Financial aid deadline fast approaching

Forms should be mailed by end of month, director says

Robert Hall

Financial aid forms have arrived, but there is not much time to get them filled.

"All applications for financial aid should be in the mail by January 31 in order to meet the priority deadline of February 15," said Daniel Davenport, director of Student Financial Aid Services.

A shipping problem at the department of education delayed the arrival of financial aid forms at the University of Idaho until late December.

To meet the priority deadline, applications must be in the federal processor's office by Feb. 15. There is now just over two weeks to complete the forms.

Davenport said whether or not the student meets this deadline makes quite a difference.

"Making the deadline gives the student a chance for supplemental grants, work study, Perkins Loans, need-based scholarships and other funding opportunities. Missing the deadline will offer the student only the Pell Grant and Stafford/FFD Direct Student Loan," he said.

Financial Aid is offering a variety of ways to seek help with the aid form.

"Later on this week, the financial aid office will be setting up help tables and as of Tuesday, students can call 883-6312 or come into the financial aid office if they have any questions," Davenport said.

This year, only one form is needed for aid consideration. In the past there have been two forms. The necessary form is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

If a student has received a renewal FAFSA form in the mail, it is only necessary to complete that form. The renewal form replaces the use of the original FAFSA form.

If the student completed a FAFSA form for 1996-97 by Nov. 1, 1996, the renewal should have arrived in the mail in late December or early January. The student must review all information to assure it is still valid for 1997-98.

Mark "yes" in Section H of the renewal application for the University of Idaho to receive the results of the application.

In order to be considered for need-based and merit-based scholarships, the student must follow the same procedures as when applying for federal financial aid.

Those with questions may call Financial Aid at 883-6312 or stop in at the office.

Local man leaps to death

A Moscow resident and Washington State University student died Thursday. He was found at the top of a stairway near the mechanical engineering department.

According to John W. Jorgensen, 25, on top of the elevator.

At about 5:30 p.m., Jorgensen jumped from a third floor and fell 115 feet onto the gravel below. CPR was initiated and the Moscow ambulance transported him to Goodman Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

The Vandals basketball team almost grabbed an important Big West Conference win. — see page 16

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Faculty petition against GPA changes

Michelle Kelbleiter

Staff

Over 30 faculty members have signed a petition against Faculty Council's move to change the grading system.

The council voted in December to change the current grading system to include all As and Fs in the Grade Point Average, regardless of whether or not the class was repeated for a better grade.

The University of Idaho faculty were given until Dec. 19 to petition the proposed change in grade point average calculations.

If the Faculty Council chairman does not receive a petition within the allotted time, the regulation would have been forwarded to UI President Bob Hoover for his approval. With the president's signature, the changes would be in effect for fall '97.

In response, 32 opposing faculty members signed a petition. Only five faculty signatures were needed for the new regulation to gain further consideration.

The petition stated, "We oppose the recently passed regulation regarding the calculation of grade point averages for repeated classes using all previously reported grades." The petition also requested "the adoption of the regulation be subject to a majority vote of all faculty.

Faculty Council Chair Bill Vosman was not surprised by the faculty's response.

"No one on council, including the student representatives, were in favor of the current system," he said.

Vosman plans to call a faculty quorum. He said he would "like to see the whole faculty involved in these kinds of decisions where there is a lot of debate.

Chuck Harris, associate professor, department of recreation and tourism, signed the petition to preserve the drive for students to persist in understanding the course work.

"What is important in education is students mastering the material. If it takes three years to master a course, then you should have it," Harris said.

Faculty who signed the petition were also concerned about the various factors in a student's life that may contribute to failing a class, such as death and marital problems.

"I think it's silly not to recognize there are many reasons why a student might have problems with a course," said Professor Ed Krumpe of the department of recreation and tourism.

However, he did not agree that students "should be allowed to have an unlimited amount of Fs. But it makes sense to allow students to repeat a course at least once where it doesn't count.

A few of the faculty suspect the "one shot" deal was defeated because the administration ignored the new computer system. Banner, "couldn't handle keeping track of whether they were repeating the F just one time," Krumpe said.

"That's baloney," he said. "A computer can be programmed to handle whatever we need it to."

The debate over amending the current GPA system will continue within the Faculty Council, in addition

Weather

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Milos Forman subject of Master Director Series

The Network Event Theater Master Director Series, featuring two-time Academy Award-winning director Milos Forman, will be shown Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Borah Theater.

Forman will be the subject of an in-depth interview focusing on his career and achievements. Some of Forman’s films include One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest, Hair, Amadeus and his newest film The People Vs. Larry Flynt.

The interview will be broadcast live via satellite from the UCLA campus. Afterwards, students are invited to participate in a question and answer discussion with Forman. Also invited to attend the discussion are Larry Flynt, Woody Harrelson, Courtney Love and Ed Norton. The series is a presentation of the Network Event Theater and ASUI Productions. Admission is free.

Moscow Food Co-op asks for newsletter masthead

The monthly newsletter for the Moscow Food Cooperative needs a new masthead. Artists, illustrators and designers are asked to help.

A new design is needed for the top of the newsletter, and the Co-op is holding a contest to find the right one. The winner will receive a T-shirt and a $15 gift certificate from the Moscow Food Co-op.

Everyone is invited to submit a design, which must be on black and white paper and the size of the present masthead, 10 inches by 2 1/2 inches. Also, the design must incorporate the words “Moscow Food Co-op Community News.”

The present masthead was designed four years ago by Ed Clark, who is now a visiting professor of art in New York.

Designs are due March 1 and can be dropped off at the Moscow Food Co-op or mailed to 310 West Third Street, Moscow, ID 83843. Entries should be placed in an envelope marked NEWSLETTER.

Copies of the newsletter are available at the Moscow Food Co-op, Contact Information, Moscow, newsletter edition, at 884-3177 for more information.

Martin Luther King Jr. Week activities are as follows:

Jan. 13-30: Recognizing African American Concerns in Education (R.A.A.C.E.) members will visit residence halls, fraternities and sororities to raise funds for seeds and blankets for Rwanda.

Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Jr. birthday will be celebrated with a candlelight march leaving the Administration Building at 6 p.m. Toms Hebert will give a motivational speech at 7 p.m. at the Admin. Auditorium. Listen to KUOI for Dr. King’s speeches.

Jan. 22: Unity exhibition and potluck, SUB Ballroom, 6 p.m.

Jan. 23: “Our Young Black Men are Dying,” a play, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom.

Jan. 24: The video Black Panther will be played at 6 p.m. in the Vandel Lounge with a discussion and food provided by R.A.A.C.E. after the show.

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There are many spring semester and summer internships still available for University of Idaho students through Cooperative Education, said Director Alice Pope Barbut.

Cooperative Education, located in Education 204, works with about 400 companies who are looking for interns from UI and other colleges and universities. Most of these companies are recruiting in the Northwest and some statewide, but Barbut said recently companies have been showing more interest in UI students.

“We have more on-campus interviews scheduled at this time than we did last year,” Barbut said.

She said the fact that companies are coming here is very positive. Not only does it show they have a lot of interest in Idaho students, but a face-to-face interview is better than one over the phone or none at all.

