusing the system."

"There are enormous amounts of reasons why a class can just go wrong for a student, and it is sometimes the fault of the professor, not the student. So the students are punished because of the professor, not the student."

This motion was defeated by the Faculty Council. Gordon Thomas, director of Undergraduate Studies and member of the University Curriculum Committee, voted to defeat the regulation change.

"At stake here is the question of fairness — is it fair for a student who has never failed a course to receive an F?"

See page for more information.

Grounds crew works hard in winter

Bryant J. Kuechle

The University of Idaho grounds crew is working extra hard during the winter months to provide safe roads and walkways for students and faculty. Their efforts, however, often go unappreciated.

"They do an excellent job," said Facilities Management employee. "People don't realize the amount of effort they put in. These guys are out at 2 or 3 in the morning."

UI Landscape Technician Bill Blacker has been working as a grounds crew member for 36 years and says that he rarely receives a thank you. "It's pretty tedious work and our phone calls are usually complaints," he said.

When 1 inch of snow accumulates, two crews are sent out to begin snow removal. The sidewalk crew begins working on material sidewalks, bike paths, and walkways, then moves on to the remaining sidewalks.

The other crew clears steps, entry ways, ramps, disabled parking spaces, and other important areas.

When 2 inches of snow falls, the streets and parking lots are cleared for work. Main arterial campus streets are the first priority, followed by (in order) gold lots, lateral campus streets, green lots, red lots, blue lots, and silver lots.

For safety on hazardous walkways, the grounds crew continues to use deicers and sand. There will also be 24 blue, 30-gallon drums of sand and outside building entrances for anybody to spread by hand.

Sidewalks adjacent to fraternity, sorority, and apartment areas, however, are the responsibility of the property owner, not the university.

"We get a call, go down there and it's often-times not our problem," Blacker said. "We often get blamed first and then our sorority walks not being cleared."

The Facilities Management service desk can be reached at 885-6246 for any questions or concerns about the campus snow removal and ice control program.
Latah County invests in drug resistance program

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to have the same grade as a student who failed a course and then retook it and earned the same grade as the first student?” Thomas said. “To me and [I suspect] a lot of other faculty, this cheapens the value of a UI degree,” he said.

The change has not been cemented into university policy quite yet.

Thursday, the General Policy Report was issued to all faculty members. In order for the regulation to receive more consideration, the signatures of five faculty members opposing the regulation are required by Dec. 19. If the Faculty Council chair receives a petition within the allotted 14 days, the issue will go before all the faculty for a vote next semester.

If the chair does not receive a petition from faculty, the report will be forwarded to UI President Bob Hoefer for his approval. Without further objection, the changed regulation will be in effect for fall 1997.

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**Announcements**

**Today:**

**New Student Services**

Attend the New Student Services Christmas Visit Orientation Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the SUB Gold Room or Thursday in the SUB Chief’s Room at 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:**

**Avalanche awareness**

An avalanche awareness workshop will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Rusert Room. The workshop is open to the public and will cover all aspects of avalanche awareness and threat determination for skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers and climbers.

**Society of Women Engineers**

The Society of Women Engineers will meet at 6:30 p.m. in JEB 304. The College of Engineering will have a shirt, scholarship forms, and the SWE database. There will be games and refreshments.

**Friday:**

**UI Press book sale**

UI Press is holding a damaged book sale from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Brink Hall faculty lobby. All books are 20 percent or off. Subjects include Native American, Northwest naturalists, Idaho history and folklore and much more.

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**More avalanche awareness**

An avalanche awareness field session will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, at a location to be determined. Get “hands-on” training in avalanche assessment. Participants must have attended the workshop. Cost is $25 to cover transportation and transceiver/shovel rental.

**International Women’s Association**

The International Women’s Association will meet at 6:16 East C. Shone on Saturday at 2 p.m. The Holiday Memories program will feature a guitar and singing trio. All women are invited. Those needing transportation should be at the SUB parking lot by 1:50 p.m. Call IFA at 883-7841 for more information.

**GLBA Winterfest**

The UI and WSU Gay Lesbian and Bisexual Associations are co-sponsoring a Winterfest on Saturday. Activities include cookie decorating, sleigh rides and a semi-formal dance. Call WSU’s GLBA at 335-4311.

**Moscow Parks and Recreation**

Moscow Parks and Recreation’s Winter brochure is now available and registration is open. Activities include youth basketball, league volleyball, dog obedience, tone and stretch, jazzercise, and downhill ski school. For more information, call 883-7085.

**Don’t stress those tests**

Dr. Chuck Morrison will present a workshop on reducing test anxiety on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Stop by the Student Counseling Center in UCC 309 or call 885-6717 to reserve a space.

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Treasury secretary says economy is fundamentally sound

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin is minimizing remarks by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan that sent the stock market tumbling, and says the U.S. economy is basically in good shape.

"All (Greenspan) was seeking to do was widen the intellectual debate on the outlook for the market," Rubin said Sunday on NBC’s "Meet the Press."

Market watchers on Wall Street and around the world dipped sharply Friday after the head of America’s central bank asked in a speech whether "irrational exuberance" has unduly inflated asset values. Recovery set in Monday, with Tokyo stock prices making solid gains from Friday’s plunge. The Nikkei Stock Average bounced back 327.01 points, or 1.61 percent, to close at 20,033.71 points.

Many had interpreted Greenspan’s remarks as suggesting that the market is going too quickly and that the Fed will step in with an interest rate hike. But Rubin, while stressing it was not his place to predict market movements, said the markets should continue to reflect the stronger economy.

"Stocks will follow fundamentals, and we’ve had good fundamentals and for good reason," Rubin said, given the policies the president’s put in place," said Rubin, a former Wall Street investment banker.

The economy will remain robust if the administration and Congress will work together, as they have promised to do, on such matters as balancing the budget.

Rubin said he and Greenspan have discussed the market occasionally and he was aware the Fed chairman might express his opinion on some point. But he added there was "certainly not an attempt by the government" to use the power of Greenspan’s comments to cool off what some economists worry is an overly rapid rise in stock values.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Greenspan’s power to move the market with a single comment made him "a little nervous" about the central bank’s independence from the administration and Congress.

U.S. Rep. John Kasich, chairman of the House Budget Committee, said it would be beneficial if Greenspan’s comments were off the need for an interest rate increase. "I think what Mr. Greenspan is saying is that he’s concerned about this economy," Kasich said on NBC.

Kasich urged President Clinton to take the lead in changing the formula for determining the Consumer Price Index, thought by him to be a key in any long-term balancing of the budget.

A report to Congress last week confirmed what most economists have long asserted — that the way of calculating cost-of-living increases for beneficiaries of Social Security and other federal programs overstates the real inflation rate. By eliminating the rate 1 percent point, the government could save $1 trillion over the next 12 years, economists estimate.

Recycling project needs volunteers, reusable goods

Candice Long

From campus to community, recycling is made easier for students at the University of Idaho and Washington State University every day.

Once again, the Recycling Outreach Campus Community is reminding students that unwanted goods can be turned into a resource. Students can help their environment, as well as their community, by placing their reusable goods in the beige bins located next to the dumpsters on both campuses.

This project not only provides a great opportunity for students to get involved in making a difference in the immediate community, but it will greatly reduce the environmental impact the two universities have on area landfills.

The recycling project started last year through the Service Learning Program at UI. Recycling centers at UI and WSU ended up collecting 36 tons of reusable goods discarded by the students.

Goods were then distributed back into the community to impoverished and homeless families. Collected goods included anything from clothing and furniture to clock radios and hair dryers.

"Recycling programs have already been implemented in the living groups on campus," said coordinator Tanya Atwood Hoover. "This is just the next step. Now it’s just a matter of getting the word out." Latah County has the fifth-highest overall poverty rate in Idaho, and Whitman County has the highest overall poverty rate in Washington.