“Getting a chance to interact is important,” Barbut said.

The staff at Cooperative Education is busy keeping up with all the internship postings that come in and all the students they want to help find the ideal internship for. They encourage students to come talk to them and try to keep things on one.

If students are interested in finding an internship through Cooperative Education, they need to register by attending an orientation and bringing in a resume.

Orientation sessions are held every Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Once a student registers, the staff will actively look for an internship specific for their major, as well as the announcements which request all majors.

The office will e-mail each registered student the full text of announcements specific for their major, as well as the announcements which request all majors.

Students Chad Nelson (left) and Patrick Montgomery (right) check out the internship listings board in the Student Union.

If a student has a specific geographic region they are interested in, they just need to tell Cooperative Education.

“If a student wants to go to D.C. or the Bay Area, we will help them to build a strategy,” Barbut said. They can also help students open doors to more information.

Cooperative Education uses the contacts they have with UI alumni and businesses in Boise. Dianea Gibney is their Coordinator/Job Developer in Boise who helps connect business in Boise with the UI campus.

Barbut emphasized the importance of internships for students in finding a job after graduation.

“The single most important factor is relevant work experience,” she said about getting a good permanent position. Cooperative Education has the resources to give students that experience.

Internships can give students a chance to understand the organizations they work for, and can help get them an assured position.

“Some opportunities can lead right into the workplace,” Barbut said.

Now is the height of the recruiting season for summer internships, so Barbut encourages students to register now. Local businesses are also still looking for spring interns.

Blevins Enterprises in Moscow has one or two positions for software developer interns this spring, and Latah Health Services, Inc. is looking for a community accessibility research intern.

Some recent announcements Cooperative Education has received for summer positions are from Tektonics, Inc. in Portland, Ore., Boise Cascade Timber and Wood Products Division in Kettle Falls and Yakima, Wash., and Russ Lively Architects in Twin Falls.

New law yanks licenses of non-paying parents

A state law that could mean the loss of personal licenses to drive, work and play for thousands of Idaho parents went into effect Jan. 2.

Idaho’s License Suspension Law affects parents who are 90 days or $2,000 behind in child support payments. Approximately 11,000 parents owe more than $100 million to Idaho’s children.

Some parents have already made arrangements to pay off their debts; others need to make payment plans immediately; still others may be unable to pay because they are disabled or legitimately unable to pay.

Parents who make arrangements to pay off past-due child support, and who continue to pay current support obligations will avoid losing their license.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is urging parents to call their child support officer and make arrangements if they have not already done so.

Two letters have been sent by the department to those who owe more than $2,000 in child support. The letters warned parents to make arrangements to pay their debts or face suspension of state-issued personal licenses.

The law’s author, Sen. Pam Davis, D-Boise, said these letters are the first step. Other measures are being considered by the Legislature.

“Regional Health and Welfare offices are open today and ready to help parents set up payment agreements to pay off their child support debt,” said Shannon Barns, chief of the department’s Bureau of Child Welfare.

“We really don’t want to take anyone’s license, but time has run out on those who owe child support. They need to take action today.”

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Deans remind seniors to file applications

Janet Spencer
News Editor

Senior planning to graduate in May must submit their degree applications within the next two weeks, said Tom Bitterwolf, associate dean of the College of Letters and Science.

"Degree applications are due January 27," he said. With so little time left to get the forms completed and signed, Bitterwolf is making an extra effort to get the word out to students. "It's really critical that we get their attention."

Season may pick up a degree application and senior survey from their dean's office. They must complete the application and get their advisor to verify departmental requirements, courses left to be fulfilled, substitutions and courses waived.

Additionally, the departments of art, chemistry, music, philosophy, political science and theatre arts require the signature of the department head or chair.

After getting the necessary signatures, the student must take the form to the Controller's Office and pay a $10 filing fee. The student then returns the completed, signed form to their dean, said Judy McPherson, Letters and Science senior secretary.

She pointed out that seniors who don't get their applications submitted to their dean are not eligible for awards for graduating seniors.

"Awards can't be given out to students unless we know they're graduating," she said.

Applications submitted after the due date require a letter of petition, McPherson said.

Cap and gown information and a senior survey are attached to the degree application.

The senior survey is a confidential questionnaire about the student's experiences during his time at the University of Idaho. The student writes his ID number on the front of the form, and that section is torn off before the form is sent so the source remains anonymous, McPherson said.

A commencement excuse form is also included with the degree application. Seniors who will not take part in graduation exercises must complete this form.

Students who are within six credits of graduation may walk in the graduation ceremonies in May, but they must complete their course work during the summer sessions, McPherson said. "Students wanting to walk through early must have approval from their dean," she said.

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New sculpture shows building connectors

Janet Spencer
News Editor

A new sculpture at the University of Idaho provides a hands-on learning experience for engineering students.

"The sculpture shows most of the different ways that structural steel can be assembled to create a building or bridge," said Ed Schmeckpeper, associate professor of civil engineering.

The sculpture, which was erected last month, depicts the building connectors which hold steel buildings together.

"McClure Hall is a framed steel building. The teaching sculpture shows all the different steel connections that were used in McClure - but without taking the building apart," Schmeckpeper said.

Students often have a hard time visualizing the three-dimensional character of the connections unless they have been around construction sights. Liability problems make some construction managers leery of having a group of students around.

The American Institute of Steel Construction designed the sculpture to provide students with access to full-sized connectors, which would otherwise be difficult to store. Other universities have requested a copy of the plans from AISC and have built similar structures.

Schmeckpeper said the sculpture will be used by the Civil Engineering 444 Steel Design class, which has approximately 40 students per year. It will also be used by the Civil Engineering 442 Theory of Structures class, which has about 60 students each year.

The sculpture was donated by K & T Steel Corporation of Twin Falls, Western Steel Manufacturing Company of Boise, Metals Fabrication Company, Inc., and Red Iron Corporation of Spokane.

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—Ed Schmeckpeper

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New magazine boasts Palouse art

High Ground meets its artistic goals by amassing top artists into a new magazine. It introduces art and women who've done something interesting and have their own artistic imaginations all at the same time.

Above all, it affords Coates and Lysohir the opportunity to have some fan, do something important and flex their own artistic imaginations all at the same time.

"This really interesting thing is that it is this weird mixture of journalism, art, sort of documenting and leaving a historical legacy," Coates says. "So it allows us to wear a whole bunch of hats."

Both already sport a number of hats. Lysohir, 46, is a noted ceramic artist who's earned a measure of fame for her oversized installation pieces, such as a 24-foot-long ceramic battleship that was exhibited at WSU in 1990. She's working with a Seattle dance troupe on a performance-art piece titled "Tattooed Ladies and the Dinosaurs," and will be teaching at Ohio State University during winter quarter.

Coates, who's served as chairman of WSU's fine arts department for eight years and has been teaching at the school for 20. A native of Ontario, Canada, he also does installation pieces, typically combining drawings and various kinds of found art. A piece he created on hunting was exhibited in Salt Lake City, Texas and Alaska.

Neither Coates nor Lysohir originally planned to put out High Ground by themselves. "It started with two or three people sitting in a pickup truck, talking about it," Coates says. "Saying, "Oh, that would be cool to do." It was like those old Shirley Temple movies. Let's put a show on. My uncle has a barn." Then they all dropped out except for us. And by that time we had already asked people to write."
WASHINGTON — Hoping to head off a major embarrassment until he leaves office, President Clinton is asking the Supreme Court to delay a lawsuit that accuses him of sexually harassing a woman in 1991.

Just one week before Clinton's second-term inauguration, the justices Monday were weighing whether Paula Jones can pursue her claim now or must wait until the president becomes a private citizen in four years.

"What's at stake here is reputation," said Joseph Cammarata, a lawyer for Jones. Appearing Monday on ABC television, broadcast nationwide, he said: "She wants her good name and reputation restored, and if she dies the president were to die, then her claim for defamation would be extinguished." Clinton is arguing that more is at stake.

"The president, unlike any other federal official, has the sole responsibility for an entire branch of the federal government," Clinton's lawyer, Robert S. Bennett, said in court papers seeking to delay Jones' suit.

"Even if a president ultimately prevails, protracted personal damages litigation would make it impossible for him to devote his undivided energies to one of the most demanding jobs in the world," Bennett said.

An attorney for Jones, Gilbert K. Davis, said in court papers that the former Arkansas state employee is entitled to her day in court now.

The Constitution's framers "did not intend to place the president above the law, and thus did not confer upon presidents any personal privileges akin to those of a monarch," Davis wrote.

The crowd of people who braved frigid temperatures for a chance to be one of about 400 invited in public seating — or other highly publicized places, such as radio coverage — set eight new-to-them trucks to facilitate the court's procedures.

The justices expected to decide by July whether Clinton — already enmeshed in Whitewater and fund-raising investigations — also must answer Jones' lawsuit while in office.

Jones says Clinton propositioned her in a Little Rock hotel room in 1991 when he was governor of Arkansas. She says he exposed himself and that she can identify "distinguishing characteristics" of his private parts.

Clinton has denied her allegations and he cannot recall ever seeing her in 1994 and in dam-

The lawyer tried to negotiate a settle- ment. It was ruled in 1982 that a suit cannot be pursued for damages involving their official duties, even after they leave office. The prospect of such lawsuits could hurt a president's decision-making in the courtroom.

But the justices have never said whether a sitting president can be forced to answer a lawsuit over acts unrelated to his official duties. Clinton's appeal argues that a trial could jeopardize the constitutional separation of powers between the judicial and executive branches. A judge should not have the power to enjoin the president's official priorities if a conflict with the trial schedule arises, his lawyers say.

Jones' lawyers say the trial should be held now because witnesses' memories could fade or evidence could be lost by the time Clinton's term ends in 2000. A federal judge in Arkansas ruled that the case should be delayed until Clinton left office but that pres- ent fact-finding could begin while he remained president.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in January 1996, however, that the case could go to trial in that federal district. It said the trial judge should manage the case to avoid interfering with the president's official duties.

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**Families hope for missing pilot's return**

**CLINTON, N.Y.** — The brother of a missing Connecticut pilot has made a plea to officials in New Hampshire to continue their search for a missing Lear jet until the aircraft and its pilot are found.

The jet disappeared Dec. 24 after the two men aboard a landed at Lebanon Municipal Airport in New Hampshire. The two men had taken off from Storrs Regional Airport in Stratham and were on their way to pick up passengers in New Hampshire.

Search crews spent two weeks searching for the men in the mountainous terrain near the Lebanon airport.

On Saturday, the family and friends held separate services in the hometowns of the two men.

More than 225 people attended services at St. Mary's Church of the Visitation in Clinton.

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D’Amato: Nazi gold shipped to Spain

NYC — The Swiss National Bank shipped 280 truckloads of Nazi gold to Spain and Portugal as part of a World War II money-laundering operation, according to newly declassified documents released Sunday by U.S. Sen. Alfonse D’Amato and Jewish leaders.

Also Sunday, the Swiss interior minister said his government should act quickly in compensating elderly and destitute Jews who lost assets in the Nazi Holocaust, the clearest sign yet that the country is moving to international pressure to set up a reparations fund.

The gold, estimated to be worth between $250 million and $500 million, was carried in trucks bearing the Swiss national emblem and insured by Swiss companies, according to the papers.

The documents do not indicate where the gold came from. D’Amato says the gold was taken from banks in occupied countries, but also alleges it included gold melted down from the belongings of murdered Jews.

The Swiss National Bank acknowledged last week that it had profited from business with gold looted by Nazi Germany, but said it had not dealt with any gold from concentration camp victims.

“These documents demonstrate that Switzerland was the international banking and laundering center of Hitler’s Germany,” said World Jewish Congress executive director Alan Steinberg.

The documents include a 1946 U.S. intelligence memo outlining evidence of the gold shipments and the transcript of a 1945 military interrogation of the Nazi official who headed Germany’s wartime gold department.

They were declassified at the National Archives in October and December and unsealed last week by an archivist working for D’Amato and the World Jewish Congress.

D’Amato said the papers lent further credence to charges that Swiss bankers and the Swiss government knowingly helped Nazi launderers gold they had plundered from occupied Europe and Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

“They washes away those who would say this was a myth, it really didn’t take place, they have evidence,” he said.

D’Amato, who chairs the Senate banking committee, has taken a leading role in efforts to trace looted Jewish assets and has repeatedly demanded that Swiss officials release information on Nazi accounts held by Swiss banks during and after the war.

Jewish organizations have accused Switzerland of sitting up on 5 billion dollars of assets of Holocaust victims. The Swiss banks say they have identified just 37 million Swiss francs (257 million) in 775 unclaimed accounts — although not all of this is believed to be from Holocaust victims.

The Swiss cabinet last week indicated it favored using unclaimed accounts to help elderly and destitute Jews, but said it wanted to await results of investigations into Swiss wartime collaboration with Nazis before deciding on compensation.

But since then, the Swiss banks and government have appeared to soften their stance on a government donation that Jewish groups have demanded as a goodwill gesture. They want $250 million now for elderly and destitute Jews as they continue pursuing their claims.

“It is now clear that something must happen quickly,” Swiss Interior Minister Rudolf Dreifuss said in an interview with Sorgen-Gesetz newspaper.

“We can’t wait for years and accept that people who are already 80 years old are suspended between poverty and hope,” said Dreifuss, who is of Jewish origin. “We must recognize what has happened and that we cannot keep what does not belong to us.”

Dreifuss’ words may help soothe the anger of Jewish organizations who have threatened a boycott against Swiss banks if the government does not disown remarks by Economics Minister Jean-Pascal Delamuraz. The former president said demands for the $250 million fund amounted to “blackmail.”

The cable D’Amato released Sunday, from U.S. intelligence agents to the director of the Office of Strategic Services, describes a “high level Swiss source who has reportedly discovered 280 truckloads of gold shipped from Nazi accounts at the Swiss National Bank in Bern to banks in Madrid and Lisbon in 1943 and 1944.