"Students don’t realize that there is such a problem," Hoover said. "Any little thing they can contribute will help." Many student volunteers are needed to solicit donations, maintain donation bins, and assist in transporting, processing, and distributing goods to the community agencies.

Both recycling centers and the community agencies lack the staff and student help to effectively process and distribute goods to the needy. Those interested may contact Atwood Hoover in Service Learning at 885-2818 for more information.
Teacher gets flood of donations to take students ski

DENVER (AP) — A Vermont hat company has promised to donate 60 wool hats to a group of middle-school math students in Colorado.

Skinner Middle School teacher Mike Heckman in Denver promised to take his hard-working eighth-graders on a ski trip if they completed all of his assignments. As many as five dozen students qualified for the trip, leaving Heckman wondering how to pay for some 60 lift tickets.

After his prediction was report-

ed Friday, Heckman got a flood of money, donated goods and offers of free skiing from two Colorado ski resorts.

And Highlands Ranch resident Margaret Kryszkis, president of Vermont Origins of Hyde Park, Vt., is donating 60 wool ski caps to the school for the hard-working stu-

dents.

"The response has been unbeliev-

able," Heckman said late Friday. "I am very excited about the generosity of the community." As luck would have it, the presi-

dent and chief executive officer of Vermont Origins graduated from Skinner in 1959. A nostalgic Harry Mosgrove called Heckman Friday and offered free lift tickets, equipment rental and ski lessons for as many students as Heckman brings.

"I thought it would be nice to repay my old school for what they did for — or to — me," Mosgrove said.

Adam Aron, Vail Resort chair-

man, also offered free lift tickets. "We are really excited about joint programs between schools and ski areas," Aron said. "This looks like a very worthy cause, and they really went all out for the kids." Heckman decided earlier this year to provide one-day ski trips this winter to any upper level students who did all their homework and averaged at least 70 percent correct answers.

Heckman doesn’t assign homework to lower-level students, but those who do 70 percent of their classwork correctly get to make the trips as well.

Heckman has applied for a state grant to write a vocational, applied mathematics curriculum because, he said, many lower-level students struggle with the more theoretical concepts, but would thrive under a more hands-on, practical course of study.

Phone companies to add e-mail addresses to listings

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — By the middle of this year, finding someone’s e-mail address will be as easy as flipping open the White Pages — depending on where you live.

Phone customers in California and New York in the United States and Ontario and Quebec in Canada will have the option of listing their e-mail addresses and Web page addresses along-

side their phone numbers within the next six months.

The listings are coming in response to cus-

tomer requests, said John Britton, a spokesman for Pacific Telesis, the parent company of Pacific Bell.

"It’s all customer initiated. We’ve been getting calls into our business office from people who want to be able to reach electronically.

They’re searching for ways to make their e-mail addresses known," he said.

Forcing the service is uncertain, though Britton said it would probably be close to the charge for listing a second phone number, which costs residential customers 85 cents a month and a one-time fee of $5 for each line. It could add up, Britton said.

"There are approximately 1.2 million people online in California and the number one reason people tell us they go on line is that they want to have e-mail — which means a good chunk of those 1.2 million people have e-mail addresses," NYNEX, which serves customers in New York state, will begin rolling out the service in February, first in Westchester, N.Y.

"We have established a policy to allow busi-

ness customers to list their e-mail addresses and their URL’s. Then we’ll list the residential cus-

tomers. The main demand has been from busi-

nesses, which is why we’ve started there. But it’s definitely the direction in which customers are going," said Phil Santoro, NYNEX spokesman, said from Middletown, Mass., headquarters for the NYNEX Yellow Pages division. There will be a nominal fee for the service, he said.

"People who want to get their URL’s in the next phone book should contact us now," Santoro said.

Bell Canada, which serves customers in Ontario and Quebec, is already taking orders for the additional listings, though they won’t begin printing new phone books until February. The cost there is a one-time fee of $23 Canadian and $1.65 per month Canadian for each additional line.
Espresso server likes job, hates coffee

Jennifer Siwek

Marjorie-Ann Faucher hates coffee. She can’t even stand the smell of it. Yet she has worked at the SUB’s Espresso Stop for nearly a year.

The 22-year-old public relations major said there are several benefits to working on campus. Not only is her job close to her apartment and her classes, she said Marriott really tries to work around her school schedule.

“Plus,” she added, “I know I am always going to get the holidays off.”

Faucher said she enjoys seeing her friends pop in and out of the SUB. “It’s an opportunity to see people and catch up on what’s going on.”

However, sometimes the Espresso Stop is understaffed, she said, and it’s difficult to take care of all the customers. But students seem to be understanding. “No one has ever been really snotty to me,” she said.

Faucher is graduating in May and plans to quit her job soon. But she’s not leaving because of the coffee smell.

“I just pour it, turn my head and gag a little,” she confessed.

Boise residents say new bridge route is dangerous

BOISE (AP) — The new Idaho 21 bridge over the Boise River is not even open yet, but people who use the highway daily already are concerned about its safety.

They say the intersection where the bridge meets Idaho 21 northeast of Boise has design flaws.

“The curve is too sharp, and it’s banked the wrong way,” said Jody Brothers, who lives near Robie Creek and commutes to Boise.

“Entering onto the highway, you can’t see around the curve.”

Brothers is concerned because there is only a stop sign and not a traffic light at the intersection. After more than 20 years since it was proposed, the 1,500-foot-long bridge finally will connect Idaho 21 with a route to the Gowen Rend exit of Interstate 84. The new roadway, which officially will be designated Idaho 21, is to be dedicated Dec. 18.

The speed limit on the bridge will be 55 mph. The bridge also has a 2 percent grade. That means it drops 2 feet for every 100 feet. By comparison, the steepest portions of Horseshoe Bend hill have a 7 percent grade. Officials at the Transportation Department say the intersection is safe.

“If there are concerns, we’re prepared to handle them,” spokesman Bill Derringer said. The intersection is wired for a spotlight if need warrants it, he said.

About 3,520 vehicles will use the new route each day, the department predicted.

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Environmentalists blast stockmen at their meeting

TWIN FALLS, Idaho (AP) — Environmentalist Jon Marvel has ventured among the enemy to tell ranchers that open-range laws are an ardent abuse of private property.

Under open-range law, broken fences are the landowner’s problem, not a neighbor rancher’s, and that is wrong, the Hailey architect said in a speech Friday to the Society for Range Management.

“What’s the Republican Party and other private property rights organizations?” Marvel asked.

He leads the Idaho Watershed Project, which has entered conflict bids in auctions for state grazing lands.

Marvel criticized public land managers for not doing their job. If any other industry had the kind of effect on the environment and neighbors that grazing does, there would be a public uproar.

When raw sewage flowed the highway near Hailey, the road was closed for four hours while it was cleaned up. But when tons of cow manure was dumped on the road near Gooding, the road was not closed, Marvel said.

Newspapers deserve part of the blame for not covering the issue, he said. And bickering politicians when federal land managers propose grazing reductions, because that may affect the rancher’s ability to repay debts.

About 80 percent of streams on public lands in southern Idaho are damaged by livestock grazing, he said. And the government should charge market value for grazing on federal land.

Ranches buy their permits at market prices. But along with the interest lost on the money that pays for permits, and the maintenance required on public land allotments, it adds up to reflect true market value, Jans said.

Marvel marks out one end of the spectrum of the discussion and gives political cover to moderates, Jans said.

But Jans agrees many streams are in poor condition, and that is indefensible. Much of the land was damaged in the 1930s or earlier.

Lawmakers getting organized for 1997 session

BOISE (AP) — House Speaker Michael Simpson held up a senator Saturday, with the schedule for the 1997 Idaho Legislature.

It tore up before a gathering of legislative leaders and committee chairmen at the Statehouse.

“This is paper. This is not stone,” he said.

That came in response to a question from a lawmaker on when the Legislature would adjourn.