The sources was “willing (to give full details)” to intelligence officers, according to the cable. Swiss drivers and border officials were also willing to corroborate the story, which included allegations that Swiss companies had insured the Nazi shipments and that the “Swiss national emblem appeared on every truck,” the cable said.

The second document, the transcript of a 1945 military interrogation of Karl Graupner, who headed the Nazi foreign exchange department’s gold division, also implicates Swiss bankers and insurance companies.

“The Swiss National Bank transported the gold from this deposit (in Bern) in Lisbon at every opportunity through Swiss transport enterprises by trucks,” Graupner told U.S. military officials, according to the transcript.

“According to instructions of the Reichsbank directorship, the Swiss National Bank took care of insuring these transports in Swiss insurance agencies,” he reportedly said.

Graupner also told the interrogators that Nazi gold was also sold to banks in Sweden, Greece, Romania and Turkey, the transcript said.

The documents do not indicate what role officials in Spain and Portugal might have played in the illegal operation.

D’Amato criticized Swiss officials for failing to cooperate with his investigation, and said he had sent a letter to Swiss President Arnold Rõller demanding a response to the new information.

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Chenoweth heads to Israel

Associated Press

LEWISTON, Idaho — Idaho Rep. Helen Chenoweth is planning a fact-finding trip to Israel next week through the American Israel Educational Foundation.

The U.S. House will not be in session next week. Chenoweth will travel overseas with other lawmakers to meet with Israeli officials, leaders of the Arab community and peace process negotiators, Chenoweth spokeswoman Mary Dimari said.

The foundation is privately funded by American citizens.

Meanwhile, Chenoweth joined numerous other members of Congress Friday in co-sponsoring the "Drug Importer Death Penalty Act" bill reintroduced by House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

It would lower the amount of imported drugs necessary to impose a sentence of death or life in prison, and require new, minimum sentences for convicted transporters.

"This bill will punish those individuals who cross the American border with a quantity of drugs meant for distribution to a minimum sentence of life in prison, even if it's their first time," Chenoweth said. "Repeat offenders will get a death sentence."

Under current law, the amount of drugs necessary for such sentences are too high to have any measurable effect, she said. The bill would lower the quantity to 100 individual doses for heroin, cocaine, marijuana or crack cocaine.

Envoy warns that Servia’s economy nears collapse

Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Carl Bildt, the top international envoy in Bosnia, Sunday warned that Serbia’s economy was near collapse that could drag Bosnia’s Serb republic even deeper into postwar economic gloom.

"I think Serbia is on the border of financial disaster," Bildt told reporters at the end of a one-day Economic Policy Forum in Sarajevo. "It is important to protect the Republika Srpska (the Serb republic) from the collapse of Serbia."

Bildt singled out the Serb republic because it continues to use Serb-owned Yugoslav currency, the dinar, as its own. Serbia’s refusal to recognize the Bosnian dinar issued by the Muslim-Croat federation as legal tender.

The value of the Yugoslav dinar plunged by one-third in the past week, battering both Serbia and the Serb republic, Bildt said. Serbia’s economy was ruined by international sanctions and mismanagement during the Bosnian war.

Bildt urged the Serb republic to cooperate with slated plans for a true Yugoslav currency that would be accepted in both entities to lessen its dependence on Serbia’s economy.

"With a stable monetary and currency policy on offer for all of Bosnia, this possibility should be utilized," said Bildt, who is in charge of implementing the civil aspect of the Dayton peace agreement.

The conference was called to brief Bosnian officials on the results of a meeting of donor countries in Brussels this week on economic aid for shattered Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Critics call aquifer cleanup a failure

Associated Press

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — For 20 years, federal operators pumped wastewater and sewage contaminated with radioactive and cancer-causing chemicals directly into the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

The result is an 18-mile plume of solvents in the aquifer 200 feet below the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. Cleanup of the mess is under way, but critics have called the effort an expensive failure so far.

Despite setbacks, however, federal officials say the $30 million project still is on budget. And pumping has halted flow of the "hot spot" — the most contaminated area of the aquifer.

The contaminated wastewater came from reactor research operations from 1952 to 1972. Cleaning up the mess has turned out harder and more complex than officials expected.

The "pump and treat" plant that was to pump out the well and treat the water ran into trouble with contaminants more concentrated than expected and with faulty welding and poor construction. The groundwater contamination is significant, and one reason the INEL made the Environmental Protection Agency’s Superfund list of the nation’s most polluted industrial sites.

State Sen. Laid Noh, R- Kimberly, chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, called the groundwater cleanup and a project to dig up burned radioactive waste expensive failures.

Both projects are expected to be subjects of legislative hearings this session.
Finals schedule due for a makeover

This will not be easy, but admitting stupidity rarely is.

Finals Week Tuesday, last December. I walked into one of those cavernous lecture halls in Renfrew anticipating a bonehead Art 101 exam. I sat down smugly, glowing with the knowledge that even if I hadn’t studied all that much I was pretty good at faking this type of thing. The room was abuzz with many students, all eagerly studying their notes.

Their notes. Something went wrong here. This is an art exam and they’re studying chemistry notes. Huh. Maybe they’re all anxious for their upcoming chemistry final; anxious enough to study for it before their art exam. Huh.

With all the cliffs of a rabbit being set upon by ferocious weeds, I fled the room and the spent the next half hour flitting like some sort of tree spirit, visiting every location where we’d had class, including the ceramics lab and the spot on the Administration Lawn where we watched the lunar eclipse. No final.

I creened home and consulted the handy-dandy finals schedule in the course catalog. Whew. Finals’s not until Thursday.

Finals Week Thursday. I sit in the same cavernous lecture hall in Renfrew waiting for someone to drop a pin so as to mask the sound of my hurried breathing and frantically beating heart. It’s time for the final and I’m the person there.

Maybe I’m just here early. Maybe the clock is off. Huh. Maybe I’ll get a harri-kari kit for Christmas.

Back at home, I consulted the handy-dandy schedule once again. Exam was Thursday, but in the time slot before the one I’d thought.

Bummer.

I hope I am the only one dumb enough at this school to misread, not once, but twice, our handy little finals week schedule which as far as I’m concerned may as well have been written in Swahili. If I’m not, it might be time for a change.

Many thoughtful professors who are intelligent enough to interpret the schedule — written in grimy small print — in their own calm and include information on times for final tests on their course information sheets. Others trust the intelligence of their students and leave such simple tasks in their hands.

The task would be made simpler if the schedule were printed in larger type and if it were organized in a fashion to prevent a frantically searching finger from slipping down a line or over a column. Professors could also take the effort to interpret the schedule themselves and announce finals time prior to finals week. Some students may cringe at the redundancy, but there would be a few who would gratefully latch on to that extra safety net.

Students, of course, should double—and triple—check their finals times to make sure neither they nor their professors have made a mistake. In fact, I’ve already got my finals for May figured out.

—Brian Davidson

Plotting to become TV-free

I have a confession. During the break, while you were deep into the seemingly appropriate convivial mode, I became ensnared in a shocking conspiracy. A conspirac

— Tim Lohrmann

P.C. throws education a curve

With all the politically correct wrangling going on in schools and society today, it’s not a wonder at all that Johnny still can’t read.