Simpson said it’s impossible to predict, but the goal is a session of about 60 days, about the same as the two previous sessions.

That would allow adjournment of the 1997 session, which opens Jan. 6, about Friday, March 13.

“A goal without a deadline is just a wish,” Simpson said. “If we set deadlines, we can achieve our goals.”

Of course, Simpson told members, that depends on what comes up.

The 105 members of the 1997 Legislature were sworn into office on Thursday for two-year terms and on Friday, picked leaders, committee chairmen and committee assignments.

Saturday’s meeting, going over rules and policies, ended the organizational session.

But the lawmakers won’t be idle between now and the time the session starts.

Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg said the committee that comes up with a recommendation on state pay raises will be expected to have its hearings done before the Legislature convenes.

Also, the bill that produces an economic forecast overview will meet before the session.

Neither will issue a formal recommendation before Gov. Phil Batt presents his budget Jan. 8 but Twigg said the governor’s goals will be done beforehand.

“It’s good information for us to have,” Twigg said.

Boise Republican Sen. Hal Bunderson will head the Senate part of the revenue projection panel, replacing Sen. Evan Fraser. Pocatello.

Simpson said the House membership hasn’t been decided yet.

Sen. Atwell Perry, R-Meridian, cochairman of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, said the budget panel expects to have its hearings finished by Feb. 5 and is scheduled to finish setting budgets Friday or Saturday.

He said the panel will get to work immediately on supplemental spending requests, extra money for the current budget.

“We will start on the supplemental Friday after we come into session,” he said.

Supplemental hearings go real quickly if you don’t have any money, don’t they?” asked Simpson.

“That’s right,” Perry said.

Batt has imposed a spending holdback in the current budget and warned lawmakers earlier this month that there won’t be much state revenue to expand the current budget in the fiscal year that starts next July.

Simpson and Twigg said those attending that a few rules have been changed, ending some of the buckles that often caused the House or Senate to meet for 12-plus hours in a single day to meet deadlines of the current session.

Current rules require a bill to be sent from one chamber to the other by the 50th day of a session, allowing the other chamber time to give it adequate consideration.

Simpson said they will try harder next year to stick to that.

Often, he said, House members would spend hours debating a House bill a couple of days before the end of the session, knowing that Senate committees were shut down with little possibility the legislation would be considered in the Senate.

“The lounge talk often is, ‘Why are we doing this?’” he said.

The House leadership will change a rule that required bills to be introduced by the 35th day of a session and through the House by the 50th day. Simpson said the left afternoon committees with charged bills are often forced to work on dozens of bills in a single session to meet the deadline.

Now, bills need only to be out of committee by the 50th day of a session.

Ranchers also changed a rule that required introduction of bills by some committees to come by the 35th day of the session.

Since the Legislature always starts on a Monday, the 35th day always fell on a Sunday, leading to confusion on the deadline, Twigg said.

As often as not, lawmakers had to turn to extend the deadline to the following Monday.

The new deadline will be the 36th, which will always be on a Monday, Twigg said.

Simpson and Twiggs were elected without opposition for two-year terms as legislative leaders.

They get an extra $3,000 per year with the jobs.

Sen. James Risch of Boise was named majority floor leader in a contested race but there was no contest as Rep. Bruce Newcomb of Burley started his third term as House majority leader.

Senate chairmen remained static, but there will be one new House chairman of the 35th committees.

Three former House committee chairmen, Agriculture’s Frances Field of Grand View, Education’s Don Black of Twin Falls and Transportation’s Jack Wood of Rigby, were given seats on the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee.
Secretive espionage case scheduled for trial

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Eric Jenott just a computer whiz with good intentions or a dangerous spy?

That question is the central issue as Jenott's court-martial gets under way this week. Jenott was charged in June with espionage, damaging military property, bribery and breaking into government computer systems.

The court-martial was to begin Sunday, but Army officials said a military judge would hear a government request for a brief continuance due to a change in the prosecution team.

An Army prosecutor said during a hearing Thursday that Jenott was trying to defect to China and gave a computer access code to someone from China to gain favor with the government.

The soldier's father, John Jenott of Graham, Wash., couldn't be reached for comment Friday. But he said several weeks ago in an interview with the Fayetteville Observer- Times that his son tried to sell a passport during a trip to China and wanted "to disappear into China.

Perhaps the key lies in words Jenott wrote Nov. 10 to his father, who gave copies to The Associated Press:

"A lot of people know exactly what happened. But I think only I know the rest. The rest is under... I'm looking forward to it. I think it's the real key to my innocence."

The elder Jenott said Tuesday in a telephone interview that his son was trying to show military officials a weakness in an in-house, GTE communication system when officials pounced and charged his son with espionage.

One charge was that he gave a Chinese acquaintance a secret computer password. But his father said the password was an unclassified entry code to a GTE telephone system computer.

Now, Jenott said, the Army is trying to blame his son instead of putting him on the hook for finding a problem. Jenott said his son told him the computerized telephone system's problem could be fixed with 15 minutes of keyboard work, but the Army claimed he fixed it would cost $47 million.

The Army generally hasn't commented on the case, except during court hearings, citing national security.

During previous hearings, portions of the argument have been held behind closed doors because of concern for security. At one time, prosecutors tried to exclude the public from the entire trial, but a military judge overruled the move.

In another letter to his father on Nov. 19, Jenott wrote that prosecutors and Signal Corps officials refused to show the truth.

"When I'm done, people will see that the real Army personnel that are supposed to be in charge of certain things know absolutely nothing about those things that they are supposed to be in charge of," he wrote.

"It's just a handful of ambitious, ignorant, hostile, negligent, unqualified prosecutors, criminal investigators and high-ranking Signal officers that are totally unaware of anything they talk about. I just hope that a handful of people don't ruin the Army's reputation.

Jenott's father visited his son in an Army defense lawyer's office Nov. 22 at Fort Bragg and taped the conversation. His son told him that the password was published in student manuals that soldiers were told to take to their rooms for study.

John Jenott wouldn't say what the password was. Eric Jenott also told his father the communication system wasn't encoded for security, as the charges said. He also denied the charge of destroying the system because it still is in use.

Desert Storm veterans petition U.N. for investigation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Desert Storm veterans have petitioned the United Nations to investigate the U.S. government's handling of health problems linked to the Persian Gulf War.

Victor Silvester, head of Operation Desert Shield-Desert Storm Veterans Association of Odessa, Texas, said the Persian Gulf War was sanctioned by the United Nations, and it should investigate related problems.

Silvester on Thursday delivered the petition to the United Nations. He was asking for an investiga- tion by the War Crimes Tribunal of the International Court of Justice. The petition states that the Department of Veterans Affairs and Central Intelligence Agency be investigated. The petition alleges that the U.S. government exposed troops to dangerous substances, emitted and used humans subjects for military research and misrepresented health threats arising out of the Persian Gulf War.

The petition cited as evidence a 1991 staff report prepared for the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Silvester said U.N. officials confirmed that they received the petition, and it has been forwarded to Geneva, Switzerland, headquarters of the United Nations High Commission on Human Rights.

Thousands of veterans returned from the 1991 Persian Gulf War complaining of mysterious illnesses such as aching joints, fatigue and memory loss. Many have blamed their ailments on exposure to chemical and biological warfare agents, and pills and vaccines given to protect them against Iraq's unconventional weapons.

For years, U.S. government officials voiced doubts about the illnesses and denied there were any chemical or biological exposures. But this summer, the Pentagon conceded some troops may have been exposed to low levels of chemical warfare agents, but said there was no reason to believe those exposures were linked to health problems.

Officials have conceded there have been problems, but say they are working to correct them.

A spokesman for the Department of Defense said Friday that officials have not seen the petition and could not comment.

Pain and Prayer

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Religious professor teaches variety of views

Effie MacDonald

"Ideas and people are what religion is all about," says Dr. Bruce Wollenberg, director of the Campus Christian Center and professor of religious studies at the University of Idaho.

Growing up in a Christian family led to his devotion to religion, said Wollenberg. He said while he was in the master's program at Indiana University — learning about other religions and how greatly they affect people — he realized he wanted to teach others in the same way.

Wollenberg has been at UI for eight years as an unpaid faculty member. He teaches Introduction to Religious Studies and another course, such as Twentieth Century Theology or Introduction to Islamic, each semester.

Most of Wollenberg's college education was in church-supported institutions. He spent two years at Concordia Junior College, Milwaukee, Wis., followed by two years at Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Ind. He completed the program with four years at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

After seminary, Wollenberg was a campus minister at Indiana University in Bloomington. He taught the Bible, led religious worship, and worked with committees on campus. During his six years at Indiana University, Wollenberg also taught and earned his master's degree.

He then became the campus minister at the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he and his family lived for 13 years before coming to Idaho.

According to Wollenberg, religious studies strike as interest in a number of people, but the courses here are only offered as electives.

Dr. Bruce Wollenberg, director of the Campus Christian Center.

"If Religious Studies 101 were offered as an alternative to ethics or some other core-curriculum class, I'm sure there would be a greater number of students in the classes," Wollenberg said. He said religious studies has "low visibility" in the university, especially since there is not a religious studies department.

Many people are interested in world religions, Wollenberg said. He explained there are so many different areas to study and questions that are asked by students that it's all a matter of time and resources. Wollenberg said college students are interested to teach because the classes are so varied and the students have inquiring minds.

Wollenberg said he has been pushing for religious studies major. He said UI is behind the times because there are over 250 state-funded institutions in the country that offer religious studies as a major.

"There is just no financial commitment from the College of Letters and Science to offer a major," he said. "There is a national upsurge of religious studies, but because the University of Idaho is told by the Board of Regents how to spend the money, it hasn't happened."

Wollenberg teaches at local churches on Sunday mornings, as well as at the university. He said he enjoys teaching adults because they have a lot of knowledge from their life experiences.

"It's interesting to deal with people who have mulled over thoughts and beliefs for many years and to see how their lives have been affected as a result," Wollenberg said.

Religion and faith are affected by numerous things, he said. People deal with contemplation, crisis and growth throughout their lives, and all of these factors and different stages in life mold one's faith.

"It's valuable for people to step back from their heritage and examine it critically," he said.

"Some ideals can be overlooked, some can be confirmed, but it's important to realize that there is not just one way to believe," Wollenberg said he could not think of a single way in which his job was not rewarding. He said he gets a great deal of satisfaction working with ideas and knowing that those he teaches are excited about learning.

"People find new perspectives about themselves and the world," he said. "When somebody says, 'I never thought of that before,' I know I'm doing my job."

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There you are, sitting at your computer quietly one afternoon, when you receive an e-mail message. As usual, it's another forwarded from your Internet buddy who keeps you up-to-date on all the dirty and pornographic jokes. Sick of all the filth, you decided to a) Call the Internet Police and have your buddy thrown in jail; b) Turn your buddy in to the Ministry of Love and have their brain drained of any "thinkcrime;" c) Just delete the message.

The wheels have been put in motion, and soon the Supreme Court will decide whether or not the government has the right to stop the free flow of information over the Internet.

Federal judges in Philadelphia and New York have all struck down the Communications Decency Act as being too restrictive and infringing on rights of adults to free speech.

Not that anyone can truly stop information from being transmitted via the Internet, but there are those in Congress who fear they have the right to monitor and even restrict what we write, post, clip and send.

When a person or group creates a page of child pornography there should be some sort of legal action that can be taken to stop it. But a blanket censorship act over the entire Internet is neither possible nor right.

There is page after page of illegal information on the Net, and there is really no act the government can take that would end it. Sure, they can tell you that sending pornography isn't legal, but we're still going to get dirty-joke forwards discussing sexual acts and using unpleasant language.

For a moment, let's stray away from the issue of government censorship and free speech and get to the real questions: What kind of system would they use to review this? How do they think they can enforce a ban on information via the Internet?

How do we keep children from viewing this filth? I think that is the parents' concern, and not something the government should legislate.

The justices of the Supreme Court have voted to review the court decision blocking the enforcement of the Communications Decency Act in March, and their decision should be known by July.

For the sake of free speech and the freedom of even longer lag on the Net, let's hope they vote to uphold the restriction.

—Lisa Lannigan

Do you know what time it is?

It's crunch time!

I t's time to separate the men from the boys (by my interpretation: "the chronologically gifted persons from the youth-enhanced persons"). If you've actually taken anything I've written in the past to heart, then right about now is the time when that whole activity thing should be sneaking up behind you. If it's not, then go have a beer and watch some TV for me, but if you have a strange sensation deep in your gut that you're going to be stuck by lightning very soon (or at least have a desire to be struck by lightning), then this column is dedicated to you. Congratulations, here's a pat on the back. Now shut up and keep reading.

I guess I don't really have much advice to soothe the monster of panic that is clinging to your stomach like cling to the toilet as you issu your marvels last weekend. It's only the part of my little pre-competition training I haven't figured out yet. Sorry. I do know, however, that if you have a lot of work that's all culminating on the same day, don't put it all off. You can put some of it off but you've got to get some of it done before the last minute. Because, when it all comes down, the last minute is really only a minute and there's really not enough time to do the two five-page research papers in one minute (speaking from experience).

**ON THE SOAPBOX...**

If you have a couple of teachers that make big projects due on the same day, I think you should be allowed to go to one of them and say, "Look, Bright-Eyes. I've got this other piece of sht due on Monday in another class and therefore I DEMAND that you make it due (for me) at a later date (like in a couple of years)." That would be awesome. And then you could say, "And while we're on demands, as long as I'm supposedly a full-time student, how about I get paid?" And then you could go rifting through their class materials like they were yours and start choosing among the classroom singing, "I'm the professor, la-la-la," while randomly sapping students upside the head. And then you could feel the handcuffs go on.

—Zen

Ashar Horne

Freakin'

Dayna Derrick

But as the computer came to the registering page, I saw no boxes to fill in with numbers for classes, no instruction to lead me to the next step. I found only a message telling me the computer system was down and to please proceed with registering by using the phone lines.

However, after constantly trying the phone lines for an hour, I still received that annoying little busy signal.

It seems everyone else with their last name starting with C-G had the same idea: wait until the wake hours of the morning to try to register. Of course, what do you expect, we all wanted to get into our classes.

Again, after hours of trying I was finally able to get into the system. I got all my classes, but I was one of the lucky handful. Friends who also tried for hours failed to get into the system. Therefore, they had to wait until Monday to try again because they couldn't get in on another day, because of the segregated days for alphabetical registration.

The university is trying a new system this semester. Students who registered for fall classes by computer had very little trouble, if any at all. However, that has changed this semester. The computers have been down more than up. For something that is supposed to be so easy to use, registration has been a wome royal pain than Diana.

Sen. Steve Palm's proposal to ban the sale of certain crime and horror movies (see "Teenage websites" in this issue) has been down more than it has been up. It is a sensible attempt to curb the glory of the Internet.

Soap Box

Scott Perrine

Anyway, I've got no sage advice for you poor fools now, so all I can do is give you a pep talk to keep you going when you get the going gets tough. So, straighten up that jckstop, hey! Look alive, girl! Much like Old Faithful, coach Perrine is about to spurt off.