For instance, the Oakland school board voted unanimously on Dec. 21 to recognize Black English—Ebonics (from the words of the culture) as a second language and thus recognize all speakers of that language as bilingual. The vote, according to the Associated Press, primarily creates a program to train teachers to understand Black English in order to help them teach students proper English.

The American Speech, Language and Hearing Association classifies Ebonics as a social dialect with its own grammar, syntax and semantics. Linguists have traced Ebonics’ origins to African languages which have distinct patterns, especially the absence of forms of the verb to be and the common use of double or triple negatives. Ebonics is part of a family of over 1,000 distinct English dialects spoken in America alone.

Oakland’s proposal has admirable aims. Black students make up 71 percent of special education enrollment and have a combined grade point average of a D+. Educators hope their study and use of Ebonics will help them understand how the language comes together and point towards methods of using Ebonics as a bridge towards teaching proper English.

Perhaps what I find most puzzling in this matter is that educators, journalists, politicians and ordinary people instantly praise or attack the program’s political agendas rather than focusing on the potential social and educational benefits such a program could have on Oakland’s students.

White America has an often skewed ideal of the concept of equality. Mainstream thought still is that if an African-American benefits from affirmative action or is taught by a teacher at school who understands Ebonics, there is a white man somewhere who can’t get a job and talks like they do on “Hee-Haw.” Reality states that after hundreds of

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Not your regular party animals

Steve Schmidt
guest columnist

volunteers could be requested from fraternities on campus. It has also been
discovered that many fraternities and sororities hold quite high living group grade
point averages on the semester grade reports. So far, for a bunch of alco-
holics this doesn't seem too bad. On a community note, remember
those floods a while back? You know, the ones they closed the school for, the
ones that threatened the houses of many Moscow citizens? Well, guess
who was there to help sandbag those homes and many of the roads mem-
bers of the Greek System. I myself, along with many members of my
home, logged over 10 hours in the plight against the water.
Now for the big one: the alcohol pol-
icy. All of us know the campus will be
dry before we know it, so it all. We will
be doing by instituting this policy is
following the law. Yet among those
same lines I feel that many members of
fraternities want the same rights that
other people have had, the right to
drink alcohol, if of legal age, in the
confines of their own home. This does
not mean the Greek System is held
partly together by alcohol alone.
We, as Greeks, have not been fight-
ing the fact that the campus can go
dry; rather we are trying to create a
policy which gives us the same rights as
other home owners. If there is to be
no alcohol in any of the houses or even
on the property, leave that up to the
fraternity national offices to decide,
not the campus. As far as our sidewalks are con-
cerned, I have walked by many houses and
seen members shoveling their walks on numerous occasions. I
have shoveled the walks by and
around my house several times this
winter. Sure, you may find one or two
that get overlooked every now and
then but if you look around campus hard enough you can find a few
that the university forgets about.
Homeowners in Moscow are required
to shovel their own snow, while dorm residents depend on the university for
that chore.
I just feel that many people are all
too eager to condemn the Greek
System when in fact we do bring a lot
to the campus as well as the community.
If we are going to hold the whole
campus accountable for the actions of a few, we are going to hold the
City of Moscow accountable for the actions of all of its members. Sure, the
Greeks System has had its ups and
downs and a few people have made
mistakes, but haven't we all?

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years of civil rights struggles and legislation, the majority of
African-Americans still do not enjoy the benefits of the
equalization fortunate average white person takes as
given. Black America, conversely, seems destined from
an overbroad inferiority complex. Rather than seeing
Ethiopians as a chance to help better educate their children,
many see the use of the language in attempts at an affirma-
tion of their fears. "Ethiopians cuts to the heart of the issue," said Steven Gooden, who served as honorary
student youth chairman at the Republican National Convention
in San Diego, "I think defining us as genetically
deprecated."
"Every African-American," said Barbara Boudreaux, a
member of the Oakland school board, "is in a kind of dialectical
view outside of ours of the "Dukes of Hazzard"
because their accents are often equated with stupidity.
Canadians have that funny way of pronouncing the letter
O, and I can assure you that even after having lived in
France for nearly two years my French still made me
sound like I'd just fallen off the turnip truck.
It is, as linguist Henry Higgins claimed in My Fair
Lady, that an individual's use of language causes another
to immediately make value judgments on that person's
education and intelligence. The Oakland school board's
proposal to use Ethiopians in the classroom to guide students
respect the use of proper English makes perfect educac-
tional sense, no matter in which direction the present
politically-correct vamps may be whispering. Ethiopians
can or may not work, but as board member Tom Cock
pointed out, "What we are using is a language flying
at all." Any effort, even one with dubious political attributes, seems better than doing
nothing.
"The challenge is," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, "stop
ignoring the youth in the margins." Education has
often been called the great equalizer, but that egalitarianism may
only occur if we drop the politics and simply concentrate
on education.

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Abstinence does not make the heart grow fonder

As a member of the UI HIV/AIDS Task Force, "organizer of the week's shallow pseudo-events," I must share with you an illustration of how abstinence does not always make the heart grow fonder.

Brian Davidson's column of Dec. 13, "Chalk up another example of men bites dog," made no mention of the biggest program of AIDS Awareness Week, "Living with HIV/AIDS, One Woman's Perspective," a presentation by a member of the HIV/AIDS Speakers' Bureau supported by the Spokane County Health District and Spokane AIDS Network and sponsored by the UI HIV/AIDS Task Force. At theارد-packed Women's Closet, Julie spoke to about 40 people, and another 400 at Moscow High School, and another 100 at the UI Auditorium. Yes, I didn't see Mr. Davidson there. Andrea Vogt covered the story in a thoughtful article published Dec. 4 in the Lewiston Morning Tribune.

Julie is HIV positive, a minister's wife, and the mother of three children. Following the birth of her first child in 1983, she hemonchored and required a blood transfusion of three units of blood. She had two more children before learning that one of the blood donors had AIDS.

Although Julie and her husband had unprotected sex for several of the intervening years out of which additional children were born, remarkable no one in Julie's immediate family has ever tested HIV-positive. Her oldest daughter, almost 13 years old now, accompanied Julie. Her daughter also spoke before each of these crowds. She has chosen abstinence for herself, until marriage, as Mr. Davidson suggested. (It's never too early to)

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Graduate professors under obligation of fairness

With regard to Jack Van Deventer being denied a degree, Dr. DeVoe asks, "Do graduate students think they are guaranteed a degree?" Of course not. His arguments against the advisor of fisheries and doctoral student, Jack Van Deventer, who may not have been granted his degree due to problems with his research. Having been through the graduate school process in the past few years, I can sympa-thize, including LaVoie, acknowledges this and this is thin air because the process is because of the time at which the degree being denied — after passing a defense.

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My experiences as a graduate student has been a positive one, and I am glad to see our department to prospective graduate students. Jack Van Deventer's case sounds like a nightmare.