What time is it? It's Crunch Time! It's that moment that you've heard about: the hushed tones when the children are in bed and the fire dances like heat in the eyes of chronologically gifted persons (men). It's the moment of truth. Pass, fail, sink or sail, this is what's coming to you. So, are you nervous? Just a little bit? Of course you are! You'd be a few sandwiches short of a picnic if you weren't! (That doesn't mean you aren't, thought). But you've got to stand up... up in the face of the enemy! Look that goof-up text right square in the corner and say, "Why? Why am I talking to a book?" And you're gotta grab yourself in and study, study, like the wind. You've got to grit your teeth to that chair in front of your keybord and type. It's time to pull out every stop! It's time to climb every mountain, cross every sea, conquer the unknown countries! Out and get that grade! You know you can do it! I mean, the day in, the night out. Well, I'm going to bed. I've got to get up early and write a paper before class.

Like they say, 'If it ain't broke...'

—Junk Yor' 1983—

By Kat & Nan Rickard
Fiscal psychoses: Too much money is a bad thing

Lincoln, Neb. (U-WIRE) — Money. It’s a simple thing, really — processed wood pulp dyed a light shade of green. Yet this wood pulp has a pretty huge impact on our lives.

Think about it: We’re born. We go to school. We use our schools to get a job. Then we use our job to get money.

Bang! Seventeen years of our lives have suddenly been dedicated to the quest of getting money.

This is not to say that I’m advocating against money. Heck, if I told you to stop using money and survive off the land, men in white coats would be waiting in my first class today to coin my butt into a straitjacket. Yet I find money to be a pretty influential item in our lives.

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He wants an apple-cinnamon flavored Shag Bar — with 49 grams of carbohydrates and only 4 grams of fat.

I know some of you wish I was kidding. But Shag’s not. He’s hoping Away will give him even more cash flow. Just one scary consequence of what too much money can do.

But here’s another: Phi Kappa Theta’s fraternity house at Washington State University. Built by billionaire Paul Allen, the $3.1 million dollar house features individual climate controls, high-speed computers in every room and corresponding cyberpunk jacks.

Yet Allen knows the secret to the green stuff better than any member of Phi Kappa Theta — he didn’t even finish college. Instead, Allen decided to team up with his childhood friend Bill Gates and found Microsoft.

What Allen’s luxurious frat house will cause fraternity members to drop out as well is a good question. I know I wouldn’t be able to concentrate with... with... my own individual climate controls.

Now we’re up to Funny Money Philosophy No. 2: Too little money is a bad thing.

Here we find a sweet old lady about to celebrate her 100th birthday. So momentous is the event that officials are going to mark the historic birthday.

That is, until they discover she’s dead.

Dead for 30 years that is. Her daughter, Shirley Specht cashed in over $132,192 of pension checks meant for mother-dearest. Officials wanting to celebrate the mother’s 100th birthday were a tad disappointed.

Now money-hungry Specht is facing jail time.

Officials just might be pushing for enough jail time for Specht to be celebrating her 100th birthday.

But not to be outdone by a woman deceased for 30 years, a man tried to nab a man who’s been deceased for a few thousand years.

Last September, John Mohammad hid behind a display case in the Egyptian Museum and, at night, stole quite a few of King Tut’s priceless treasures.

Unemployed and desperate, Mohammad based his plot on the 1966 film “How to Steal a Million.”

What Mohammad didn’t do was figure out how he’d get out of the building.

Guards caught him with the goods stuffed into his pockets and socks. In a desperate attempt for freedom, he told the guards he was fixing the plumbing.

The saddest part of this is that he almost got away with it.

You see, the museum houses over 16,000 items and at the time, well, had no security.

Yet, no security guards at night and no alarms on display cases. It’s just a classic case of my Funny Money Philosophy No. 1: Too much money is a bad thing.

This leads me into my final philosophy, Funny Money Philosophy No. 3: Money drives people to do strange things.

Here we’ll travel back to the year 1974. “10-Cent Beer Night” seemed like a decent idea — cheap beverages to numb the pain of another hideous Cleveland season.

Correction — it was a BAD idea.

Drunk spectators descended on the diamond in the ninth inning and began to battle police with batons and chains.

Billy Martin, then-manager of the Texas Rangers, led a brigade of bat-wielding players to rescue Jeff Burroughs from night field.

OK, so maybe it was the brew that caused the fans to battle the “Billy Martin Brigade,” but cheap beer prices certainly had an impact.

Lastly, we glance at a moment in the life of Denny Marshall, a Golden State Warrior forward.

Marshall has a $42 million, nine-year contract with the Warriors. Yet a friend was puzzled when he saw him making a phone call from the lobby of his hotel.

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University president apologizes for problems

On behalf of the University of Idaho, I want to apologize for the difficulties students and others have encountered in trying to use the university’s new online registration system. We conducted a series of test runs, but the actual activity created some significant unanticipated problems. We are doing everything possible to remedy this situation. We will do better by you next time. Again, I apologize for any problems this may have caused.

—President Bob Hover

Collins not a hero

I was recently reading a back issue of The Argonaut and came across Justin Cason’s article, “One man fights for independence.” The article is a review of the film Michael Collins, which he depicts as a “biographical tale of the founder of the Irish Republican Army.” Nothing wrong with that you might say, but I would like to express most strongly my disgust at his causal approach to the subject. He mentions Collins’ orders to murder British policemen, and how “Collins is a rebel hero who has exhausted every possible solution and must now achieve his country’s goal by leading them through internal warfare.”

I doubt that Mr. Cason knows that much about the situation in Ireland. If he did he would know that the IRA have never waged war upon the English. The IRA are terrorists and always have been. They prey upon the innocent and the weak, who do not carry weapons or have the knowledge to make bombs to kill and maim.

Mr. Cason also did not mention “this movie.” He attempts to place it high on our lists of things to do. I wonder if he would place the same emphasis on visiting the grave of a 12-year old boy from Bradford, a city in the north of England, whose only crime was to be out shipping with his mother on a Saturday morning and walking past a waste paper bin where the IRA had callously placed a bomb, timing it so that it would go off at the time it would cause the most devastation and death. This is just one of the many bombs that have killed hundreds of normal everyday people both in Ireland and England in the years the IRA has been at war.

Mr. Cason claims that this was “one of the greatest revolutionary leaders in the 20th century,” and opinion he is entitled to, but I wonder how many of those families have suffered because of these terrorist activities of these so-called freedom fighters would agree with him.

Finally, for those of you who know little about the conflict but who would consider themselves sympathetic to the IRA either through family history or political motives, I ask you this: are we likely to see a film depicting the man who bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City as a hero? A man who obviously considered himself oppressed enough and felt Mr. Cason says about Collins “had exhausted every possible solution?” Somehow I doubt it.

Outraged? You should be. Mr. Cason, terrorism is terrorism in whatever shape or form it comes in. I would suggest you spend your time reviewing Disney films such as “B] Dalmations.” It is far safer for children.

—Lee Mulholl

Grad students aren’t guaranteed a degree

This concerns the plight of Ph.D. candidate Jack Van Deventer. How many people saw his defense? How many qualified people have read the dissertation (there is NOT that much text and bigger is NOT better)? Do you think you are more qualified than the committee to review the manuscript and judge it? If not, then you have no business forming an opinion on this case.

All the accusations are what “Van Deventer said,” obviously potentially biased. Van Deventer believes his so-called investigation concerning time-to-graduation and exploitation of students (for publications and research money) in the department a decade ago is the reason for his non-approval. WHAT investigation and who are the other exploited Fish and Wildlife graduate students? I’ve been on staff in the Fish and Wildlife Dept. close to three years and have never heard grad. students become bitter because they have to do a lot of work.

Getting a graduate degree is a lot of work; nobody complains about the pub, so why would fish/wildlife research be cost-intensive by nature. Also, the two members who refused to sign have been here less than 10 years. Why would they hold a grudge when they couldn’t possibly have been accused of anything by Van Deventer a decade ago?

The dean of the college of graduate studies for the past 13 years has never seen a case like this, so what’s to be worried about? The so-called fear among graduate students sounds like the makings of a witch hunt — irrational fear. Maybe what graduate students really fear is precedence for professors being more critical and refusing to pass more students whom they feel do not meet the academic standards of their department, thus holding students more accountable. This would only be fair to the department’s reputation, present/future students, and the field of study.

Also, being a graduate student and asking for lower degree requirements STINKS of bias. If you do the work, cooperate, and effectively make requested theses changes then you’ll pass — it’s that simple. Graduate students choose their committee and they need to cooperate with them. Raising what many students think, committee members know more than their students. They’ve earned degrees, done research, and been heard. Grad. students have been advised, raised money, published, been critically reviewed, and have administered dissertation. Students can be brilliant and opinionated (we can only hope), but they are still students not teachers.

Van Deventer quote — “If someone doesn’t sign the dissertation, it counts veto power...” Yes, that’s right. After a decade the committee members either pass/fail the student and sign or not. If not, then it is their obligation/right to request changes that will end with approval. It is the student’s responsibility to make such changes in order to pass and it is the committee’s place to decide whether those changes were adequately made. Graduate students should not be rubber-stamped through a program just because the committee is a majority in the lot of effort.

—GEO President Hari Nair was quoted in the Lewiston Tribune (12/9/96) as saying he “… didn’t think it (being denied a degree due to non-unanimous committee approval) could happen.” Do grad students really think they are guaranteed a degree?

—Bill LaVoie
Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Dept. Fish and Wildl. Resources University of Idaho

Is alcohol the only bind for brothers?

I found Bryant Kueche’s opinion article on “Changing times in fraternities” appalling. As I understand his argument, the primary reason for the existence of the Greek system is intoxication. What about education? What about philanthropy? What about the concept of “brotherhood?” Are these not the values that the Greeks hold? Whenever a letter condemning the Greek system is published, the brothers and sisters close ranks and scream education! philanthropy! brotherhood! But yet, according to Kueche, the only real glue holding these living groups together is ethanol. Perhaps this is something of the rest of the university community knew all along. Perhaps we’re simply tired of alcoholism being justified by occasional philanthropy.

On a lighter note, would it be too much to ask these philanthropic organizations to show off the sidewalks in front of their houses once in a while?

—Kim Falk
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Frogpond: from lily pad to mainstream

Matthew Wolfe

Frogpond is not a riot grrrl band. They just play music — good music that maintains a novelty within the class of “hard” bands out there. Their new disc, Count to Ten, contains decent vocals, non-abusive guitar. Frogpond: in Heidi Phillips, vocals and guitar; Megan Humphrey, drums; Janine Volpe, bass; Kristie Streml, guitar and backing vocals. Frogpond’s music is mellow, at times rollepowful. Phillips has a voice that soaks up, letting the listener slip into their muck. Count in Ten is sprinkled with 12 melifluous songs. Each of the 12 tracks have that feel good, but serious edge to them. Frogpond has a mix that sounds almost ‘80ish. Not quite, though, they still have the 90’s feel to them.

There are times that at the edge of peripheral listening that Frogpond sounds like Versa Sea Salt, but they are still distant cousins. Frogpond’s music is on a different road, hitch-hiking its way to the top, slowly, with fragments of originality. From their CD case’s back you can tell they are young, still crafting and tightening their band and its music. Granted, they are already tight. It is evident on some of their tracks.

“By” the fifth song, is a popish song. Its guitar rhythm is non-abrasive on the vocals. There is also a nice mix of male and female vocals on the track. The interesting about Count in Ten is that Frogpond always alternates between slow and fast songs. Their music does not remain in one train of thought. I’m not saying that listening to Frogpond offers transcendence, more they just enter the car and drive away. You really don’t need to concentrate on the lyrics, they’re unimportant and at times banal; but the true beauty is in the music. It is not much to the ears, nor does it grate on the nerves. The title track, “Count in Ten,” is a slow song. It has traces of sadness in it, but that mood collapses upon itself when the guitars play. It’s a nice song to mentally sway to during homework.

Frogpond’s music performs a slow seduction of the ears. On every listen the album gets better, lastly to disappear in the abysmal music world.

“Waiting for a Friend” is probably one of the best songs off of Count in Ten. It stumbles out of a intro that seems to be copying other bands in something much better: a nice melody and good female vocals. If Frogpond sounds interesting — they do — their album, Count to Ten, can end upon the locals: Musicland, RPM, etc.

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Finally, a production of Twelfth Night you can understand

Amy A. Smith

Once back in high school, this reviewer was cornered by a Portland, Ore. to see a professional production of Twelfth Night. I wanted to jump off the balcony. It made no sense. It was as dry as the Sahara. I literally fell asleep after the intermission. So when I was assigned to cover the University of Idaho’s production of William Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night, I wasn’t looking forward to it — to say the least.

Much to my surprise, however, it was incredible; the ending gave me goosebumps. Each of the 12 tracks of this play at The Hartung Theatre was brilliantly done, everyone from the dramatic department should stand up, this very second, and dance a jig in pride for a job well done.

Guest director John Sipes of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (who I’m not hoping had no connection with the production of the play mentioned in the opening of this article) adapted this classic from Shakespeare to fit into the ’90s, while not altering the original language the play was written in, Sipes, as mentioned before, did an excellent job in direction of this play. It was clear much effort was made by this director to translate the true meaning of each line written by Shakespeare. It was evident in the delivery by the cast that Sipes clearly had a handle on how to wanted this complex story line to be understood by the audience — a consideration needed in more productions of Shakespeare’s works.

Kelly Quinnett, who starred earlier in the semester in Marvin’s Room, gave us another great performance as Olivia, a beautiful and much-desired countess. Quinnett always knows how to hold the attention of her audience. She has a stage presence which far surpasses that of many other college-level performers.

Holly Marsh, who played Viola in Twelfth Night, gave us a much broader view of her acting capacities than we were able to see when she appeared earlier this semester in Together Again For The First Time at the Collett’s Theatre.

Marsh’s character Viola, spends the majority of the play disguised as a young man, Cesario, who aids Orsino (Todd Jasmin) the Duke of Illyria, in wooing Olivia. (Did you get all that? Now you understand a bit of the complexity in this play.) Marsh successfully conveys through her acting, Viola’s dismay when Olivia falls in love with him (her) while Viola (Cesario) is really in love with Orsino, who is pathetically enamored with Olivia, who wants nothing to do with the Duke.

Carolyne Hitt, played the role of the professor, Feste. Hitt, not originally cast in the role did an outstanding job with it. Feste sorts of carries the audience through the play. With song (a cappella, I might add) and jokes, Feste kept the ball rolling in the plot a key character in Twelfth Night.

Hitt, who also starred earlier this semester in Marvin’s Room, was a powerhouse of comedy and just the right attitude in her part. Hitt delivers lines and consequently her role masterfully in this play. Hitt is one to watch. Hitt is one of the few things from this actress in future UP productions.

Another great performance thatacioHon is in the role of Malvolio. Jeff A. Pierce played this role; Olivia’s steward. Pierce also appeared earlier in the semester in Together Again For The First Time. Malvolio was a hilarious character in this play.

Several other members of Olivia’s household empire against him to think Olivia is in love with him. Cutting to the chase, it becomes obvious that Malvolio is possessed by the demon and they kill him up, he goes insane.

Pierce conquers this challenging role brilliantly, the audience was roaring with laughter. Pierce is another one to keep your eye on in terms of dramatic brilliance.

Scene designer Bruce Brockman and Costume designer Michelle Ney both contribute to the success of Twelfth Night as well.

Different structures rolled on and off the stage with each scene. Brockman’s use of light, sound, and action for the action to take place. Classic Shakespearean characteristics dominated the set design, while a hint of contemporary elements were obvious. Brockman creatively designed the set of this play, and did an excellent job with it.