—Paul D. Brown

Criticism of fisheries program unwarranted

I was greatly disturbed when I heard the news from the major professor, Jack Van Deventer, who may not have been granted his degree due to problems with his research. Having been through the graduate school process in the past few years, I can sympathize, including LaVoie, acknowledges this and this is thin air because the process is because of the time at which the degree is being denied — after passing a defense.

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—James W. Garrett, Ph.D.
Charity stripe proves lethal for Vandals

Byron Jarnagin

Idaho basketball roots, established back in the late 1980s when the Vandals were under the direction of Tim Floyd, emerged during Sunday’s match-up against the Utah State Aggies with the reunion of UI coach Kermit Davis and USU coach Larry Eustachy.

Fighting off a tough Big West contest to Nevada, the Vandals exploded out of the blocks Sunday against the Aggies. The Vandals played aggressive ball on the floor and outscored defensive boards; however, UI fell to the visiting Aggies 52-49 in some last second free throw shooting.

Kris Harris, Jason Jackson and Kris Baumann led the way for Idaho in the first half. The Vandals stunned the Aggies holding them to few shot attempts, but the numbers themselves don’t tell the story. Approaching the half-way point, the Aggies built some momentum behind aggressive defensive boards and Vandals mistakes.

At the half, Eustachy’s Aggies had drawn within three points of the Vandals. Leading the way for the Aggies was Marcus Sisson, who found nylon net and scored a game high 15 points. His efforts gave Utah State a chance to come back in the second half. In the second period, the Vandals could not find the harmony that had kept them slightly ahead of the competition in the first half. Missed reads, broken plays and off balanced shots told the story of the rest of the game. Mistakes killed what hopes the Vandals had of a victory.

The Aggies had Idaho’s leading scorer from the cheap seats while they had time and patience to find the easy lay-in. However, the gallant effort of Kris Baumann from inside and outside brought the Vandals a couple more shots at a win. Baumann, named the Vandals player of the game, scored 13 points throughout the course of the game, but his connection with the rim seemed to come when Idaho needed it most. Also pacing the Vandals was Tony Thompson, who added 12 points of his own.

This game was a battle to the finish as the Aggies and the Vandals traded the honors of the lead frequently in the second half. No matter who had the upper hand, each team tied and took the lead in turn like clock work. In a game like this, turnovers and last minute mistakes could spell certain doom for either team.

On this day the Aggies would claim ultimate victory playing off Idaho mistakes inside the last four minutes of the game.

With exactly 4:00 left on the clock, Utah State’s Dwayne Rogers found the range from downtown knocking down an equalizing three points to tie the ball game at 49. Following an immediate Idaho turnover, Rogers put up another basket to give Utah State a 52-49 lead. To the rescue of Vandal fans and players alike, Baumann found nylon from behind the arch, and regained the lead for the Vandals.

Utah’s Maurice Spiller capitalized on a couple of free throws, and the lead changed hands again. With the possession in Idaho’s court and :23 left on the clock, the Vandals changed the lead only to turn it back over. Elliot then got called for a traveling violation with the clock winding down and the team caught behind by one. Baumann tries to work some last second magic, but the last shot of the game from 30 plus feet wouldn’t find the bottom of the net, and Utah State would walk away victorious.

Both teams held each other off in a game that was dominated by the Vandals in the first half, and up for grabs in the second half. The lead changed hands seven times in the second half, as neither the Vandals nor the Aggies were able to pull more than five points away from each other.

The Idaho Vandals currently carry a record of 7-8 this season, which includes Sunday’s heartbreaking loss to Utah State. The loss to the Aggies gives Idaho an 0-2 record in the Eastern Division of the Big West Conference.

Prior to Sunday’s game against the Aggies, Idaho was coming off a tough opening conference loss to the Wolf Pack from Nevada, another Eastern Division team in the Big West.

Despite their loss, Baumann shined in one of his best games, sparking his team with 19 points, including 5-12 from the three-point line where he proved to be very effective against Utah State. Looking to the veterans, the Vandals continue to find strength in Jackson who laid down 21 points versus Nevada, and Eddie Turner whose aggressive play on the boards has given his team some backbone.

UI guard Reggie Rose will be sorely missed on the court as he is out due to an injury. Rose had a partial tear of a ligament in his left knee sustained against Lewis-Clark State College during the Christmas break.

Despite the loss of Rose, Idaho thumped the NAIA Warriors by a score of 80-60.

The Vandals take the court again this Thursday at Pacific, but return to the Kibbie Dome Saturday, Jan. 18, to take on the Boise State Broncos, who are upset 73-60 in an overtime match-up with the Utah State
Jags, Panthers can’t hide from the free agency they built on

What may have been the biggest Cinderella story in sports history — the Jacksonville Jaguars and Carolina Panthers’ dreams for a Super Bowl appearance — was shattered last Sunday under the weighty green of the Bay Packers and the New England Patriots.

With free agency, second-year expansion teams Carolina and Jacksonville showed that anything is possible, even in the highly predictable NFL.

Or should we say, what used to be the highly predictable NFL.

In their freshman year, both teams found unlikely success compared to that of the last expansion teams, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Seattle Seahawks. The Bucs were 0-26 during their first two seasons of 1976 and 1977. The Jaguars were 4-12 last year, and the Panthers were remarkably 7-6.

While the Green Bay Packers and the New England Patriots were likely favorites to win their conferences, it was the Panthers who beat defending Super Bowl champ Dallas, and it was the Jaguars who pulled off the stunning upset over Denver to reach the divisional title game.

You can look at the situation of either team with legitimate scrutiny, however, for the simple fact that the Bucs were given nowhere near the opportunity to build their teams that is compared to the situations of Jacksonville and Carolina.

What Jacksonville and Carolina got, and what the Bucs sorely needed, was 28 extra draft picks the past two years plus full room under the salary cap for free agents.

To each team through their own ingenuity in evaluating and incorporating talent, drafted and dealt until they had a complete team with the fire power to compete with any team given day. While Jacksonville and Carolina built, the rest of the NFL suffered from the increased free agency market. Many top NFL teams were diluted to the point of mediocrity. San Francisco went from being a nearly invincible Super Bowl champ two years ago, to being bounced in the second round of the playoffs by Green Bay.

The reasons were the losses of star players like running back Ricky Watters and corner back Deion Sanders. The San Francisco defensive backfield was further decimated by the losses of defensive backs Troy Cook and Eric Davis to who else, but Carolina.

Surprisingly enough, the Panthers have beaten the odds in three of their first four meetings, on their way to taking command of the NFC West.

With former Pittsburgh defensive coordinator Dom Capers as their head coach, Carolina made the move to build their defense with the ability to stop teams such as Dallas, San Francisco and Green Bay. Through free agency, Capers put together the NFL’s best set of linebackers by acquiring Kevin Greene from Pittsburgh, Lamar Lathon from Houston, and Sam Jones from Miami.

Now the future of the Panthers rests on the shoulders of their Franciscan quarterback Kerry Collins who they drafted out of Penn State two years ago. They are still lacking the fire power of a Green Bay, Dallas or San Francisco, but they have shown in the playoffs that they can beat them.