Ney skillfully clothed the cast. Again, traditional costumes for a Shakespeare play were clear, while accessories from the modern day accent the wardrobe of the characters. With the theme of dominantly black and muted neutral, Ney tied together historical looking garments with a twist from today. The cast of Twelfth Night looked like a bunch of leather-clad midveik bikers. I mean that in a good way, as that appeared as though it was the intended look for this edgily done classic.
Special effects keep Stallone afloat in Daylight

Justin Cason

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Effects

- Hardcore fans of the 1972 action picture The Poseidon Adventure need look no further than the local movie theater to get their aqua-fix for the next few weeks.

Daylight, the latest Sylvester Stallone effort, is the 1972 answer to that classic movie, unabashedly complete with the Gene Hackman and Steve McQueen characters, but with fantastic special effects and a bit more realistic of a situation.

Daylight starts off in grandiose style with one of the best action-film explosion sequences of the year. A herd of muggers storms full-speed into a convoy of trucks (illegally transporting toxic waste and other combustible material) through Holland Tunnel, the underwater boulevard connecting Manhattan with New Jersey.

A giant toxic fireball sweeps through the entirety of the tunnel, engulfing everything. Cement crumbles, sealing off both entrances and, eventually, water begins to pour in as the foundation begins to buckle.

A dozen survivors, now trapped inside the death trap, await rescue. Enter Kit Laura (Stallone), the city's former Emergency Medical Services chief, who finds his way into the tunnel to help the stranded people.

This, unfortunately, is where the great special effects -- courtesy of Industrial Light and Magic (ILM), the same screen magicians responsible for the Star Wars trilogy, Jurassic Park and The Abyss, to name a few -- stop and the acting must begin.

The troupe of survivors is, of course, made up of completely different backgrounds, ages groups and special people. What a shock.

Somewhere along the line -- probably in war movies -- the screenwriters got the idea that a band of people that must stick together to survive could not possibly be similar in America's sickeningly obvious social stratification (with 1992's Alive being the only notable exception I can think of)

There's an elderly couple, the suburban WASP family on a big-city vacation, an ethically diverse group of prison-bound convicts, a lower-class playwright, a tunnel cop and an empresposing CEO who sees the disaster as a way to capitalize financially.

This cast of characters is satisfactory, as is the performance of Stallone, as long as you consider that it's Stallone and not a real actor like Ben Kingsley or Anthony Hopkins. However, some parts are about as hard to swallow as a Marlon Brando-sized pill. Tunnel cop George (Stan Shaw), on his dying breath, wonders aloud if his girlfriend knows he loves her. Stallone, who doesn't know either of them from Stanley Smurf, touchingly replies, "Yeah, she does." And I thought the ending to Castillian was emotional.

The movie ends much as The Poseidon Adventure does. Although the special effects got increasingly less realistic as the film progresses, Stallone, armed with several explosives, blasts his way out in a manner so simple it didn't even test my limited knowledge of the laws of physics.

Daylight is directed by Rob Cohen, whose past credits include Dragonheart and Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story, as well as TV's "Miami Vice." Cohen certainly fails to reach the power of his former works, although he has at least branched out to try something new.

One noteworthy exception to the vast mediocrity of acting here is that of Amy Brenneman, who stars playing playwright Madeline.

Thompson. Brenneman brings a believability to the screen as a reluctant hero who, refreshingly, doesn't fall for Stallone. Although made semi-famous in her "NYFD Blue" role, she is starting to catch some well-deserved attention on the big screen, too, with stellar performances this year's Fears and especially in 1995's Heat. 1996 marks the 30th anniversary of Stallone's most outstanding acting effort, Rocky. The past two decades have made Stallone as America's version of the action movie hero, for example: Blood in Cliffhanger, he's battled the odds to continue the good guy always wins.

Daylight carries on this tradition, so long as you take it at the shallow, no-substance, special-effects tribut it is.

This picture won't win any Oscars. Heck, it probably couldn't win a cable box Award. What it does do, though, is give us one more chance to see a movie made for what movies were originally intended to be: pure entertainment.
Mark Vanderwall and Nate Peterson

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Vandals get swept in own tourny

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H ome was a tough place to play this weekend for the Idaho Vandals, as they concluded the University Inn Tournament with a 0-2 record.

Hosting the best field ever at this annual event, Idaho ran into a well-muscled Kansas State squad Saturday night in Memorial Gym. The Vandals started out hot but began to chill, with the cold shooting continuing to snowball into a 72-53 loss in front of only 608 fans.

If a positive came out of the game, it was the play of Craigmore, Idaho, sophomore Jennifer Stone. Stone, a 6-2 post, had the best game of her career, as she tallied 14 points to lead a dismal Vandal attack. Gaining confidence as the contest went on, Stone used every shot in her arsenal to shred the Wildcat defense.

"Jennifer (Stone) played very well for us tonight," said coach Julie Holt. "She really stepped it up for us tonight, and that is something we need her to continue for us to be successful."

Besides Stone, Idaho had a hard time dealing with the Kansas State defense. Despite showing nearly 42 percent for the game, Idaho turned the ball over 23 times, 17 coming in the first half.

"We have to play with more concentration," said Holt. "I think if we were able to do that, we could have played with either one of those teams."

Andra Jones riddled the Vandal defense for 21 points, while Brit Jacobson and Kylee Heiesr added 16 and 14 points respectively. The Vandals improved to 5-2 after a tough opening loss to the University of Texas-Eli Passo, the eventual champions. UTEP showed they might be one of the best teams in the nation, as they remained undefeated at 6-0.

Having committed 23 turnovers, the Vandals will have to work at taking care of the ball more carefully. This will come with time in Stone's eyes.

"There is a lot of confusion on the floor right now," said Stone. "The chemistry is definitely there, we just have to find it."

The Vandals will get the chance to do just that after dropping back to 500 in 3-5, as they will head to Pullman tonight to take on the Cougars at 7 p.m. in Bohler Gym.

Kansas State (72)

(Decker 3-7 4-5, Jones 5-16 7-12, Stone 6-12 2-14, Jacobson 7-14 10-16, Lamb 1-1 0-0)

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Totals: 26-58 10-17

Boise State (50)

(Gruesi 1-2 1-3, Nieman 1-3 2-9, Greenwood 2-4 0-4, Johnson 2-5 0-8, Skorpik 4-9 0-0, 0-0, 0-0)

Fouls (five)

January 14, 1996

Byron Jasmin

E nding their three-game road trip with another win over the Idaho State Vandals, the Eagles put them firmly up to the brunt down on an inferior opposition from Canadians on the home court, and improved their home record to 2-0 this season with a brutal 45-point spread over Simon Fraser.

Idaho veteran Jason Jackman showed no mercy scoring a game-high of 27 points. Jackman was active on both the offensive and defensive boards. Behind the major strengths of Jackman came the strong backing of an Idaho team that exploited all of their opponents' weaknesses, successfully executing a well-planned offensive arsenal.

The Vandals fought with superior control on the offensive side of the ball, and the points off of turnovers explains where Idaho found a large chunk of its scoring. Simon Fraser only recorded five points from turnovers throughout the game, while the Vandals chalked up 30.

Idaho saved the Simon Fraser offense in check holding them to few shooting opportunities. In fact, Idaho came out of the starting gate revamping SFU's offense holding them to 5-0-16 shooting in the first half for a total of 15 points.

SFU's David Wahl led the way for the Clanmen with 19 points, and individual totals go down from there, as only one other player could reach the scoring column for 10 or more points.

The Vandals got everyone involved on the offensive side of the ball. Idaho's men were nailing shots from all over the floor giving each player a chance to show where they felt at home on the court. Derrick Elliott, Reggie Ross, Kris Baumann, Jon Harris, and Jarrett Wendt found the range from downtown collectively accounting for all of the Vandals 3-pointers and 30 points combined.

Troy Thompson and Harris strengthened the backbone of this Vandals, as both shot perfect from the free-throw line, but Jackman made himself known under the hoop and played extra aggressive in the key gathering 10 free-throw opportunities and capitalizing on nine of those 10. Free throws were a big part of the Simon Fraser offense as they made 11 of 20 foul shots respectively.

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Derrick Elliott has played an integral part in Idaho's revamped offense this season. Photos by Peter McKinney
Phillips looks to follow road to pros

Damon Barkdoll

While most Idaho students prepare for those gruesome semester exams, the most recognizable figure on this campus is taking messages from NFL agents and attending professional games in several cities — free of charge.

Heck, Idaho defensive end Ryan Phillips would probably be flown to Timbuktu if they played NFL football there.

"The agents keep calling and calling," Phillips said, who finished his career at Idaho as a Big West first-timer and broke the Vandals record of tackles for a loss (104 in career). This Friday an agent will fly Phillips to New York for the weekend before leaving for Kansas City this Sunday to watch a game at Arrowhead Stadium.

Phillips has already seen Seattle where he saw former Idaho coach Dennis Erickson lead the Seahawks to a big win over the Buffalo Bills.

"I had dinner with Sam Rogers, he's the outside linebacker for Buffalo," Phillips said. "He had a couple of sacks, he took Cornellius Bennet's place. He's a nice guy. I met some other players from the Buffalo and I got to go into the Seattle locker room after the game and hear Erickson talk to the team.

Likewise, Phillips got a chance to speak with the Seattle and Buffalo general managers and stood next to all-pro defensive lineman Bruce Smith and Cortez Kennedy. Though, Phillips didn't feel intimidated.

"I was surprised when we watched all the pre-game warm-ups, all the guys down on the field didn't look as big as they did on TV," Phillips said. "So, it was kind of encouraging. They all look like monsters out there on TV."

At 6-foot-4 inches and 260 pounds, Phillips is no slouch. And while the Aurora, Wash., native doesn't have ideal NFL size at the defensive end position, Phillips would like to play some linebacker as well.

"I'd like to play either," Phillips said. "I'd like to move around a little, maybe play outside backer and still put my hand down and come a lot more on the drop. It's a little bit more natural. It's one of the things I do good, I pass rush. I'd still like the chance to sack the quarterback."

Phillips says that he'd like to play a position called the "elephant," who's a player who has similar outside linebacker and defensive end responsibilities and has the option to move around the field.

So, where will Phillips figure into the NFL draft in April?

"I talked to a lot of scouts from every team," Phillips said. "Everything still so broad and they've just got their general scouting information right now that they're still collecting. They'll start to make their evaluations after the all-star games and especially start narrowing it down around the combine. Depending on certain teams defensive needs, that'll determine it."

Phillips will play in the BlueGray and EastWest Shrine all-star games before testing his skills in the NFL combines.

In the past, several highly touted college players have fallen in the draft because of their sub-par performance in the combines, meaning this, the true test of where one goes in the draft. Thus, the rigorous season training doesn't cut it for Phillips as he tries to prepare himself for the several athletic tests the NFL will administer.

"I took two days off after the Boise State game, went home and started lifting," Phillips said, after accumulating two sacks in the blowout against rival BSU. Coming from Idaho, Phillips feels his chances are that much better.

"I have it more to my advantage because Idaho is a smaller school, it isn't recognized on a national scale like Notre Dame or Nebraska, so, I think the combine will help me more than anything," Phillips said. "There is definitely a lot of pressure, every organization is there."

Bruce Twitchell
Ryan Phillips hopes to have as much success in the pros as he did against in-state rival Boise State to finish his college career.

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First of all, and this ridiculous skiing vs. snowboarding debate. Come on winter chill seek-ers, can't we respect each other's preferences and all just get along? Good, because these two sports have much to offer for those weekend when you deserve to get out of town and enjoy the beautiful surroundings that Idaho offers us.

For those of you who are new to the slopes and are wary of the effort involved in buying equipment, getting there, and learning something new, realize that although a bit of effort entails, great benefits can be reaped from a day outside of the stuffy dorm room.

Although equipment prices for both skiing and snowboarding can be a bit overwhelming for us college students, there are ways around it. Renting a pair of skis or a board can often remedy the problem, and there are many places where you can rent equipment by the day or week. Once you're hooked and decide that you would like to continue pursuing the sport, ski swaps are a good place to snag quality equipment at a low price.

Where attire is concerned, your winter jacket should be a sufficient top, but layers are always a good idea. Wear an insulating layer that is a must, though, in the form of wool or water-resistant/wool pants, allowing you room for maneuverability. There are a number of places to hit the slopes without breaking the bank in Moscow, but the closest is Silver Mountain, about a two-hour drive.

Tickets can be purchased at a reduced price from Rossman. For those of you without funds for a lift ticket, once the snow starts piling up, I've held even places on Moscow Mountain can be fun if you can get your vehicle that won't get stuck.

Although the first few times strapped to those skis or boards can be frustrating and awkward, it will get better. A good idea for a beginner going with an experienced group is to take a lesson from an instructor. They usually aren't too expensive and are very helpful.

Another way to offset the beaten path, where you're likely to get into untimable conditions that could cause you to eke out.

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"As great as she performed, there wasn't much of a supporting cast. Other than Johnson's 10-point effort, Susan Wolff's eight, and Michelle Greenwood's eight, the rest of the team contributed only a paltry eight points. The Eagles on the other hand got a balanced scoring attack from Traci Pananos (12), Tamoka Randale (nine), Emily Steinmetz (11), Betsy Brown (seven), Tncy Bergman (12), and Jen Canneli (11)." Besides Nieman's 0-for 4 shooting, the Eagles were on a team shot a dismal 33 percent from the field compared to Central Michigan's 42 percent. Almost very time that the Vandals would make a run, the Eagles would answer with their own.

"They made their shots down the run," said Nieman. "We made some big shots but we just couldn't make them at the right times."

Five of those big shots were 3-pointers, in which the Vandals shot an impressive 42 percent from downtown. There was Johnson's 3-pointer cutting the Eagles lead to four as well as two apiece from Freshman Wolff and Nieman.

The Vandals struggled all game long to come from behind, but were just unable to overcome the seven-point halftime deficit.

The second half saw both teams score more than they had in the first half. Idaho chalked up 37 in their comeback rally and Eastern Michigan put up 36 to hold the lead and the Vandals at a distance.

As their defensive pressure increased in the second half creating steals and turnovers, they held mental errors as well that the Eagles took advantage of.

Each team had 26 turnovers, but the Eagles stole the ball from the Vandals 20 times while the Vandals only stole it 17 times. Eastern Michigan took 60 shots, just one more than the Vandals' 59. The Vandals just missed too many layups and easy putbacks that could've erased the eight point margin of Eastern Michigan's victory.

Forward Kathleen Gussert contributed only four points in the game, but played aggressive on the defensive end stealing the ball six times and on the offensive end getting five offensive rebounds.

The first and second half showed very contrasting styles of play on the part of both teams. The Vandals did, however, display more intensity in the second half than they did in the first, and unfortunately it was too late.

"We need to come out from the beginning with more intensity," said Nieman. "It can mean the difference in the game."

The loss to Eastern Michigan left the Vandals now 3-2 and Nieman discouraged, but still optimistic for the rest of the tournament.

EASTERN MICHIGAN (0-0)
Parmelee 5-2-12, Randale 6-4-12, 1-61. Szczyrabela 4-4-11, Brown 2-3-7, Descamps 4-12-12, Carroll 4-4-11, Tocy 1-1-2. Nieman 3-3-12, Terry 1-1-2, Green 3-3-9, Hunsucker 1-1-2, Di. Trumbull 2-2-4. Total 30-21-72.269. (20-10)


"We really thought that we were going to win this game," said Nieman. "But we don't dwell on it, we look on to tomorrow."

Gussert shoots for two of her career-high 14 points.

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The Vandals had another strong element that added to their offense. Coming off the bench, Idaho continued to cripple Simon Fraser under the efforts of Wendt and Marcus Wallace.

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