As Carolina built its dominating defense, Jacksonville — on the other hand — has put together one of the most potent offenses in the league. Beginning with the free agency acquisition of quarterback Mark Brunell and running back Natrone Means.

Brunell led the league in passing this year and also led all quarterbacks in rushing. The last quarterback to do that was Johnny Unitas.

Means also enjoyed a third pro season, rushing for over 1400-yards this year.

With their potent offense, it remains to be seen whether they can put together a defense that can take them to the Super Bowl. Coach and general manager Tom Coughlin will stay busy this off season building his team. However, he and Capers are soon to find out that the free agency market can be

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Holt said. We need to finish what we started. That means we need to play hard and put the bucket in when we have open shots, control the ball and make sure that we get a shot attempt off before we turn it over.

It was a working break, if you could call it that, for the Vandals who had a busy traveling schedule the whole week. On Dec. 20 they faced the Eagles of Eastern Washington who were defeated 66-64, with the help of Nieman’s 14 points and nine rebounds and Skorholz’s 17 points and five assists.

Following that journey the team bundled up to take to Gonzaga on Jan. 2, where the Vandals lost a heartbreaker 55-57. Nieman was once again heading the statistics, racking up 15 points and six rebounds, but the Vandal talent, Michelle Greenwood, shot over 50 percent for 18 points.

A few short days later on Jan. 4, the weary Vandals were chucked by Portland in a high scoring game that resulted in their opponent breaking the 100-point margin 74-104. Nieman and Johnson’s 19 and 16 point efforts were not enough to stop the run in Portland, as two of their players scored over 20 points each.

"It was a good learning experience playing on the road and getting put in several different situations. Every time you’re playing you’re learning something, and I know we learned from both the positive and negative things we did," Holt said.

The Vandals would take on their next Big West opponent, Pacific, at home on Friday in Memorial Gym at 7 p.m. to get into the game and show some support for Vandal hoops.

**IDAHO (64)**

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**NEVADA (75)**

Brando Owens 8-1 4-0 0, Shavita Franciscotti 7-11 0 0, Jelena Zelic 5-2 4-4 6, Charlcey Snyder 1-3 2-3 6, Amy Skorholz 3-2 0-0 6, North Gubic 3-2 2-2 8. Total 22-77 10-16 75.

**MONTANA (55)**

Stephanie Kang 5-10 2-2 2, Joy Stock 5-8 0-0 10, Amy Skorholz 3-5 0-0 0, Amy Lounsbury 0-0 0-0 0, Jullin Nieman 6-15 2-2 10, Michelle Greenwood 6-11 2-2 12, Total 22-74 10-16 84.
America loves the Super Bowl

Well, the NFL playoffs are over and all the teams are taking a bit of time off before gearing up for the draft and hitting the free agency market.

Guess it’s time to start stockpiling beer on beer and munchees in preparation for college basketball’s March Madness — after all, it is the next great sports event. However, the bowl tubing system may argue. With Super Bowl XXXI set to hit the horizon, the TV media would say that the Super Bowl is the biggest television event in the world. True, but...

Here we go again, another blowout football game. True, the NFC will destroy the AFC for the 13th year in a row. Correct, the natives in Green Bay and New England did eat paint chips as adolescents. And finally, yes, I’m right when I say, as much as people complain about each and every Super Bowl, we love it.

Why you ask — because of the Pepsi commercials, a reason to get drunk on Sunday or in celebration of cool, organized skull crushing. Nope. None of the above, well maybe some of the above. We watch the Super Bowl because it’s part of our daily life. Not America’s past-time, it’s America’s religion.

Football has overtaken baseball and basketball as America’s first love and replaced it with something free of strikes and filled with talented athletes, loud and supporting home crowds and a twist of a real life soap operas (i.e. Brett Favre’s addiction to pain killers and Michael Irvin’s love for strippers).

By the way, it’s weird but I really can’t recall one player’s name on that Patriot team. Does Andre Tippett sound familiar?

Anyway, with great luck and talent, the Pats are here again. Although, this time around — wouldn’t you know it — the Clam Chowder Crew faces another tough opponent. The Green Bay Packers most likely won’t use as many as one of the purely dominating teams in football’s short history but challenges New England in a way that no AFC team could do during the regular season.

Brett Favre and the Wisconsin bunch didn’t break a sweat in the NFC playoffs and don’t expect the Pats to give much of a challenge. Although, you can bet that New England coach Bill Parcells has his troops believing they can win.

After all, he’s probably sporting his two Super Bowl rings as ceremonial while he was with the New York Giants.

My pick is Green Bay by 30, unless something significant happens this week (i.e. Favre dies, Reggie White loses all interest in going to the Big Show or coach Mike Holmgren really believes Drew Bledsoe is unstoppable).

Vandal news and notes

Barry Mitchell, a University of Idaho football player, was arrested early Friday morning, reporting to Moscow-Pullman Daily News in Monday’s edition. Mitchell was charged with battery in an alleged incident of domestic violence.

He was booked into Latah County Jail Friday, and after posting $5,000 bail was released the following morning. Mitchell pleaded not guilty to the charge and was assigned a public defender. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

Mitchell was arrested at 2 a.m. Friday at the Moscow residence where he resides with his girlfriend and their child. Upon arrival at the scene, Moscow Police reportedly found Mitchell’s girlfriend with a swollen eye and bloody lip. The woman reportedly said that Mitchell punched her in the face and whipped her face and stomach with a belt after an argument.

Junior guard Derrick Elliott, who played for coach Kermit Davis and the University of Idaho Vandals, has been suspended indefinitely by the team’s coach.

"Derrick Elliott has been indefinitely suspended because of an attitude that is detrimental to the team’s progress," Davis said Monday afternoon.

Elliott, a transfer from Utah Valley Community College, was averaging 6.3 points and two rebounds per game.

UI Sports Information

With the conclusion of the 1996 volleyball season, there will be a reclassification banquet held on Jan. 24, 6:00 p.m. at the University Inn. In their first season in the Big West Conference, the Vandals had more than enough team effort and standards.

Bowl news:

First team all-West defensive end and former University of Idaho football player Ryan Phillips is looking towards to the college combine as he continues to pursue an NFL career. The combine, which begins Feb. 7, is an essential scouting method where top athletes endure a series of drills and timed exercises. Phillips opted not to play in either the Blue-Gray Classic or the East-West Shrine games because of hamstring difficulties. Recovery and training was his focus and Phillips worked on gaining strength and flexibility for the upcoming tests. At 6-feet-4 and 250 pounds, there have been rumors that he will be drafted as a linebacker rather than a defensive end. He occupied both positions during his college career.

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1996 College basketball attendance up to just under 36 million

Attendance at NCAA college basketball games in 1996 totaled just under 36 million, second-best in history.

The attendance for games of the 56 NCAA schools with football teams increased by 6 percent over the NCAA-reported figure. That was short of the record 64,498,896 set in 1994. Division I-A games accounted for nearly 74 percent of the total basketball attendance with a total of 5,355,220, an increase of 690,501 from the previous year.

In Division I-A, attendance declined 6.2 percent to 4,925,392, the division's lowest since 1992. Division II attendance increased 54,449 to 2,514,241 and Division III was up 11,643 to 992,857.

To no surprise, Michigan led in team attendance for the 23rd consecutive year, and Tennessee was second for the 12th time in the last 13 years. Michigan averaged 180,933 for its six home games, just a shade better than Tennessee's 105,418, also for six games in its expanded stadium. This was the first time that two teams averaged more than 100,000 per game in home attendance.

Penn State, a top State, finished first since 1991, was third with an average of 96,167 for six games followed by Ohio State, averaging 94,028, also for six games, and national champion Florida, which averaged 85,401 for six home games.

Rounding out the top 10 were Auburn (63,383), UCLA (63,294), Louisiana State (79,519), Georgia (76,272) and Wisconsin (77,979). For the fourth straight year Big Ten was the conference attendance champion, averaging 67,520. The Southeastern Conference was second with an average of 64,632, followed by the new Big 12 with 31,442, the Pacific 10 with 47,604 and the Atlantic Coast with 44,077.

Alcorn State was the attendance leader among Division I-AA schools, averaging 21,536 for six home games. Next came Jackson State (20,977), North Carolina A&T (20,888), Yale (20,793) and Florida A&M (20,597). The Southwestern Athletic Conference won the I-AA attendance title for the 19th consecutive year, averaging 15,405 per game.

In Division II, Norfolk State averaged 15,676 to win its sixth attendance title since 1990, with North Dakota State second at 14,762. St. John's of Minnesota won in Division III for the second straight time and the third time in four years. It averaged 6,234 fans per game, to 5,299 for Emory and Henry and 4,982 for Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Phoenix trades Horrory to Lakers

Robert Horrory, who never adapted to Phoenix's offensive system and then missed a game in the first-place San Diego Lakers, was happy to be traded to the first-place Los Angeles Lakers.

Horry and center Joe Kleine went to the Lakers on Friday in a four-player deal that sent Cedric Ceballos back to the Suns. Rumeal Robinson also went to Phoenix. Horrry arrived at the Forum on Friday night in time to see his new team defeat the Miami Heat 94-85. The Lakers lead the American Basketball Association's Pacific Division with a 27-13 record while the Suns (13-13) are in last place.

"I went from the bottom to the top," Horry said. "Now people are guarding you, where in Phoenix they just let me sit and watch the game at you.'"

Horry was suspended for two games without pay by the Suns this week for the incident involving Ainge during a game last Sunday.

"Even though it's a situation where I'm very sorry I did it, it opened the eyes of people around the league (who realized) he's not happy with this situation," Horrory said. "We just had to pass up on this opportunity.

The altercation occurred when Horry was pulled after missing a 3-point shot. He screamed obscenities at John's below the bowl before being removed by timekeepers.

"The incident had nothing to do with this," Horrory said. "We would have made the trade regardless," Ainge said. "Robert was struggling in our system. He just never fit in. Cedric is a good player who can give us some scoring."

"We're not trading Robert Horrory because he was a problem here and we're not trading for Cedric Ceballos because he's been a problem in L.A.," he said. "We had Cedric here for a while and he's not a problem. I'm sure he's very happy to be coming back."

Horry saw his minutes reduced when he didn't fit into Phoenix's offensive scheme, and it affected his production. He is averaging 4.4 points and 3.7 rebounds per game this season. He averaged 10.5 points and 5.3 rebounds in his three seasons with Houston.

The Suns get Ceballos as part of their second major trade in 16 days. Phoenix acquired All-Star guard Jason Kidd from Dallas in a multi-player deal Dec. 26. Ceballos, activated earlier Friday from the injured list, sustained a torn patella tendon in his right knee during a game Nov. 13 at San Antonio. He had missed the Lakers' last 28 games. Ceballos, who began his NBA career in Phoenix and is building a house there, averaged 10.8 points and 6.6 rebounds in eight games as a starter this season.

College team ends 117-game losing streak

Nearly five years after its last win, a Division III college basketball team Tuesday ended a 117-game losing streak — a National Collegiate Athletic Association record.

Rutgen-Camden, defeated Bloomfield College 77-72. The Pioneers (1-9) last won Jan. 18, 1992, when they defeated Ramapo College 74-73 at home.

"We've won a one-game winning streak," freshman Dawson Resley said. "It's just the beginning. We've been through some tough times."

Rutgen-Camden coach Ray Pace said, "I knew it was just a matter of time, and I don't want any credit for this. It was all the players."

Rutgen-Camden could have won a game in the 1994-95 season on a technicality over the New Jersey Athletic Conference ruled that Rowan College used an ineligible player and would have to forfeit its 85-56 win. Instead of taking a trip to Butler, coach Wilbur "Pony" Wilson decided to keep Camden's record winless, because he didn't want a "gift."

"I'd rather beat a team on the court," Wilson said after the NJAC's judgment. "It was not my decision, it was the conference's decision."

Rutgen-Camden led Bloomfield 40-36 at halftime. The Pioneers' biggest lead was 11 points with 10:13 remaining, but Bloomfield (5-11) scored 10 straight points to climb within 54-53 with 11:15 remaining. The teams exchanged baskets throughout the rest of the game and Rutgers-Camden led 69-66 with just over two minutes left. As the final buzzer sounded, senior Craig Bell, who had 14 points, held the ball before about 100 spectators poured onto the court.

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Richie Pantophlet, deaf since birth, finds his quiet world a competitive advantage on the basketball court.

"I'm lucky to be deaf because I can listen to everything on and just play," the 6-foot-4 North Hagerstown High School junior said.

His talent speaks volumes. Pantophlet, 18, has averaged 13 points in seven games, guided largely by hand signals from coaches, fellow players and sign-language interpreters.

"He loves the game," Hubs coach Tim McNamara said. "He plays with a lot of emotion and he has very good instincts. He's really helped us.

Pantophlet has 30 percent of his hearing, enough to detect loud noises and still tunes but not enough to understand normal conversation. He hears a referee's whistle, the signal to start and stop play, and responds when someone yells his name.

Born in Aruba, Pantophlet moved with his family to New York when he was 2 and to Hagerstown four years ago. He attended the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick until this school year.

We're all the same people. I'm just deaf and I speak a different language.

—Richie Pantophlet

when he decided he wanted a mainstream education. Sign language interpreters from Deafness of Washington County accompany Pantophlet in classes and at basketball practice and games. On the court, his teammates help him understand his role.

"The kids tap him and he gets where he's supposed to be. If we want to correct something during a game, we try to get his attention but that's not always possible. That's when we rely on his instincts," McNamara said.

Teammate Cornell Keyes said he enjoys playing with Pantophlet.

"This has been fun and different," he said. "You have to communicate with him but he understands because we use signals. All this makes me feel lucky I can hear, but Richie proves just because he can't hear doesn't mean he can't play.

Pantophlet said basketball, a game he learned just four years ago, renders meaningless the differences between hearing and deaf players.

"We are all the same people. I'm just deaf and I speak a different language," he said. "We are all the same because basketball is a language."

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